



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

November 3, 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 November 3, 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. Jeff Kline, Principal, East Allen Alternative School
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

1.4 Recognition

Three EACS employees were recently honored by Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly as 2015 Education Awards recipients:

Outstanding Principal Award – Mr. Jeff Kline (East Allen Alternative School)

Outstanding Teacher Award – Mrs. Carrie Shappell (Leo Jr./Sr. High School)

Outstanding Student Advocate Award - Joyce Gaines-Reese (Prince Chapman Academy)

1.5 Legislative Update

Mrs. Lightfoot shared information received at the ISBA Fall Regional meeting. ISBA's biggest concerns are the teacher shortage, and board members getting face time with their legislators to share their concerns about educational issues. Mrs. Lightfoot suggested that perhaps our local legislators could be invited to a special work session to discuss issues and concerns.

Mr. Hoffman is not in favor of having these legislative updates from the ISBA at board meetings; however he stated that the legislators should hear from us that it's unreasonable that we still have not received ISTEP scores.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jimella Harris, Harding area resident	Where can Conflict of Interest forms for board members be found?

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 20, 2015
- 3.5 Minutes – Work Session – October 27, 2015

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

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman believes the minutes of the October 27th Work Session are incomplete and lack critical details, therefore not satisfying the requirement of the Open Door Law.

Motion to Table: That Consent Items 3.4 and 3.5 (approval of the minutes from both the October 20th and October 27th meetings) be tabled until Dr. Folks checks with legal counsel on the substance of these minutes to make sure they satisfy the requirements of the Open Door Law. (President Baker asked Dr. Folks to check with legal counsel on this.)

Motion: Hoffman

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

Further Discussion: Mr. Hoffman moved that the minutes of the October 27th Work Session be amended to reflect his comments regarding the GO Bond.

Motion: Hoffman Second: None – Motion failed for lack of a second.

Vote on Original Motion:

- 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, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

15-1103-4.1 2016 Group Health Insurance Rates and Contribution Amounts

15-1103-4.2 Resolution Regarding the Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

**15-1103-4.3 Application and Partnership with Bowen Center for PBIS Program/
Needs Assessment**

Motion: That the Action Items 15-1103-4.1 through 15-1103-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked questions about the Group health insurance rates which Mr. Stahly answered.

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)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report – Transportation

5.2 Conflict of Interest Form

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Direct Superintendent to Issue Notification of Possible Nonrenewal to Certain Administrators

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board.

5.4 2015 Bus Purchase

Mr. Myers presented information to the Board and answered the Board members' questions.

5.5 Update to East Allen County Schools' 401(a) Plan

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.6 Purchase of New Computers for Staff in Grade K-6 Buildings

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Stephen Terry, Pastor and former board member	Apologized for his conduct at the last board meeting; asked that Harding area Schools be given an additional \$5-7 million in the referendum plan for infrastructure and renovations.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

On Tuesday, November 10th three schools are holding Veteran's Day programs (Woodburn and Southwick Elementary Schools, and New Haven Middle School).

The School Board lunch visit at New Haven Primary School is Tuesday, November 10th from 11:25 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

The first annual EL Parent Fair will be held on Tuesday, November 10th from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Paul Harding Junior High. Board members were given an Agenda.

The next War Room visit is Monday, November 9th at 8:00 a.m. at Prince Chapman Academy.

8.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Bob Nelson	Congratulations to WOHS Cheer Coach Julie Lebamoff.
Tim Hines	Congratulations to WOHS Cheer Coach Julie Lebamoff for being named Indiana’s State Cheer Coach of the Year.
Chris Baker	The Board officers will meet on Wednesday and discuss holding a Work Session after the first of the year regarding Harding area schools; Congratulations and good luck to Woodlan and Leo High School football teams facing Sectionals this Friday; The Board is invited to a luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 12 with the “Principals for the Day”. Please let Mrs. Kelly know if you plan to attend.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Etzler seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 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 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 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 17, 2015.

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President

Secretary