



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

April 16, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

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

At a special board meeting and work session 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 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2019.

Board members present:

Timothy E. Hines, President
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
Todd C. Buckmaster, Secretary
Gayle C. Etzler (Arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Terry Jo Lightfoot
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Board members absent:

Paulette Nellems

EACS Administrators 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. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for April 16, 2019 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

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 Meetings and Conferences

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

*3.1-3.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 5-0)

*Mrs. Etzler had not yet arrived.

4.0 BOARD DISCUSSION (WORK SESSION)

4.1 Planning for EACS' Vocational Programming

Barton Coe Vilamaa architects Mr. Brian Bohlender and Ms. Karen Fisher distributed a schematic drawing and updated the board on the status of the project. The project is currently at a schematic design/scope planning level, with some areas having been more developed than others at this point in time. Mr. Bohlender also presented a preliminary timeline for the project. He will prepare bids and an updated budget for the May 21st board meeting.

Ms. Watson and Mr. Stahly were on hand to provide answers to the Board members' questions.

4.2 Transfer Tuition

Superintendent Hissong and the Assistant Superintendents brought their recommendation to the board regarding the acceptance of tuition transfer students, based on projected enrollment. At this point in time, first grade at Cedarville Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year will be closed to tuition transfers. Other grade levels at Cedarville will continue to be monitored, but at this time all other grade levels are open.

All other elementary and secondary schools in the district are open in all grades to tuition transfer students.

District capacity numbers will be brought to the board at the May 9th Board meeting.

4.3 Hoagland Elementary School

Mr. Stahly outlined the process for trying to sell the property up to this point with no success. After all board members weighed in on what should happen, the consensus is to one last time advertise the sale of the building setting no minimum price, but stating that a trust must be set up with the monies for the needed improvements. If no buyers come forth within the next 30 days, steps will be taken to raze the property.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Thank you for attending the Parkview baseball games. It was nice having our teams play on the same night.

The EACS Educational Foundation fundraiser is Friday, May 3rd. Keynote speaker is Mr. Jim Morris.

Thank you to the media for the positive EACS stories lately. They are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to New Haven Middle School Principal Chad Houser and Southwick Elementary School Principal Mrs. Diamond Robinson who both graduated from the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute (IPLI) today. This is a 2-year program. Superintendent Hissong was able to attend their graduation ceremony.

The Autism Fair was held this past Saturday, April 13 at the Annex. There was great attendance with people from outside of our district attending as well.

6.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Terry Lightfoot	Enjoyed LEHS's musical this past weekend – lots of student involvement and lots of talent!
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Appreciates the good, solid leadership of our District; Thank you to Tim Wiegand for his work on Alternative and Career and Technical Education.
Mr. Chris Baker	Enjoyed the Parkview Field games. Thank you to Mr. Joe Baer/Parkview Sports Medicine for the use of the suite.
Mr. Tim Hines	Thank you to Mr. Joe Baer/Parkview Sports Medicine for the use of the suite.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Etzler moved to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 7:58 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 Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:30 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 May 9, 2019.

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