



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 20, 2018 - 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 6:33 p.m. on March 20 2018.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, 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 Fritzinger, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Ms. Jennifer Heffernan, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo High School
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
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 6:33 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

President Bob Nelson 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.

1.4 Recognitions

- National Youth Correspondent

New Haven High School junior Sherdell Baker, has been selected as a National Youth Correspondent to the 2018 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University to be held July 15-20, 2018. The week long program will give participants experiential learning through decision-making simulations that challenge them to solve problems and explore the creative, practical, and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media.

- Student of Integrity Scholarship Winner

Cole Koenig, a senior at Woodlan High School, has been selected as one of nine recipients of the inaugural Student of Integrity Scholarship, awarded by the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana's Charitable and Educational Foundation. Cole was selected by an independent panel of judges from candidates representing a 20-county region. He will receive a one-time \$2000 scholarship. On hand at tonight's meeting were Matt Farmer from Korte Does It All, as well as Marjorie Stephens, CEO of the Better Business Bureau.

- IHSAA State Wrestlers

We congratulate our three EACS wrestlers who qualified for the State IHSAA wrestling meet. From New Haven High School:

Jonyvan Johnson (Senior)

- ✓ 182# placed 7th at State
- ✓ 2018 Sectional Champion
- ✓ 2018 Regional Champion
- ✓ 2018 3rd Place at Semi-State
- ✓ 2018 Record: 39-4

Jaxson Savieo (Senior)

- ✓ 190# Top 16 at State
- ✓ 2018 NE8 Conference Champion
- ✓ 2018 Sectional Champion
- ✓ 2018 Regional Champion
- ✓ 2018 Semi-State Champion
- ✓ News Sentinel Scholar Athlete of the Week
- ✓ News Sentinel Wrestler of the Year
- ✓ 2018 Record: 43-2

From Leo Jr./Sr. High School:

Ian Heath (Freshman)

- ✓ State Qualifier at 120# weight class
- ✓ Regional and Semi State Runner-Up
- ✓ Sectional Champion
- ✓ Set program record for Most Tech. Falls in a Season with 6
- ✓ Set program record for best Freshman Winning Percentage at 87%.
- ✓ 2018 Record: 41-6

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 2017-18SY.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Hissong 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 – March 6, 2018**

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

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1 – 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

18-0320-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Center for Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) for LifeSkills Training Grant

18-0320-4.2 Partnership with United Way of Allen County to Provide Kindergarten Countdown

18-0320-4.3 Contract with Gerald Brooks

Motion: That Action Items 18-0320-4.1 through 18-0320-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

18-0320-4.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for Grades K-6 STEM Grant

Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

18-0320-4.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for 1003 Tier III School Improvement Grant

Mrs. Rose Fritzing presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Fritzing answered Mrs. Nellems' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

18-0320-4.6 Contract with WANRack for Fiber

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Madsen answered the board members' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

18-0320-4.7 Turf Field Agreement for Construction Services – The Motz Group

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered the board members' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Hines

Discussion: The Board discussed GMAX factors as well as purchasing a pad(s) versus not. Mrs. Lightfoot will vote for this, but wants further discussion in the next few weeks regarding pads. Mrs. Nellems is totally against getting turf fields, stating she is more concerned about educating the children in the district and the failing schools in the Harding attendance area.

Vote:

4.7 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Buckmaster, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

18-0320-4.8 Turf Field Allowance

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered the board members' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.8 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Buckmaster, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

18-0320-4.9 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Settlement Agreement and General Release of All Claims

Mr. Kirby Stahly and Mrs. Connie Brown presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Brown answered Mrs. Nellems' question.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

18-0320-4.10 EACS as Member of Region 8 and Extended Area Schools Child Nutrition Group

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0320-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Summer School Plan

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Textbook Adoption for Grades K-6 Art

Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

5.3 Textbook Adoption for Grades K-6 Music

Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

5.4 Resolution on the Purchase of the Stuckey Property

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered the Board Members' questions.

5.5 Mutual Aid Agreement with Adams Heritage

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Baker's question.

5.6 Select Barton-Coe-Vilamaa for Feasibility Study of the Former Meadowbrook Elementary School

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The FAME Festival was held this past weekend. EACS was represented well with artwork from all of our elementary schools, and the choirs from Heritage, Leo, and Woodlan Elementary School performed.

Paul Harding Junior High school participated in the ISSMA Competition this past weekend and earned silver.

The Autism Resource Fair will be held Saturday, April 14 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. at the Administration Annex.

Tomorrow EACS is hosting a Job Fair at the New Haven Community Center from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Zeta Phi Sorority presented an award to Mrs. Tamyra Kelly for her service to the community and EACS.

River City Riding Academy will recommence their motorcycle lessons this weekend in the parking lot at the Administration Annex.

New Haven Primary School's Tornado drill will be featured on WFFT 55 tonight at 10:00 p.m.

A Learning Log meeting will be held at New Haven Primary School tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Hissong and Mrs. Knoblauch will be leaving tomorrow for the ASCD Conference in Boston, MA.

The EACS Educational Foundation's annual fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 11, at IPFW's Walb International Ballroom. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00. See the EACS website for more information. Superintendent Hissong and Mr. Chris Baker are selling raffle tickets for a print painted by astronaut Captain Alan Bean.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mr. Tim Hines	So many of our student athletes who have been honored lately have also been top academic students in the district. Keep up the good work.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	She attended today's School Board Lunch visit at Prince Chapman Academy. It was a nice time.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Attended the school board lunch visit at Prince Chapman Academy as well; Asked that the Board pursue getting a quote for adding a pad to the turf, and to ask that a GMAX force in the contract of 175 be adjusted.
Mr. Bob Nelson	There was discussion on whether or not it is necessary to hold a Work Session this Tuesday evening. (After the meeting it was decided to hold the Work Session on Monday, April 16 th); Thanked Mrs. Fritzinger for assisting in the radio interview with Captain Alan Bean, keynote speaker for the May 11 th EACS Educational Foundation Fundraiser. Captain Bean is 86 years old and still sharp and fascinating; thanked Mr. Jeff Studebaker (Manager of Safety), staff and students for participating in the safety meetings; our prayers go out to the families of those involved in the school shootings.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved that the Meeting be adjourned. The meeting ended at 8:33 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 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The next Work Session of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be held at the 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 17, 2018.

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Secretary