



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

December 20, 2016 - 11:30 a.m.

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

At a Special Board 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 11:30 a.m. on December 20, 2016.

Board Members present:

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

Board Members absent:

Leland L. Etzler

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. Rose Fritzinger, 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROJECT HEARING FOR RENOVATION TO THE FORMER NEW HAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY

AND

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS HEARING

1.0 Project & Additional Appropriation Hearings

Mr. Stahly presented information.

2.0 Public Expressions

None.

3.0 Adjournment

There being no other business, the hearing was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the regular meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.4 Recognitions

None.

1.5 Legislative Update

Nothing to report.

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 - None

3.2 Financial Reports

3.3 Meetings and Conferences

3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 13, 2016

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Consent Items 3.2 through 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Hines

Vote:

3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

3.3 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

16-1220-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for the FIRST STEM Equity Community Innovation Grant

16-1220-4.2 New Administrative Guideline 5106 - Educational Evaluation for the Purpose of Determining Eligibility for Special Education Services

16-1220-4.3 New Administrative Guideline 5106.1 – Special Education Evaluation General Procedures

16-1220-4.4 New Administrative Guideline 5106.2 - Specific Learning Disability-Referral and Evaluation Procedures

16-1220-4.5 Ratify and Confirm Prior Publications – Notice of Project Hearing and Additional Appropriation Hearing

16-1220-4.6 Adopt Project Resolution

16-1220-4.7 Adopt Additional Appropriation Resolution

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman stated he would like the wording changed on proposed Administrative Guideline 5106.1. He does not like the wording and tone of the Guideline. He will be voting no.

Motion: That Action Items 16-1220-4.1 through 16-1220-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Vote:

4.1 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.2 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

4.4 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

4.5 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

4.6 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

4.7 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

16-1220-4.8 Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund From General Fund

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Stahly answered the Board members' questions. Mr. Hoffman stated that he would be voting no.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1220-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hines

Vote:

4.8 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman; Abstained: Nellems (Motion carried 4-1-1)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Recently the IDOE released their school letter grades. East Allen University received a school letter grade of “F”. As reported at the last Board meeting Dr. Folks has appealed this grade, having written several letters to the IDOE and the State Board of Education, as well as personally speaking to some of them in an effort to, at the very least, change the grade to a “no letter grade” status. Dr. Folks publically thanked the Journal Gazette’s Editorial Page Editor Karen Francisco for her editorial yesterday on the folly of East Allen University receiving a school letter grade of F from the IDOE. Later that afternoon Dr. Folks received a call from a SBOE staffer saying that this will go to the Board for consideration at their February meeting and most likely EAU’s grade will change to a “No Grade Assigned” status.

Paul Harding Junior High’s Lego Club, under the direction of teacher David Broerman, won the state Lego Robotics Challenge competition held recently at IPFW.

Thank you to the Board for approving the stipend for the non-teacher groups. Employees will be seeing that in their next paycheck.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Arden Hoffman	Thanked those who had faith in him to serve over the last four years. Prays for only the best for EACS.
Bob Nelson	Recently attended the War Room visit at LEEL. Thanked Principal Bill Diehl at LEEL for the exciting things happening there; and he enjoyed himself earlier today as a judge at LEHS’s Salsa Wars contest.
Terry Jo Lightfoot	Job well done to teachers who volunteer their time for the 2 nd & 3 rd grade Spanish Club at CEEL. Held a recital on Thursday. The kids sang and spoke in Spanish.
Paulette Nellems	She delivered cookies at PCA yesterday and she was reminded of the fond memories of when her daughter attended there when Ms. Deborah Watson was the principal.

Chris Baker

The PHJH Lego Club will be recognized at a February Board meeting. Happy Holidays to the Board and EACS staff.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 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, January 3, 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 January 3, 2017.

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President

Secretary