



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

August 21, 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 6:30 p.m. on August 21, 2018.

Board members present:

Robert L. Nelson, Jr., President
Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Christopher T. Baker, Secretary
Todd C. Buckmaster
Terry Jo Lightfoot (Left at 7:34 p.m.)
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

Gayle C. Etzler

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 Fritzingler, 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
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo High School
Mr. Patrick McCann, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mrs. Anna Murphy, Principal, 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 Bob Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

President 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

2018 4-H High Achiever

Leo High School Senior, Tobyn Smith, was one of two people to earn the 2018 4-H High Achiever Award. Tobyn has participated in 4-H for 9 years. Leo Jr./Sr. High School's principal, Dr. Neal Brown III, was on hand as well.

FFA Award

Evy Spieth, a junior at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School, was one of only 20 students from around the State to participate in the Pre-College Molecular Agriculture Summer Institute (MASI) held at Purdue University during the month of June. This program was created by Purdue Agriculture's Office of Academic Programs as part of the Institute for Plant Sciences initiative. Students work alongside Purdue Agriculture faculty exploring the wide-ranging field of plant sciences and STEM fields. Participating in this program allows high school students to work alongside Purdue researchers to see how they are looking for solutions to real life problems.

IXL Elite 100 Teacher

Ramona Blackmon, a teacher at Prince Chapman Academy has been recognized as an IXL Elite 100 teacher. With more than 350,000 teachers using IXL worldwide, the Elite 100 truly stand out for their innovation, creativity, and passion in motivating their students to succeed. IXL provides comprehensive coverage of math and language arts concepts required for the Common Core State Standards. Prince Chapman Academy principal, Mr. Pat McCann, was in attendance as well.

Polish Exchange Students

New Haven High School is privileged to host four students from Poland for 13 days through the Fort Wayne Sister Cities International program. These students were introduced: Joanna Jasinska, Julia Koziminska, Julia Szmulewicz, and Kacper Chojnacki. (Kacper is staying at the home of Board President Bob Nelson). They will be interviewed on WHNH 101.3fm on Monday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATION

2.1 Budget Presentation

Mr. Stahly presented the proposed Budget to the Board.

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 – August 7, 2018**

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

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1 – 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

18-0821-4.1 Agreement with Rosetta Stone

18-0821-4.2 Agreement with ELLevation

Motion: That Action Items 18-0821-4.1 and 18-0821-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1-4.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

18-0821-4.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability/Gifted Talented Grant for 2018-19SY

Mrs. Carrie Shappell presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Shappell answered Mr. Baker's question.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0821-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

18-0821-4.4 Authorize Advertisement for 2019 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0821-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

18-0821-4.5 Contract with Revolution Electronics

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0821-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.5 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

18-0821-4.6 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with ABC Construction Preparatory Academy

Ms. Deborah Watson presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Hines asked if there was any information regarding our recent graduates from this program. Ms. Watson will contact ABC Construction for this information.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0821-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.6 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

18-0821-4.7 Revised Board Policy 4017 – Safe Environment

President Bob Nelson presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-0821-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.7 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 – Substitute Personnel

5.2 Revised EACS Staff Technology Handbook

5.3 Revised EACS Student Technology Handbook

5.4 Summer School Information

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.5 Memorandum of Understanding with Brightpoint Headstart

Mrs. Connie Brown provided information to the Board.

5.6 Review of Administrative Guideline 4122 – Teacher Appreciation Grant

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Southwick Elementary School will be featured on Positively Fort Wayne airing on WANE TV this Monday, August 27 at 6:15 p.m. and 11:15 p.m.

Only three more Back to School Nights to be held – Leo Elementary School, New Haven High School, and East Allen Alternative School.

Tomorrow Southwick Elementary School is hosting a United Day of Caring.

Last Friday night Leo High School hosted the first home varsity football game on their new turf field. There was a good turnout despite the rainy weather. New Haven's and Woodlan's first home games are this Friday night, followed by Heritage's on September 7th. Thank you to the Board members who were able to attend the game. Thank you to Mr. Madsen for operating the drone.

Superintendent Hissong and Mr. Stahly met with two representatives of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Indiana/Kentucky, which led to discussion about our vocational program. Mr. Wiegand will be contacting them soon.

Happy Birthday to President Nelson.

A farewell reception will be held for Mrs. Fritzing on Tuesday, September 4th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. More details will follow.

7.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

Name

Topic

Mr. Chris Baker

Thanked Mrs. Fritzing for her 19 years with the district; Enjoyed seeing Leo High School's football field and facilities; As a district we need to address the use of CBD oil; Heard rumblings regarding the location of next year's Canal Days; Is thoroughly disappointed in the lack of progress at NHIS, which has a domino effect on the rest of the projects in the New Haven area.

Mr. Bob Nelson

Welcome to EAEA President Andra Kosmoski; New Haven Fire Muster is this Saturday from 10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. with the parade at 10:00 a.m. Will have "Resource Road" – a siren free area for students with sensory issues.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting ended at 7:47 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 meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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 September 4, 2018.

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