EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
August 17, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

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

At a meeting (in person and Zoom) held 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 17, 2021.

Board members present:
Mr. Todd C. Buckmaster, President
Mr. Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Mrs. Gayle C. Etzler, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer L. Blackburn
Mrs. Paulette Nellems (via Zoom)
Mr. Steven M. Screeton
Mr. Ronald W. Turpin

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
Dr. Patrick McCann, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Chris Baker, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Cassie Lepper, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education

PUBLIC HEARING

2021 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND HEARING

1.0 G.O. Bond Presentation
Dr. Pat McCann presented information regarding the G.O. Bond Hearing. Mr. Jim Elizondo of Stifel presented information as well.

2.0 Public Expressions - None.

3.0 Adjournment - There being no other business, the hearing ended at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Todd Buckmaster called the regular meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Todd Buckmaster led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for August 17, 2021 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 21-0817-4.12 – Resolution Granting the Superintendent Emergency Authority to Temporarily Adjust the EACS Return to School Plan.

Mr. Ron Turpin asked that Action Items 21-0817-4.6, 21-0817-4.7 and 21-0817-4.8 be voted on separately from the other Action Items. (These having to do with the GO Bond.)

1.4 Recognition

None.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Topic
Brian Thompson, Lindsey Hammond	Masks
Daniel Groves	Tyranny

PRESENTATION

2.1 Yearly Budget – Annual Review/Update

Dr. Pat McCann 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 – Special Board Meeting – July 29, 2021
3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 3, 2021
3.6 Minutes – Executive Session – August 9, 2021

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4, and 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.1–3.4, 3.6 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion: That Consent Item 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin; Abstained: Buckmaster
(Motion carried 6-0-1)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Hissong requested the Board's approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

21-0817-4.1 Contract with Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, Inc.

21-0817-4.2 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Shots

21-0817-4.3 Memorandum of Understanding with Brightpoint Head Start

21-0817-4.4 Contract with Certified Phone Repair (CPR) for iPad Repair

21-0817-4.5 Purchase and Replacement of Blade Servers

Motion: That Action Items 21-0817-4.1 through 21-0817-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1- 4.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

21-0817-4.6 General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Adopt Project Resolution

21-0817-4.7 General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Adopt Preliminary Bond Resolution

21-0817-4.8 General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Motion: That Action Items 21-0817-4.6 through 21-0817-4.8 be approved as presented.

Comments: Mr. Turpin expressed why he will be voting no.

Motion: Hines Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.6- 4.8 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Screeton; Abstained: Blackburn;
Against: Nellems*, Turpin (Motion carried 4-2-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

21-0817-4.9 Authorize Advertisement of 2022 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

Dr. Pat McCann presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 21-0817-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.9 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

21-0817-4.10 Group Health Insurance – Stop Loss/Aggregate Carrier and Administrative Services (PPO/TPA)

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 21-0817-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.10 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

21-0817-4.11 NHHS Track Resurfacing Project - Closeout

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 21-0817-4.11 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.11 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

21-0817-4.12 Resolution Granting the Superintendent Emergency Authority to Temporarily Adjust the EACS Return to School Plan (ADDENDUM)

Superintendent Marilyn Hissong presented information to the Board. Mr. Turpin and Mrs. Nellems asked questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 21-0817-4.12 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.12 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Screeton; Abstained: Blackburn; Against: Nellems, Turpin
(Motion carried 4-2-1)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 2020-21SY Certified Teacher Evaluation Results

5.2 School Extracurricular Reports (Entire School Year)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant for 2021-22SY

Mrs. Staci Salzbrenner, High Ability Coordinator, provided information to the board.

5.4 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky

Mr. Tim Wiegand provided information to the board and answered Mr. Hine's question.

5.5 Review of Administrative Guideline 4122 - Teacher Appreciation Grant

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the board and answered Mr. Turpin's question.

5.6 Agreement with Underwriter (Stifel)

Dr. Pat McCann provided information to the board.

5.7 Agreement for Bond Counsel (Ice Miller)

Dr. Pat McCann provided information to the board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

We've completed day 5 of the 2021-22 school year! It's great to see the staff and students back in our schools. Athletic events and Back to School Night's have been very well attended. Our students love having that support!

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	Is paying close attention to new proposed legislation which will affect our children.
Mr. Ron Turpin	It's good to see our students back in school.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Thanked Dr. McCann for his presentation.
Mr. Tim Hines	Wished all of our athletes a safe and competitive season.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Thanked everyone for coming.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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 board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on August 17, 2021.

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President Secretary

*Special Note: Board Member Paulette Nellems participated in the meeting electronically, and could be seen and heard by everyone present. However, Indiana law and EACS Board Policy 2008 prohibit a board member from participating in a meeting by electronic communication if the agenda includes taking final action on establishing, raising, or renewing a tax. Since the board was asked to vote on:

- 21-0817-4.6 - General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Adopt Project Resolution,
- 21-0817-4.7 - General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Adopt Preliminary Bond Resolution, and
- 21-0817-4.8 - General Obligation (GO) Bond Resolution: Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures,

Board Member Nellems could not vote since she participated in the meeting electronically. Counsel for the Board of School Trustees has reviewed all action taken by the board at this meeting and has determined that all motions were passed by the required quorum, after discounting Board Member Nellems' vote.