



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 7, 2017 - 6:30 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 March 7, 2017.

Board members present:

Mr. Robert L. Nelson, Jr., President
Mr. Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Mr. Christopher T. Baker, Secretary
Mr. Todd C. Buckmaster
Mrs. Gayle C. Etzler
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot

Board members absent:

Mrs. Paulette Nellems

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 Information Officer
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Alicia Gatewood, Principal, New Haven Intermediate School
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Renita Peters, Principal, New Haven Primary School
Mrs. Diamond Robinson, Principal, Southwick Elementary School
Mr. Matt Widenhoefer, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Keith Edmonds, Assistant Principal, New Haven High School
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association
Mr. Mark Nash, President, East Allen Educator's Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Bob Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 17-0307-4.2 – Application and Receipt of Funds for AWS Foundation Grant for TeachTown, Inc. Program Funds. The ASL Presentation was moved to right after the Consent Items.

1.4 Recognitions

Art and Poetry Scholastic Winners

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards feature the Gold and Silver Key winning students in grades 7-12 from Northern Indiana (and Northwest Ohio). The Fort Wayne Museum of Art program is one of only 26 Scholastic Programs in the country to offer the full Art and Writing Program.

Scholastic Writing Winners:

Grayson Spaw (LEHS) - Silver Key in Poetry; Gold Key for her Writing Portfolio

Emily Powers (EAU) - Gold Key for Poetry

Madi Turpin (LEHS) - Gold key in Science Fiction/Fantasy

Emma Shade (LEHS) - Honorable Mention in Poetry

Taylor Stahl (LEHS) - Honorable Mention in the Novel Category

Scholastic Art Winners:

Lindsey Marriott (LEHS) - Gold Key for Sculpture

Bailianna Sholl (LEHS) - Gold and Silver Key for Photography

Ella Hoffman (LEHS) - Silver Key for Painting

Emily Ibolm (LEHS) - Silver Key for Drawing and Illustration

“30 Under 30” Teacher Recipients

Three of East Allen County Schools’ teachers were recently recognized by the Northeast Literacy Council for their work to promote literacy. They, along with 27 other Indiana educators, were named to the Northeast Literacy Council’s first “30 Under 30” list. EACS’ teachers included: Paul Conroy (NHHS), Alixandria Doran (NHPS), and Melanie Hinrichsen (SOEL).

Junior Achievement Essay Contest Winners

Winners of the Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana's Career Success Student Essay Contest were recently announced. This contest provides students an opportunity to research and write an essay about a career that interests them. One winning applicant per school per semester receives a \$100.00 cash prize, and a job shadow experience in their preferred career field. EACS student winners include: From Heritage Jr./Sr. High School: Sunny Gillenwater – Midwife, and Austin Cross - Diesel Engine Technician. From New Haven High School: Chrissy Habeshy - Graphic Designer; and from Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School: Lauren Durkes – Surgeon.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-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 – February 21, 2017**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4, and the addendum, be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

PRESENTATION

5.3 American Sign Language

American Sign Language teacher, Ms. Janice Anliker, gave an overview of the new ASL course. She answered the Board members' questions. Also on hand was WOHS student Elizabeth Hogle, whose letter to the Board several years ago, was the impetus for this course. Also attending were NHHS students Samantha Buchanan, Kaelen Cannon, Rebecca Steeber, and Alexandra Strack.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

17-0307-4.1 Bus Replacement Bid – 48-Passenger and 78-Passenger Buses

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

Motion: Baker Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

17-0307-4.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for AWS Foundation Grant for TeachTown, Inc. Program Funds

Mrs. Fritzinger and Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Lightfoot commented.

Vote:

4.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report – Facilities

5.2 EACS Courses – Additions and Changes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 3546 – Cafeteria Programs

Mr. Dan Krleski, Food Service Manager, provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks thanked the Board members who attended Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration at Southwick. Several local celebrities, Central Office administrators, and parents also attended the event. Miss Indiana gave each student a book to take home.

This Friday marks the end of the third nine weeks of the school year.

Beginning Monday, March 13th road work will begin at the corner of S.R. 930 and Green Road as a turn lane is installed.

Word was received from the IDOE just today that EACS was awarded a \$75,000 Digital Learning Grant. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Marilyn Hissong; Director of Technology, Mr. Keith Madsen; Mrs. Jennifer Sholl, LEHS Technology Coach; and LEEL teacher Mr. Michael Starewich for their work on this. These funds will be used to add Project Lead the Way curriculum at three of our elementary schools.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Mrs. Gayle Etzler

Topic

She enjoyed the American Sign Language presentation this evening.

Mr. Chris Baker

IASP announced the "2017 Rising Stars of Indiana" recipients. Each Indiana high school was invited to recognize up to four students currently in the 11th grade, based on their academic achievement. EAU, HEHS, NHHS and WOHS each had four students recognized. Congratulations to the New Haven High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2017 Sectional Title; Congratulations to the New Haven Wrestling Team for being invited to the prestigious invitation only 2017 IHSWCA Classed Team State Dual Championships on December 23, 2017 at the Coliseum. The New Haven team was also Sectional Champion, and advanced 11 wrestlers on to Regionals, 6 to Semi-State, and 2 to State; Good luck to former NHHS student, Owen Doster, who is representing Wabash College at the Division III National Wrestling Championships.

Mr. Bob Nelson

Met with City of New Haven (Thank you to Brian Yoh and Craig Dellinger); Thanked Kirby Stahly and Doug Roemer for all the extra hours they spend on the building project; Great story on New Haven Bulletin.com on V.J. Beachem and the impact Big Steve's death had on him.

8.0 PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Barton-Coe-Vilamaa

Ben McHugh and Brian Bohlender with Barton-Coe-Vilamaa updated the Board on the status of the Cedarville Elementary, Southwick Elementary, and New Haven Intermediate Schools, and the former New Haven Elementary School (Administration Consolidation),

Former New Haven Elementary School (Administration Consolidation) - This project is in Phase I. The location of the elevator has been selected and structural design is finishing up. The data center/technology department space is being updated a bit (new entryway).

Southwick Elementary School – Showed the base bid and alternate bid designs. The cafeteria abatement quote will go out tomorrow. It will be broken down into two packages: 1 – Demo of ceiling with abatement, and 2 – Reconstruction of ceiling, HVAC and lighting.

Cedarville Elementary School – Showed the base bid and alternate bid designs.

New Haven Intermediate School – Since the last meeting have met with New Haven’s civil engineer and planner regarding the proposed plans, parking, etc. Since last meeting plans for car stacking have been updated to accommodate more cars on the property. Board members had questions about the need for parking for big events such as the teacher Inservices. Outside elevation drawings will be shown the next time BCV presents.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Etzler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended 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.

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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 March 21, 2017.

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