



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

October 20, 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 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 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
Mr. David Myers, Director of Transportation
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation 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 recapped information regarding this project. Staff affected by this move have given their input and will continue to throughout the process.

2.0 Public Expressions

None.

3.0 Adjournment

President Baker adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report. Also, page 12 of Information Item 5.2 - Annual Report - Student Discipline - was replaced due to an error on the page.

1.4 Recognition

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and by meeting other requirements. A National Merit Scholarship Program “Semi-Finalist” and two “Commended” students were recognized. “Commended” students place among the top five percent of students taking the test. They are recognized for their academic promise. From Leo Jr./Sr. High School (Dr. Neal Brown III, principal) they are:

Madeline Anglin
GPA: 10.92
Rank: 27/235

Lisbeth Nelson
GPA: 12.31 (dual credit homeschooler)

Qualifying as a “Semi-Finalist” – from New Haven High School (Mr. Greg Mohler, principal) is:

Devin Dubbelde
GPA: 12.13
Rank: #1

In early September, about 16,000 students, or one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. These are the highest scoring students from each state. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists will be notified if they have advanced to Finalist standing.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Kevin Elrod, LEEL Teacher	The majority of EACS teachers support the eLearning plan being acted on tonight.

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 – October 6, 2015**
- 3.5 **Minutes – Special Board Meeting – October 13, 2015**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman made several inquiries. President Baker congratulated Mr. Van Horn on his new position as EACS’ Energy Manager, but that he will be missed as a classroom teacher.

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)
- 3.5 - 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:

15-1020-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant SY15-16

15-1020-4.2 Agreement with Fort Wayne Philharmonic

15-1020-4.3 Virtual Option eLearning Application

15-1020-4.4 Approval of 2016 Budget

15-1020-4.5 Appropriations and Tax Rate

15-1020-4.6 2016 Bus Replacement Plan

15-1020-4.7 2016 Capital Projects Plan

15-1020-4.8 Tax Neutrality

15-1020-4.9 2016 Budget (Line 2) Resolution

15-1020-4.10 Resolution Concerning Balancing Accounts for the 2015 General Fund and Transportation Fund

Discussion: None.

Motion: That the Action Items 15-1020-4.1 through 15-1020-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Vote:

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.7 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.8 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.9 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.10 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-1020-4.11 Application and Receipt of Funds for the National Clean Diesel Rebate Program

Mr. Myers presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-1020-4.11 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

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

15-1020-4.12 East Allen University Grade 12 Course Fees

Ms. Watson presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-1020-4.12 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

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

15-1020-4.13 Sale of Former Woodburn Elementary School

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

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

15-1020-4.14 GO Bond Resolutions:

- A. Additional Appropriations Resolution**
- B. Final Bond Resolution**
- C. Post-Issuance Procedures Resolution**

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-1020-4.14 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Nelson

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

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report - ADM/Enrollment

5.2 Annual Report - Student Discipline

5.3 Annual Report - Group Health Insurance Fund

5.4 Quarterly Report - 3rd Quarter Grants and Allocations

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.5 2016 Group Health Insurance Rates and Contribution Amounts

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.6 Resolution Regarding the Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.7 Application and Partnership with Bowen Center for PBIS Program/Needs Assessment

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Reminder of the ISBA Fall Regional meeting this Thursday, October 22nd at Goeglein's.

Our official ADM count shows we are up 390 students over last year. This is cause for celebration!

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Arden Hoffman	Wanted information on Graduation Rates (This information will be reported on at the November 17 th board meeting if it has been released by the State by then; Had questions re: First Tuesday Marketing; When will the community meeting questions be posted; SIP Plans; Delay in ISTEP test results.
Tim Hines	Commented on last Friday's football game and the speech given by Coach Haydock afterwards – it can be viewed on Facebook.
Terry Lightfoot	ISBA has asked that a legislative section be added to Board meeting agendas.
Chris Baker	At recent NHHS Volleyball game – PHJH & NHMS teams were acknowledged as well; Complimented NHIS 3 rd grade teacher – Caroline Fletcher for a well-run, interesting classroom; NSBA Conference in Boston, MA; Announced that Supt. Folks' contract has been extended until the end of the 2016-17SY.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lightfoot seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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.

A Work Session of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 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 November 3, 2015.

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President

Secretary