



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

December 18, 2018 - 11:30 a.m.

**New Haven Middle School - Gymnasium
900 Prospect Avenue
New Haven, IN 46774**

At a meeting held in the gymnasium of New Haven Middle School, 900 Prospect Avenue, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 11:30 a.m. on December 18, 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. 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. Dan Krleski, Director of Food Service
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
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
Mr. Steve Walter, Assistant Principal, New Haven Middle School

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Bob Nelson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

New Haven Middle School students Amirah Coker and Trenton Easterday 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

In conjunction with the District's Kindness Challenge, students at New Haven Middle School were nominated by a staff member for demonstrating acts of kindness. Each student nominated was given a tee shirt with NHMS's kindness motto "Prints of Kindness" which were designed by NHMS Art Teacher Ms. Emily Maroney. Students recognized today: Isaiah Bechtold, Alyssa Billman, Mykasia Bostic, Aislynn Brooks, Konner Clark, Amirah Coker, Trinity Colter, Trenton Easterday, Kaden Estep, Ariana Haines, Katerina Koepke, Kevion Mitchell, Jorlen Stubbs, Lakaiyah White, and Raegan Winters.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-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 – Executive Session - November 29, 2018
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 4, 2018
- 3.6 Minutes – Executive Session - December 6, 2018

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5, and the Addendum, be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1 – 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion: That Consent Item 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

18-1218-4.1 Selection of A&E Firm for Asphalt Projects

18-1218-4.2 Selection of A&E Firm for Roofing Projects

18-1218-4.3 Selection of A&E Firm for Bleachers at Leo Jr./Sr. High School

Motion: That Action Items 18-1218-4.1 through 18-1218-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1-4.3 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Abstain: Baker (Motion carried 6-0-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

18-1218-4.4 Agreement Between the EACS Board of School Trustees and the EACS Transportation Association

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly and Mr. Dave Myers answered Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-1218-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

18-1218-4.5 Graduation Pathways

Ms. Deborah Watson presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 18-1218-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Conflict of Interest

5.2 Asset Protection Information Report

5.3 4th Quarter Allocations/Grant Awards

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Monthly Transfer From Education Fund to Operations Fund

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.5 Interest Income Resolution

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.6 Acceptance of Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of ESCRFT Trust

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.7 Appoint EACS Trustee of ESCRFT Representative

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

“Walkthrough Wednesdays” will begin in January. Every Wednesday our buildings will be open for potential students/families to tour.

Superintendent Hissong attended the New Haven Chamber’s Legislative Preview. In attendance were Representatives Dave Heine, Matt Lehman, and Senator Dennis Kruse. Mrs. Hissong and some of her staff will be meeting with Rep. Heine later today to discuss some hot topics.

Thank you to the board members who were able to attend the Administrators Reception and Central Office Luncheon.

Mrs. Hissong recently attended Heritage High School’s play about a dragon. She thoroughly enjoyed it.

Winter Break begins this Friday, December 21. Teachers return on Wednesday, January 2. Students return on Thursday, January 3.

We received word from Mr. Jeff Studebaker of the IDOE that we are in full compliance with our building safety plans. He said that he is using EACS as the model for other districts.

Superintendent Hissong wished everyone happy holidays with their family and friends.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Wished everyone a Merry Christmas – lots of things happening, and kids and staff seem excited for the upcoming break.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Wished everyone a Merry Christmas – it’s the best time of the year.
Mr. Tim Hines	Thanked Mr. Houser and Mr. Krleski for their hospitality and good cafeteria food; Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and to enjoy your holiday break and family time.
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	Wished everyone a Merry Christmas; She will be a year older the next time we see her! (The students sang “Happy Birthday” to her!)
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	The east Allen County communities were just awarded an Indiana Regional Stellar Community grant. This is a huge deal for our surrounding communities.
Mr. Chris Baker	Wished Happy Holidays from his family to everyone; Thanked Mr. Houser for his hospitality in hosting today’s meeting; Thanked students for being so well behaved.
Mr. Bob Nelson	On the evening of February 15, NHHS will play HEHS (boy’s basketball). For the 3 rd year, radio station WHNH is hosting “Caring for Our Community”. That night if you bring a new pair of socks, gloves or a hat to the game, your whole family will get in free. Last year 12 trash bags full of items were collected and given to the Woodlan and New Haven attendance area communities. This year they will go to the Heritage and New Haven attendance are communities.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting ended at 11:58 a.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 8, 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 January 8, 2019.

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