



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 7, 2017 - 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 7, 2017.

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:

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. Rose Fritzingler, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mrs. Danielle Newman, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Ms. Patricia Meadows, Assistant Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association
Mr. Mark Nash, President, East Allen Educator's 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, with the addition of an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognitions

Paul Harding Junior High School's Robotics Team

In December the Paul Harding Junior High Robotics team won the Lego Robotics Challenge State tournament that was held at IPFW. They placed first out of 45 teams. During this year's tournament the Robotics team scored the highest score in the state with 199 points. The team received the 'Against All Odds' award; they placed in the top five in the categories of Project Design and Core Values. Because they scored a few points away from Grand Champion, they qualified for Nationals. Team Members include: Ro Ki Ma Be, Ho Mai Da, Shown Dah, Swa Li Ha, Naing Naing Htoo, Jennifer Mendoza, Josselyn Ortiz, Michael Roddy, and Ngu War Thin. Mr. Dave Broerman is the coach; Ms. Katherine Bellis (IPFW) is a mentor, and Mrs. Danielle Newman is principal.

Leo High School's Baseball Coach – 300th Win

Mr. Dave Boyce, a Leo High School Instructional Coach and the varsity baseball coach at LEHS, reached the milestone of recording his 300th victory during the 2016 high school baseball season. Mr. Boyce received special recognition on January 20 at the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame banquet. Mr. Boyce will start his eleventh season this spring as coach at Leo. He currently has 325 wins.

Outgoing Board Member

Mr. Leland Etzler was recognized for his service to the Board. Mr. Etzler served on the Board of School Trustees for a total of 6 years. He served from 2006-2009 and 2015-2016.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dr. Jeff Walls, Indiana Technical College	Thanked EACS for the preparedness of EAU students for college.
Ms. MacKenzie Suggs, Former EAU student; current IT Student	Thanked Board for EAU opportunity.
Ms. Giselle Miller, Former EAU student; current IT Student	Thanked Board for EAU opportunity.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Folks 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 – January 17, 2017**
- 3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – January 24, 2017**

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

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

17-0207-4.1 Real Estate Purchase and Sale Contract for Acquisition of Neuhouser Properties

17-0207-4.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211 – Operational Support Personnel - Presidents' Day Holiday When Non-Student Day

17-0207-4.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel - Presidents' Day Holiday When Non-Student Day

Questions: None.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

17-0207-4.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for IDOE Digital Learning Grant

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Madsen answered the Board members' questions.

Motion: Baker Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0207-4.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant

Mrs. Hissong presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Hissong answered Mrs. Nellems' questions.

Motion: Baker Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0207-4.6 Awarding of Bid for EACS' Secure Entries

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered Mrs. Nellems' questions.

Motion: Hines Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0207-4.7 Discussion on Possible Use of Rainy Day Fund for Construction Projects

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered the Board members' questions.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mr. Baker and Mr. Hines commented.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 2016 Year End Report

5.2 High School Graduation Rates

PRESENTATION

5.3 East Allen University Early College CTE High School

Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal of East Allen University, along with Dr. Chuck Johnson, President of Vincennes University, shared their plans and vision for an Early College CTE High School at EAU. They will begin with four areas of concentration: Advanced Manufacturing (Industrial Maintenance); Precision Machining (Metalworking); Culinary Arts; and Pharmacy Technician. Dr. Odelet Nance and Dr. Nicole Shankle, both with Vincennes University, were also on hand.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Allen County to Provide Kindergarten Countdown Program

Mrs. Hissong provided information for the Board and answered Mr. Nelson's question.

5.5 2018 Budget Schedule

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.6 Revised Administrative Guideline 3630 - Collection and Forgiveness of Debt

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.7 Codification of the Already Approved Changes Into the Transportation Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.8 iCHOOSE Wellness Program

Mrs. Grady provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

We received official word from the Indiana State Board of Education that East Allen University's grade was officially changed from "F" to "null" at their meeting on February 1, 2017. Kudos to EAU principal Doug Hicks who worked tirelessly pushing for the change, and also to the Journal Gazette's Karen Francisco for writing two great editorials on the issue in support of EACS.

Dr. Folks read a quote from Mr. Mitch Daniels, President of Purdue University, regarding the lack of preparedness of students entering college, stating that perhaps Mr. Daniels should visit EACS/EAU.

We hosted the ISBA's New Board Member Orientation meeting here in the Board Room last evening with 50 people in attendance. Five EACS Board members participated.

EACS held a districtwide In-service for teachers/administrators today at New Haven High School.

The District Climate Survey has been up and running. The response window will close on Friday, February 17th. The community is encouraged to go to our website and complete the survey.

Our data War Rooms continue to be a hot topic that people outside of EACS are interested in learning more about. Recently a video was produced explaining the concept. This video was shown at the district In-service.

Handmade thank you cards were passed around to the Board from the Special Ed preschool teachers and students, thanking them for the new classrooms.

Dr. Folks reminded everyone that Valentine's Day is one week from today.

7.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

Name

Chris Baker

Topic

Thanked the media for continued positive media coverage for EACS – most recently highlighting EAU, LEEL, and Transportation; Betsy DeVos was confirmed as Secretary of Education; Save the date for the EACS Foundation Fundraiser is Friday, May 5th. It will be an evening dinner/auction event at IPFW's International Ballroom. Former WNBA player/current basketball sports analyst Rebecca Lobo is the featured speaker; Kudos – the annual Graduation Report shows improvement; Good luck to EACS wrestlers at Semi State (from WOHS, LEHS, NHHS).

Bob Nelson

Thanked Doug Hicks for his efforts to get EAU's letter grade changed; At the 2/16 NHHS vs. HEHS basketball game socks/gloves/hats will be tossed on center court to be given away to those in need; Read a prepared statement regarding the lawsuit against the district.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lightfoot seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 8:07 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 21, 2017 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 21, 2017.

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