EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS**
**MEETING OF THE**
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**
**MINUTES**
**February 4, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

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

At a meeting (a hybrid in person and virtual meeting) held at the Administration Building, located at 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 5:35 p.m. on February 4, 2025.

Board members present:
Mr. Timothy E. Hines, President
Mr. Steven M. Screeton, Vice President
Ms. Jennifer L. Blackburn Secretary
Mr. Todd C. Buckmaster
Mrs. Cynthia L. Diehl
Ms. Pamela G. Dukes
Mrs. Beth A. Wood

Board members absent:
None

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
Dr. Robby Goodman, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Dr. Patrick McCann, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Cassie Lepper, Executive Director of Special Services
Mrs. Patty Prosser, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Angie Thompson, Director of Development and Federal Programs
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Mr. Chris Baker, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Janet Good, Director of Transportation
Mr. Dan Krleski, Director of Food Services
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Rebecca Christensen, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Denny Kern, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Ms. Patricia Meadows, Principal, New Haven High School
Mr. Steve Walter, Principal, Heritage Elementary School
Mr. Nick Cunningham, Athletic Director, New Haven High School

## 1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

### 1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sharon Robinson's kindergarten class from Cedarville Elementary School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance (pre-recorded and virtually).

### 1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 4, 2025 was approved as presented with addendums to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

### 1.4 Recognition

The Indiana High School Coaches Association (IHSAA) annually identifies high school student athletes that have excelled in the classroom, in addition to their performance in a fall sport. This award has been around for more than two decades. The criteria to be an Academic All-State student athlete are: Must be a junior or senior; Must be listed on the team's varsity sectional roster; and must meet the grade point average criteria.

The following EACS student athletes have been named as 2024 Fall Academic All-State Athletes in their respective sports:

**Heritage High School**
Volleyball – Lucy Buuck, Savannah Dekoninck, Peri Fields, Gabriella Roussey, and Hannah Shelburne
Girls Soccer - Libby Cain, Milena Davis, Rosalinda Medina, Maggie Minnich, and Ava Smith
Football - Zeke Litchfield, Preston Moore, Greyson Mullins, Charlie Riddle, Eli Tigulis, and Braden Walter
Cross Country - Zane VanOsdale

**New Haven High School**
Volleyball - Rakiya Jackson-Totton
Girls Soccer - Abigail Snodgrass

**Woodlan High School**
Boys Soccer - Tyler Cook, Dylan Fiedler, Grant Graber, and Jeremiah Troyer
Football - Drew Fleek, Jake Ley, Ty Louden, Brandon Stauffer, and Gavin Vachon
Volleyball - Alyssa Harvey and Makenna Smith

## 2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – 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 – Regular Meeting – January 21, 2025**
**3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – January 21, 2025**

**Motion:** That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Wood

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
3.1–3.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

## 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

**25-0204-4.1 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County for 2024-25SY**

**25-0204-4.2 Partnership with United Way of Allen County to Provide Kindergarten Countdown**

**25-0204-4.3 Resolution Allowing School Corporation Treasurer Authorization to Make Bank Signer Changes to District and Extra-Curricular Bank Accounts**

**25-0204-4.4 Award 2025 School Bus Bid**

**25-0204-4.5 Resolution Authorizing Investment of Public Funds**

**Motion:** That Action Items 25-0204-4.1 through 25-0204-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Diehl

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.1-4.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**25-0204-4.6 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Region 8 Career Coaching Grant**

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Diehl

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.6 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

**25-0204-4.7 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211 – Operational Support Personnel (OSP) (pages 2-3 only)**

Mrs. Patty Prosser presented information to the Board. No questions.

Motion: Screeton Second: Diehl

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.7 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

**25-0204-4.8 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel (TSP) (pages 2-3 only)**

Mrs. Patty Prosser presented information to the Board. No questions.

Motion: Screeton Second: Blackburn

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.8 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

**25-0204-4.9 Grant Agreement with the City of Fort Wayne Department of Redevelopment**

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Ms. Duke's question.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Screeton

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.9 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

**25-0204-4.10 Award 2025 Lighting Project**

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

Motion: Diehl Second: Screeton

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.10 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Diehl, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

## 5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### INFORMATION ITEMS

### 5.1 District Financial Report

### 5.2 Energy Management Report

### 5.3 Facilities Report

### 5.4 Special Education Report

### 5.5 Wellness Advisory Council Members

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 5.6 2026 Budget Schedule

Dr. Patrick McCann provided information to the Board. No questions.

### 5.7 Agreement with Underwriter (Stifel)

Dr. Patrick McCann provided information to the Board. No questions.

## 6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulations to the New Haven High School wrestling team, who 2 weeks ago finished won the NE8 Conference team title. Six individuals took 1st place in their weight class at that meet. Last Saturday, New Haven's team placed 2nd overall at the New Haven Sectional. Again, six individuals won in their weight class, including:

- Julianna Ocampo - who is now a 4-time sectional champion;
- Sean Harris - who is now a 2-time sectional champion; and
- Easton Doster - who is a 4-time sectional champion;

Good luck to all of our EACS athletes advancing to Regionals this Saturday.

Our Inservice went well yesterday. It consisted of training in-house in the morning and teacher collaboration in the afternoon.

The official count date was February 3rd. Very preliminary numbers show we are at 9941.

## 7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

| Name | Topic |
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| Mr. Todd Buckmaster | Great to see the student athletes recognized. |
| Ms. Pamela Dukes | Thanked the Leo Elementary School Student Council and the Leo High School Service Club for their cards of appreciation. |

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| Ms. Jenny Blackburn | Thanked the Leo Elementary School Student Council and the Leo High School Service Club for their cards of appreciation; Wished happy birthday to Superintendent Hissong who will be having a birthday before the next board meeting occurs! |
| Mrs. Beth Wood | Happy Birthday to Superintendent Hissong!; Congratulations to the NHHS wrestling team; Good luck at Sectionals to the WOHS girls basketball team; Looking forward to the EACS Foundation's fundraiser event next Tuesday evening. |
| Mrs. Cindy Diehl | Happy Birthday to Superintendent Hissong!; Thank you to Mr. Hines, Ms. Blackburn, and Mrs. Wood for going to Indianapolis to testify on SB287. |
| Mr. Steve Screeton | Good luck to all our girls basketball teams at Sectionals, and to our wrestlers at Regionals; Congratulations to our student athletes. As a former coach he knows the commitment it takes to excel in the classroom as well as at their sport; Happy birthday to Superintendent Hissong! |
| Mr. Tim Hines | Ms. Blackburn, Mrs. Wood, and I traveled to Indianapolis yesterday to testify against SB287; Good luck to all of our girls basketball teams at Sectionals; Happy Birthday to Superintendent Hissong! |

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Screeton moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 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 18, 2025 at 5:30 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 February 18, 2025.

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President Secretary