



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

October 6, 2015 - 6:33 p.m.

**Administration Building – Board Room
1240 State Road 930 East
New Haven, IN 46774**

At a meeting held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 6:31 p.m. on October 6, 2015.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary
Leland L. Etzler
Timothy E. Hines
Arden L. Hoffman
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Rose Fritzingler, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Renita Peters, Principal, New Haven Primary School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association

PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR NEW HAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.0 G.O. Bond Presentation

Mr. Stahly and Mr. Jack Daniel of Martin Riley presented information regarding this project and answered questions.

2.0 Public Expressions

Ms. Janice Anliker, EACS preschool teacher – State she has not had time to review the plan/blueprints yet. Special needs preschool students need lots of room due to special equipment that may be needed.

3.0 Adjournment

President Baker adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented with addendums to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report, and Discussion/Action Item 15-1006-4.3 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County.

1.4 Recognition

The EACS Technology Department was recognized for their hard work and dedication, not only on a daily basis but through three large ongoing projects: Installing and managing the new Canvas Learning Management System; 2. Creating and managing student email accounts; and 3. Assigning and managing the new digital textbooks for grades K-12.

Members include:

Director: Keith Madsen

Engineers: Pete Miesle, Shay Pape, and Ken Sorg

Building Technicians: Phil Huneck, Mitchell Locke, Mike Phommachanh, Brad Romines, and Jon Stauffer

Technology Integration Specialist: Cindy Fritz

Help Desk Technician: Joanne Turney

Technology Coaches: Sean Miller and Jennifer Sholl

Database Coordinator: Shari Hegerfeld

Technology Coordinator: Robin Amstutz

2.0 **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

3.0 **CONSENT ITEMS**

Superintendent Folks requested the Board's approval for the Consent Items as presented as follows:

3.1 Human Resources Report and Addendum

3.2 Financial Reports

3.3 Meetings and Conferences

3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 15, 2015

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

Superintendent Folks requested the Board's approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

15-1006-4.1 Contract with League for the Blind and Disabled

15-1006-4.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel

Discussion: None.

Motion: That the Action Items 15-1006-4.1 through 15-1006-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Further Discussion: Mr. Hoffman’s questions regarding Administrative Guideline 4214 were answered.

Vote:

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-1006-4.3 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County and Addendum

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board. Minor changes were made to the contract on page 2. Mr. Stahly answered the Board’s questions.

Motion: That the Discussion/Action Item 15-1006-4.3 and the addendum were approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Vote: Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-1006-4.4 General Obligation Bond Resolutions

A. Project Resolution

B. Preliminary Bond Resolution

C. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures Resolution

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board. Mr. Stahly answered the Board’s questions. Mrs. Nellems is hesitant to move on with this project until the staff who will be affected by the move have had more input into the project. Mr. Hoffman expressed his disagreement about how this whole process is being handled.

Motion: That the Discussion/Action Item 15-1006-4.3 and the addendum be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Further Discussion: None.

Vote: Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant SY15-16

Mr. Mendoza presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

5.2 Agreement with Fort Wayne Philharmonic

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board.

5.3 Virtual Option eLearning Application

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

5.4 Resolutions for:

- A. Approval of 2016 Budget**
- B. Appropriations and Tax Rate**
- C. 2016 Bus Replacement Plan**
- D. 2016 Capital Projects Plan**
- E. Tax Neutrality**
- F. 2016 Budget (Line 2) Resolution**
- G. Balancing of 2015 General and Transportation Funds**

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6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Clarence Reichhart, Woodburn	Representing the town of Woodburn, he asked that the Board to consider accepting the bid from Keller Development to go into the former WOEL building.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulations to Mr. Kirby Stahly on being named CFO of the Year by Fort Wayne Business Weekly.

Dr. Folks and Mr. Stahly are working diligently to answer the 600+ questions from the Community meetings. They will get them posted on the website as soon as possible.

The end of the first nine weeks is October 12.

Thank you to the Board for approving the upcoming fall break from October 16-19th.

Mr. Ed Mendoza was recognized as he will be retiring at the end of the year (December).

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Terry Lightfoot	The ISBA Fall Conference was really great. Dr. Folks, Bob Nelson, and Tamyra Kelly did a great job presenting at the Conference to a packed room.
Bob Nelson	Thank you to Dr. Folks and Tamyra regarding the presentation at the ISBA Conference.
Arden Hoffman	Asked what people should do if they have out if people had further questions from the Referendum
Chris Baker	A clear directive has been given to the Administration regarding getting input from staff on the NHPS preschool addition; Reminded the Board that they are ONE Board; Many questions for the staff can and should be asked ahead of the meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Lightfoot moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hines seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Full audio minutes are available on the East Allen County Schools website, under the School Board tab, at www.eacs.k12.in.us.

The next special Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, IN.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on October 20, 2015.

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President

Secretary