



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 21, 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 6:32 p.m. on March 21, 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
Mrs. Paulette Nellems (left at 7:45 p.m.)

Board members absent:

None.

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Mrs. Rose Fritzing, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Patrick McCann, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mrs. Anna Murphy, 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 6:32 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

New Haven's Chief of Police Henry McKinnon led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, with addendums to Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resources Report, and Consent Item 3.2 - Financial Reports.

1.4 Recognitions

State ISSMA Winners

Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) winners were recognized:

Heritage Jr./Sr. High School

Gold rating: Justin Brown and Jonathon Closson (saxophone solos)

Leo Jr./Sr. High School

Gold rating: Alexa Allen, Derron Allred, Maria Isaacson, Angela Lee, Marissa Myers, Callista Rager, and Jonathon Robison. The Prosser Vocal Ensemble - Brooke Bolinger, Kelsey Erexson, Jessica Frederick, Bella Hadley, Celeste Kanka, Audrey Kanka, Arielle Kinsey, Spencer Mollema, Anna Neubauer, Josiah Schumacher, Tea Smith, Evan Snauffer, Brooklyn Prosser, Cassandra Stith, and Cassidy Strickler

Silver rating: Aerin Goldman

New Haven High School

Gold rating: Claire Moon

New Haven Middle School

Silver rating: Isaac Franco (piano)

Polar Plunge

East Allen University, Leo Jr./Sr. High School, and New Haven High School combined efforts again this year for the fourth year in a row by participating in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. Team EACS took the award for the largest team in attendance with 28 plungers total. The team raised \$2,332 for Special Olympics. Team representatives included Hannah Bethay (NHHS), Ivy McLimans (EAU) and Mr. Derek Bethay (EAU teacher).

2017 Digital Day Video Contest Winners

The 4th Annual EACS' Digital Day Video Contest winners were recognized for a job well done and the winning videos were shown as well. These videos are posted on the EACS website. Winners include:

K-5th Grade

1st place - Austin Gebhart, 4th grader at Prince Chapman Academy

6th-8th Grade

1st place - Let Let Win, 6th grader at Prince Chapman Academy

9th-12th Grade

1st place - Lane Hasselman, 9th grader at Leo Jr./Sr. High School

2.0 **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

PRESENTATION

2.1 School Safety Annual Report

Mr. Jeff Studebaker, Safety Manager, updated the board on school safety efforts, programs, protocols, and statistics for the district for the 2016-17SY. He explained the proposed revision to the book bag policy beginning with the 2017-18SY: *“Students are allowed to carry book bags to and from school. During the school day, book bags must be kept in the student’s locker. Backpacks, bags or purses large enough to hold a textbook are not permitted during the school day. Bags needed for gym that are carried in the hallway must be clear or “see through”. Bags used for gym class shall be kept in the student’s locker prior to and immediately after the class.”* New Haven Chief of Police, Henry McKinnon, was also on hand to show his support of this proposed policy change. This change will come to the Board for a vote at a future Board meeting.

President Nelson asked that detailed information on threats, bullying, and harassment assessments be sent to the Board.

Mr. Studebaker also mentioned equipment and other things he would still like to see the district purchase. Secretary Baker asked the administration to take a look at these things to see what can be done.

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 and Addendum**
- 3.3 Meetings and Conferences**
- 3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 7, 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, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

17-0321-4.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 3546 – Cafeteria Programs

Motion: That the Action Item 16-0321-4.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

17-0321-4.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County Grant

Mr. Jeff Studebaker presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for KidsFit Program Grant

Mrs. Fritzing and Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School math teacher, Mrs. Lori Fendel, presented information to the Board and showed a short video clip of the fitness equipment in action. They answered the Board members' questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Reminder of the Job Fair tomorrow at Park Hill Learning Center from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

EACS is one of only 20 school districts in the entire country who has earned the Digital Citizenship Certified District distinction. Thank you to Director of Technology Keith Madsen and our many teachers who have helped to earn this honor.

The EACS Foundation Fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 5th. It will be an evening dinner/auction event at IPFW's International Ballroom. Former WNBA player/current basketball sports analyst Rebecca Lobo is the featured speaker. RSVP's are due by April 21st for this by-ticket-only event.

Spring Break is Friday, March 31 through Friday, April 7.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Mrs. Paulette Nellems

Topic

Met with Dr. Folks and the Fort Wayne Urban League.

Mr. Chris Baker	Thank you to INfortwayne newspaper for the recent articles highlighting EAU's play and HEHS's Winter Guard; Congratulations to former NHHS graduate Dillon Carey – a member of the IPFW Doermer School of Business team – who tied for 1 st place in an international business strategy simulation competition; Thank you to Mrs. Fletcher's 3 rd grade class at NHIS for the opportunity to be a part of Real Men Read in their classroom this year.
Mr. Tim Hines	Nice media coverage on the evening news tonight regarding our upcoming Job Fair.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Is enjoying her new role as a Board member.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Attended the lunch visit at NHHS today – the school has a wonderful "feel/culture". Teachers, staff, and kids, were very friendly and polite.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thanked the other Board members for being involved.

8.0 PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Martin Riley

Architect/Project Manager Lisa Gulick updated the Board on the status of the Leo Elementary School gymnasium and cafeteria project, and Heritage and Leo Jr./Sr. High Schools' outbuildings.

The Board requested that a pdf of the information presented tonight be sent to them.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buckmaster seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 8:04 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, April 11, 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 April 11, 2017.

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President

Secretary