



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 2, 2016 - 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 February 2, 2016.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary (arrived 6:33 p.m.)
Leland L. Etzler
Timothy E. Hines
Arden L. Hoffman
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, 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
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Matt Widenhoefer, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented. President Baker asked that Discussion Item 5.5 be moved up in the Agenda to before Information Items so our guest presenters can leave sooner.

1.4 Recognitions

East Allen County Schools teachers - Mr. Michael Lance (Leo Jr./Sr. High School), Ms. KeLee Schreffler (New Haven High School), and Mrs. Elizabeth Bixby (Park Hill Preschool) have each been named recipients of a \$10,000 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Grant.

- Mr. Lance will tour battlefields where his father fought in Vietnam; visit war museums in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City; and volunteer at an orphanage. His fellowship is entitled "In My Dad's Combat Boots".
- Ms. Schreffler will increase her fluency in the Spanish language; experience Costa Rican culture and activities; volunteer in an orphanage or nursing home; and study the rainforest ecosystem. Her fellowship is entitled "Costa Rican Dream Come True".
- Ms. Bixby will attend conferences dealing with grief and loss; hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail; and compose a grief devotional. Her fellowship is entitled, "Great Losses, Great Gains ~ Healing Myself and Helping Others".

1.5 Legislative Update

There was recently a federal revision made to the No Child Left Behind initiative. It may do the Board well to take time to review this revision at some point. There are proposed House Bills on education that are still being reviewed by the legislature.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Rev. Stephen Terry	Praised 8-Step Process, War Rooms, Paul Harding Junior High, and East Allen University.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Folks requested the Board's approval for the Consent Items as presented as follows:

- 3.1 Human Resources Report
- 3.2 Financial Reports
- 3.3 Meetings and Conferences
- 3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 19, 2016

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Nelson

Discussion: None.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEM 5.5 Provide Kindergarten Countdown Program in Partnership With United Way of Allen County

Mrs. Hissong, along with United Way’s President and CEO, David Nicole, and Manager of Education and Health, Ruthie Hall, presented information to the Board on this partnership and answered the Board members’ questions.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 School Improvement Plans

5.2 2015 Year End Report

PRESENTATIONS

5.3 High School Graduation Rates

High School Principals Mr. Greg Mohler (New Haven), Mr. Matt Widenhoefer (Heritage), Dr. Neal Brown III (Leo), and Mr. Ron Kammeyer (Woodlan), presented information to the Board on their graduation rates and answered the Board members’ questions.

5.4 Secondary Course Catalog Revisions

Ms. Watson presented information to the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.6 School Calendars for 2017-18SY and 2018-19SY

Dr. Folks presented proposed school calendars to the Board. Mrs. Lightfoot asked that President’s Day be a scheduled day off. Mrs. Nellems is not for this idea. Dr. Folks asked for a concensus from the Board on which direction in which to proceed.

5.7 2017 Budget Schedule

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Rev. Stephen Terry	Would like to see an academic addition to PHJH as part of the proposed building project/Referendum.
Rev. Robert Bell	Graduation rates of East Allen University.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks explained that East Allen University would be part of next year's Graduation Rate presentation as by then they will have had one graduating class.

Congratulations to Woodlan Elementary School Principal Michael Chen and his staff! School letter grades were made official this week by the State Board of Education. Under the tenets of SB 200 signed into law last week by Governor Pence, school letter grades could only increase as a result of the 2014-15 ISTEP scores. Woodlan Elementary School moved from a C school to an A school.

Beginning Wednesday, February 3, we will hold "Walk Through Wednesdays" at each of our school buildings throughout the month of February. Community members and prospective new enrollees may visit our schools for a tour and to talk with the principal.

Recently students from 4 of our high schools, as well as our Alternative School, were interviewed on the 21 Alive INsight program. Each day a different student and school were highlighted. We are proud of the students who helped to spread the good word about EACS! These videos are posted on the EACS website under "Latest News".

Several years ago the Board opted to purchase EpiPens to be housed in each of our schools. Last Friday at New Haven High School a student's life was quite possibly saved because an EpiPen was on site and readily available.

Reminder, a system-wide Inservice for our teachers and some staff will be held on February 9th. No student attendance that day.

There will be school on President's Day, February 15th, to make up for the lost instructional day on January 12th due to inclement weather.

Board packets will no longer be posted to the Dropbox beginning with the February 16th Board packet. They will now be placed on the shared server.

Former Paul Harding High School graduate and NFLer Trai Essex will be at PHJH on Friday, Feb. 5th at 1:30 p.m. to be presented with a special anniversary commemorative football from the NFL. We received this football on behalf of Trai for his participation in the first 49 years of Super Bowl history. We appreciate Trai driving up from Indianapolis to present the football to the school in person.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Tim Hines	On February 10 th a meeting will be held at the Mirro Center to help create a new social media tool for suicide intervention for teens. If any Board member would like to accompany him and Jeff Studebaker let him know
Chris Baker	<p>The 21Alive INsight student spotlights were powerful; Good luck to all of our girl's basketball teams during Sectionals; Congratulations to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Leo Wrestling team Sectional champs,-EACS football players selected to play in the 2016 Region III North South All Star game,-Leo HS's Allen County Academic Decathlon team for winning Regionals and are now progressing on to State,-Scholastic Art and Writing Gold and Silver Key winners – their work will be on display at the FWMoA before being sent on to NYC for the National Competition; <p>Good luck to the EACS wrestlers progressing on to Regionals; The "Walk Through Wednesday" PSAs are very well done; Please respond to Mrs. Labie on your attendance at the upcoming ISBA events; He distributed a copy of Board Policy 2001 to Board members to review; Chris invited Board members to MSD of Wayne Township's School Board meeting on Monday, 2/8 to see how others run their school board meetings.</p>

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Etzler seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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, February 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.. This meeting will be held at the EACS 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 February 16, 2016.

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