EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
September 6, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

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

At a meeting (in-person/Zoom 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 6:30 p.m. on September 6, 2022.

Board members present:
Todd C. Buckmaster, President
Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Gayle C. Etzler, Secretary
Jennifer L. Blackburn
Paulette Nellems
Steven M. Screeton

Board members absent:
Ronald W. Turpin

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. Tina Grady, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Cassie Lepper, Executive Director of Special Services
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
Ms. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. Mark Smith, Assistant Director of Transportation
Mrs. Mandy Baker, Principal, New Haven Intermediate School
Mr. G. Michael Chen, Principal, Woodlan Elementary School

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Todd Buckmaster called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Sharon Smith's 6th grade class from Woodlan Elementary School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance (pre-recorded and virtually).

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for September 6, 2022 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 22-0906-4.12 - Resolution Regarding the Site of the Proposed Allen County Jail.

1.4 Recognition

Woodlan Elementary School was presented with the first ever United Front Shared Humanity Ambassador Organizational Award. Last year, under the leadership of Principal G. Michael Chen and his team consisting of Ellen Augsburger, Krista Erexson, Christina Murphy, Hope Norris, Holly Parmerlee, Joni Price, and Tami Robbins, the entire WOEL staff participated in the United Front Initiative. Principal Chen and the staff of Woodlan Elementary School have become an example of love, humility, understanding, and compassion to the staff and students at their school.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Topic
Derek Bethay	Proposed jail site

PRESENTATION

2.1 Certified Performance Evaluation Review

As required by the Indiana Department of Education (I.C. 20-28-11.5-4(f)(1)), Mrs. Tina Grady presented the Certified Performance Evaluation Review 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 – Regular Meeting – August 16, 2022

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

Questions: None.

Motion: Screeton Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.1–3.4 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

President Todd Buckmaster introduced new New Haven Intermediate School principal, Mrs. Mandy Baker. Mr. Screeton added that Mrs. Baker is a former student and colleague of his, and that she will be a great replacement!

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

22-0906-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant for 2022-23SY

22-0906-4.2 Contract with Jennifer England for Conducting Psych Services

22-0906-4.3 Administrative Guideline 4122 - Teacher Appreciation Grant

22-0906-4.4 Resolution for IDOE Purple Star Designation in Support of Military Families (WOEL)

Questions: None.

Motion: That Action Items 22-0906-4.1 through 22-0906-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1-4.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.5 Contract with Compass-Keynote Consulting, LLC for Strategic Planning

Questions: None.

Motion: That Action Items 22-0906-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1-4.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

22-0906-4.6 Application and Receipt of Funds for IDOE Digital Learning Mini Grant

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Madsen answered Ms. Blackburn's and Mr. Hines' questions.

Motion: Screeton Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.6 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.7 Contract with Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI)

Mrs. Cassie Lepper presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: Etzler Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.7 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.8 Upgrade Agreement with Verizon for Mifis

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Madsen answered Mr. Hines' question.

Motion: Screeton Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.8 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.9 2022 Heritage High School Track Resurfacing (Closeout/Change Order #1)

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: Hines Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.9 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.10 Reroofing 2022 Bids 1,3,5 & 6 (Closeout/Change Order #1)

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: Nellems Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.10 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.11 Selection of A&E Firm for HVAC Renovations at Cedarville Elementary School and Multiple Buildings

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board.

Questions: Dr. McCann answered Mr. Buckmaster's and Mr. Hines' questions.

Motion: Etzler Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.11 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

22-0906-4.12 Resolution Regarding the Site of the Proposed Allen County Jail (Addendum)

President Todd Buckmaster read the proposed Resolution to all. There is unanimous board support for this Resolution and several board members expressed their support. They thanked Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters for meeting them at the site last week.

Questions: None

Motion: Screeton Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.11 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Student Discipline Report

5.2 Refunding Analysis - 2012A & 2012B Bonds

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Wayne Dance Collective

Mrs. Cassie Lepper provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hissong is enjoying attending the many sporting events that have been going on at our schools. The weather has been wonderful.

The Grabill Days parade is this Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m.

The district Inservice is this Tuesday, September 13th. There will be no student attendance/ eLearning that day.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	Thanked Mr. Bethay for speaking; Was nice to be able to visit the proposed jail site with Commissioner Peters – truly hope they pick another site.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Congratulations to Mark Smith for his new position as Assistant Director of Transportation, and to Mrs. Mandy Baker being named principal of New Haven Intermediate School.
Mr. Tim Hines	It means a lot to the Board when people take the time out of their schedules to attend board meetings; Congratulations to WOEL Principal Chen and his staff.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Well done Mr. Chen; The Board will continue to keep a pulse on the proposed jail site and pivot as needed.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:10 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, September 20, 2022 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 September 20, 2022.

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President Secretary