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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 17, 2023 - 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 5:30 p.m. on October 19, 2023.

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

Board members absent:
- None.

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:
- Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
- Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
- Ms. Deborah Watson, 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
- Mr. Dan Krleski, Director of Food Services
- Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
- Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
- Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
- Mr. Denny Kern, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

PUBLIC HEARING

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

1.0 Public Hearing Additional Appropriations 2023B Bond

Dr. Patrick McCann shared information regarding the additional appropriations 2023B bond.

2.0 Public Expressions

None.

3.0 Adjournment

There being no other business, the hearing was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Caroline Fletcher's 3rd grade class from New Haven Intermediate School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance (pre-recorded and virtually).

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for October 17, 2023 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report. Mr. Turpin moved that Action Items 23-1017-4.8, 23-1017-4.9, and 23-1017-4.10 be taken as a separate vote. Mrs. Wood seconded the motion.

1.4 Recognitions

Congratulations to Woodlan High School's Unified Bocce Ball State Champions! This was Woodlan High School's first year having a Unified Bocce Ball team. Only one of the players had played the game before the season started! They began practicing in August and only had four practices before the State Tournament in September. WOHS fielded three teams: a boy's team, a girl's team, and a co-ed team. The state championship was clinched when the girls team pulled off a victory against Shelbyville with a score of 10-6! The teams are coached by Mr. Gary Cobb, and Assistant Coaches Ms. Rachel Michaelis and Ms. Sue Wuest. Team members are:

Anagail Abbott	Katy Gilbert	Brittany Moening	Mitchell Schultz
Mari Bittner	Aaron Hathaway	Xander Myers	Jerra Smith
Tyler Cook	Savannah Hopper	Karina Peppler	Brandon Stauffer
Jack Culler	Olivia Kindler	Blake Reed	Gavin Vachon
Olivia Edwards	Jake Ley	Amber Rorick	
Chase Ely	Alexis Moening	Rachel Scheumann	

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 – Regular Meeting – October 3, 2023

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

Motion: Wood Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.1–3.4 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

23-1017-4.1 Summer Day Camp for High Ability Elementary Students

23-1017-4.2 Memorandum of Understanding with LEARN Resource Center

23-1017-4.3 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (Heritage Jr./Sr. High School)

23-1017-4.4 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (New Haven High School)

23-1017-4.5 2024 Group Health Insurance: Rates/Contributions

23-1017-4.6 Agreement with Underwriter (Stifel)

23-1017-4.7 Agreement with Bond Council (Ice Miller)

Motion: That Action Items 23-1017-4.1 through 23-1017-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1 – 4.7 Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

Pulled Out for Separate Vote:

23-1017-4.8 General Obligation (GO) Bond - Adopt Project Resolution – District Wide Projects

23-1017-4.9 General Obligation (GO) Bond - Adopt Additional Appropriations and Final Bond Resolutions

23-1017-4.10 Resolution - Adopt 2024 Budgets, Appropriations and Tax Rates

Motion: That Action Items 23-1017-4.8 through 23-1017-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Dukes

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.8 – 4.10 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood;
Against: Turpin (Motion carried 6-1)

23-1017-4.11 Resolution - 2024 Bus Replacement Plan

23-1017-4.12 Resolution - 2024 Capital Projects Plan

23-1017-4.13 Resolution - 2024 Budget (Line 2) - All Funds

23-1017-4.14 Resolution - Balance Accounts for the 2023 Education and Operations Funds

Motion: That Action Items 23-1017-4.11 through 23-1017-4.14 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.11–4.14 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

23-1017-4.15 2023 Southwick Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion – Change Order #1

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 23-1017-4.15 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton/Wood

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.15 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 7-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 ADM/Enrollment Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Resolution - Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The recognition of the Bocce Ball team was amazing!

It's good to be back from Fall Break. Our teachers and staff are rested and ready to go. Our next break will come at Thanksgiving.

Thank you to the Board members for taking part in the Education Elements focus group. We look forward to the final product.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Mrs. Beth Wood	Loved the Bocce Ball Team's recognition. Encouraged everyone to attend a unified sporting event.
Mr. Ron Turpin	Echoed what Mrs. Wood shared. Loves that we give opportunities for those with different abilities. It's nice to see how the team members love and support each other.
Ms. Pamela Dukes	It's nice to be back.
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	Was great seeing the Bocce Ball team members.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Congratulations to Mr. Gary Cobb and the Bocce Ball team members.
Mr. Tim Hines	Echoes what everyone has said about the Bocce Ball team – they're still energized and smiling yet from September!; Thanked the board members for their patience with all of the extra meetings coming up.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:56 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 Board of School Trustees will hold Executive Sessions on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m and Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. A Special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All of these meetings 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 November 7, 2023.

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President Secretary