EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
March 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

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

At a meeting (a hybrid in person and Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic), 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 March 9, 2021.

Board members present:
Todd C. Buckmaster, President
Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Gayle C. Etzler, Secretary
Jennifer L. Blackburn (via Zoom)
Paulette Nellems (via Zoom)
Steven M. Screeton
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
Mr. Patrick McCann, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Todd Buckmaster called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Gayle Etzler led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 9, 2021 was approved as presented.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

21-0309-3.1 Resolution Opposing Education Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion (HB 1005 and SB 413)

Superintendent Marilyn Hissong presented information to the Board. Mr. Turpin commented.

Motion: That Action Item 21-0309-3.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

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

21-0309-3.2 Joint Resolution Between the East Allen Education Association and the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees in Opposition to HB 1005 and SB 413

Superintendent Marilyn Hissong presented information to the Board. Mr. Turpin and Ms. Blackburn commented.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Action Item 21-0309-3.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.2 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Screeton; Abstained: Nellems; Against: Turpin
(Motion carried 5-1-1)

21-0309-3.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for IDEM Grant

Mrs. Connie Brown presented information to the Board, and answered Mr. Turpin's question.

Motion: That Action Item 21-0309-3.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

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

21-0309-3.4 Woodlan High School Bleacher Purchase

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hines' question.

Motion: That Action Item 21-0309-3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:
3.4 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Screeton; Against: Nellems, Turpin
(Motion carried 5-2)

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mrs. Hissong publicly thanked Meijer for partnering with us to distribute the COVID vaccines to our employees - 594 people took advantage of this voluntary opportunity. Mrs. Hissong showed the stack of thank-you's she has received from staff. She thanked the EAEA for their nice gesture of sending treats and thank you balloons to the Central Office.

If a board member would like a ticket to Regionals, please let Mrs. Hissong know by the end of the day tomorrow.

5.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Mr. Ron Turpin	Thanked Supt. Hissong and Meijer for providing the opportunity to EACS staff to get the vaccines. It was an impressive undertaking.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Echoed Mr. Turpin's sentiments.
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	Echoed the sentiments. It was a monumental effort and great job coordinating everything.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Echoed the sentiments above. It took a big effort to accomplish this.
Mr. Tim Hines	Where a whole community comes together with a common cause great things can happen (in reference to the vaccines). Good luck to Leo's boys basketball team moving on to Regionals.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	We extend our prayers and sympathies to the family of NHHS freshman DairReyon Alexander; Thank you to Mrs. Hissong for all her and her team's work to make the vaccines happen.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems and Mr. Turpin moved to adjourn and the meeting ended at 6:55 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, March 16, 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 March 16, 2021.

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President Secretary