



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 5, 2019 - 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 5, 2019.

Board members present:

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

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. Michelle Clouser Penrod, 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
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Mr. Chad Houser, Principal, New Haven Middle School
Mrs. Michelle Rodgers, Assistant Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Andrew Wagner, Athletic Director, New Haven High School
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Terry Jo Lightfoot led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 5, 2019 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognition

Female State Wrestling Champions

Three New Haven High School students qualified as wrestlers through the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling (IHSGW). Sisters La'Rissa Bryant-Coleman (10th grade) and Larresha Bryant-Coleman (11th grade) both placed 1st at Regionals. Alexandria Martz (10th grade) placed 5th advancing to the IHSGW State finals. Alexandria qualified as an alternate. At State, there were 16 weight classes with at least 8 wrestlers in each weight class. La'Rissa won state, Larresha took 2nd, and Alexandria placed 6th. La'Rissa is headed to Nationals which will be held in Virginia Beach. Coach Jimmy Linn and Assistant Principal Andy Wagner were on hand.

DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Award Winner (WOHS)

Woodlan High School Senior Dirk Herschberger has been named the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Scholarship Award winner for Allen County. This program is a \$1,000 scholarship competition in which each Allen County high school chooses one student to represent their school. From a written essay, as well as documentation outlining how the student has demonstrated the qualities of a good citizen, one winner is chosen for Allen County. Dirk will represent the Fort Wayne area at the State level. Assistant Principal Michelle Rodgers was on hand.

Riley Children's Hospital Check Presentation

From January 15 – February 15, 2019, EACS participated in the Riley Children's Hospital Campaign. EACS, with a total of 9,717 students, has earned the "Red Wagon Corporation" status as to date EACS has raised \$16, 833.07! With this designation every EACS school receives Red Wagon School status.

Kindness Challenge Recognition

Daniel O'Donnell, with Stand for Children, which sponsors the Kindness Challenge recognized EACS for our participation in a district-wide Kindness Challenge. Every school in our district took part. We are the only district in the nation to have all of their schools participate in this initiative! A huge celebration was held at New Haven High School earlier today for Southwick Elementary School and New Haven Middle School which are both finalists in the nationwide Kindness Challenge. Both schools were awarded a \$1,000 check from Donor's Choose website. If named as the winner, one school will receive an additional \$4,000.00 to use to continue promoting kindness.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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 – February 19, 2019**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.3 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion: That Consent Item 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson; Abstain: Lightfoot (Motion carried 6-0-1)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Hissong requested the Board's approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

19-0305-4.1 Copier Maintenance Agreement (1-Year)

19-0305-4.2 Request to Seek Proposals for Exclusive Beverage Contract

Motion: That Action Items 19-0305-4.1 through 19-0305-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

19-0305-4.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for Parkview Hospital Health Grant

Mrs. Clouser Penrod presented information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

19-0305-4.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for IDOE Digital Learning Grant

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

19-0305-4.5 Award of Bid for Leo Jr./Sr. High School Exit Drive and Bus Parking

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Baker's questions.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

19-0305-4.6 Revised Board Policy 4013 – Confidentiality of Records

Board President Hines presented information to the Board.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report – Facilities

5.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 2170 - Administrator Compensation and Benefits (Page 1 Only)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Architect Selection for the Renovations of the Former Meadowbrook School for Career & Technical Education and Alternative School

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

5.4 Resolution to Transfer Funds to Curricular Materials Rental Fund

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Seuss Day was celebrated on March 1st. Many of our elementary schools participated. We had special guest readers. Superintendent Hissong got to read to classes at Prince Chapman Academy. She also created a video, with help from Ms. Cindy Fritz, which could be accessed by our schools.

We held our first "First Responder Friday" lunch on Friday, March 1. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Doug Goeglein for promoting the event and getting the word out to first responders. It was a great success! We appreciate the response we received and are looking forward to the next FRF lunch on Friday, April 12.

Thank you to the Board members who were able to attend the Kindness Challenge celebration earlier today. Thank you to New Haven High School staff for hosting the event and the cleanup; also thank yous go out to the Transportation Department and our bus drivers who got our students to and from NHHS.

Thanks to Mrs. Grady's efforts, EACS will be hosting our first kid's marathon in conjunction with Fort 4Fitness. Kids participating can log their steps anytime, but on August 29th at New Haven Primary School from 4:00-6:30 p.m. we will host an event to help kids get in their steps, leading up to the last 1.2 miles being completed during the September 27th Fort4Fitness event at Parkview Field.

Earlier today President Hines, Mrs. Brown, and Superintendent Hissong had a follow-up meeting with AWS and OmniSource regarding the Blue Star Recycling program. It was a good meeting and some next steps have been identified.

On April 18, State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick will be in Fort Wayne at Ivy Tech's Auditorium, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to speak on Public Education Advocacy.

Reminder of the Executive Session tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Terry Lightfoot	Lots of fun things are going on – the Kindness Challenge and Riley fundraiser; Rep. Matt Lehman was in the District and toured NHHS and walked the halls, talked to kids and the principal.
Mr. Chris Baker	Is so proud - tremendous Kindness celebration - hats off to SOEL and NHMS, and all schools for participating in the Kindness Challenge and the Riley fundraiser – thanks to Supt. Hissong and all staff; Thank you to Mr. Stahly, Mrs. Grady, and Supt. Hissong for answering his questions mid-week; shared about emails he’s received re: Leo Wrestling room. He believes our priority is to school sponsored sports before Club sports - please check into the exhaust issue in the Leo wrestling room; Re: metal detectors - believes we should invest in full standing metal detectors.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Enjoyed today’s Kindness celebration! Good for us to be reminded of the importance of kindness.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thank you to Supt. Hissong, Ms. Watson, Mrs. Knoblauch, Mrs. Kelly, and Admin. Staff for the First Responder Friday lunch, the Kindness Challenge, and Riley fundraiser; Thank you to two retiring custodians with 30+ years serving us - job well done; Is excited about the “Girls on the Run” running program at NHIS and NHMS; On 3/21 Mr. Nelson, Supt. Hissong and Mr. Wiegand will present information on the Career Tech Center at the Meadowbrook Association meeting.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Piggybacked on what everyone else has said. Kindness Challenge was unique as we tend to focus on ourselves – it’s nice to focus on others. Hope kindness is a movement in our district.
Mr. Tim Hines	The energy was amazing at the Kindness celebration today. Thank you to all for making this possible. It’s a proud day; The Blue Star Recycler follow up meeting was good – is optimistic that we can do this for our kids; Reminder of Executive Session tomorrow.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:35 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 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting 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 March 19, 2019.

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