EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
March 5, 2024 - 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 March 5, 2024.

Board members present:
Timothy E. Hines, President
Ronald W. Turpin, Vice President
Steven M. Screeton, Secretary
Jennifer L. Blackburn
Todd C. Buckmaster
Beth Wood

Board members absent:
Pamela G. Dukes

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
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. Angie Thompson, Director of Development and Federal Programs
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Mandy Baker, Principal, New Haven Intermediate School
Mr. Chad Houser, Principal, Leo High School
Ms. Patricia Meadows, Principal, New Haven High 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. Ruth Stabler and Mrs. Catrina O'Shaughnessey's Preschool classes from New Haven Primary School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance (pre-recorded and virtually).

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 5, 2024 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognitions

Academic All-State Athletes (Football Only)

The Indiana High School Coaches Association annually recognizes high school student athletes who have excelled in the classroom, in addition to their performance in a fall sport. The criteria to be an Academic All-State student athlete are: 1) Must be a junior or senior; 2) Must be listed on the team's sectional roster; and 3) Must have at least a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale. The 2023 EACS Academic All-State football athletes are:

Leo High School - Kylar Decker, Brett Fuller, Aidan Monds, Anthony Nicklow, Charlie Schilb, Riley Stewart, and Kamden Zeisloft.

New Haven High School - James Hardy IV

(Heritage High School's football athletes were recognized at the last board meeting.)

2023 Indianapolis Colts Academic All-Star Team (Defense)

James Hardy was also one of 24 recipients to receive the Indianapolis Colts Indiana High School Academic All-Star Award, which is sponsored by the Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA). This award honors high school football players who excel in the classroom as well as on the field.

Student Highlight

New Haven Intermediate School 3rd grader Ronin Norris recently received his CPR certification just two days before his 9th birthday, making him the youngest CPR certified person in the nation. Through a partnership between the East Central Fire Territory and our East Allen Career Center, Ronin was able to receive training and become certified.

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 – February 20, 2024

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

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

24-0305-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for the 2024 Digital Learning Grant

24-0305-4.2 Revised School Calendar for 2024-2025SY

24-0305-4.3 Memorandum of Understanding Between FWCS and EACS Regarding the Proposed Early Childhood Learning Center

Motion: That Action Items 24-0305-4.1 through 24-0305-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1-4.3- Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

24-0305-4.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211 – Operational Support Personnel (OSP) and Appendix A

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

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.4 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Hines, Screeton, Turpin, Wood (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Summer School Plan

5.2 Wellness Advisory Council Members

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Quote for Purchase of New S.A.N. From MAPSYS Systems and Solutions

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

5.4 Contract with Soliant for Speech Therapy Services

Mrs. Cassie Lepper provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Our 2nd and 3rd graders are busy with IREAD 3 testing, with certain high schoolers taking SATs.

Our high schools are gearing up for their spring musicals. Senior passes can be used to get in to our musicals for free.

Looking forward to the upcoming Executive Sessions on March 12th, 13th, and 19th after the regular board meeting.

February 22nd was Transportation Appreciation Day. Superintendent shared a slide show celebrating our bus drivers.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	It was great to see all of the kids honored tonight. Lots of things to be proud of.
Mr. Ron Turpin	Is glad we do Recognitions – am reminded of all the talent we have in this district. EACS is a very special district.
Mrs. Beth Wood	Always great to see the kids recognized. Ronin getting his CPR certification is great – EACC is a hidden gem for EACS; Spring Break is almost here.
Mr. Steve Screeton	It's always a joy to see the athletes who achieve both on the field and in the classroom.
Mr. Tim Hines	It's great to have the students recognized, but a special thank you to their parents for taking the time to be here; thank you to our bus drivers – many of whom do more than just drive a bus!

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 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.

Executive Sessions will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Executive Session. 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 March 19, 2024.

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President Secretary