EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 15, 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 October 15, 2024.

Board members present:
Mr. Timothy E. Hines, President
Mr. Ronald W. Turpin, Vice President
Mr. Steven M. Screeton, 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
Dr. Robby Goodman, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Dr. Patrick McCann, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Cassie Lepper, Executive Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
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
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Ms. Patricia Meadows, Principal, New Haven High School

PUBLIC HEARING

1.0 Additional Appropriations 2024 GO Bonds

2.0 Public Expressions - None.

3.0 Adjournment – 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 meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Kaelee Potts 1st grade class from Cedarville Elementary School led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance (pre-recorded and virtually).

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for October 15, 2024 was approved as presented with addendums to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and Discussion/Action Item - 24-1015-4.14 - Sale of Used iPads.

1.4 Recognitions

Susan Miles, Kids Caring and Sharing Officer for Riley's Children's Hospital, recognized East Allen County Schools for being a Red Wagon Corporation. This means each of our schools raised more $1.00 per student, bringing the total amount raised by EACS to $26,724.03. Over the last 10 years, EACS has raised $146,468.21.

Leo High School was recognized as a Centennial Red Wagon Sponsor. Leo Elementary School and Prince Chapman Academy were recognized as Red Wagon Boosters.

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 – October 1, 2024

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:

24-1015-4.1 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (Heritage Jr./Sr. High School)

24-1015-4.2 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (New Haven High School)

24-1015-4.3 2024 Group Health Insurance: Rates/Contributions

24-1015-4.4 Resolution - Adopt 2025 Budgets, Appropriations and Tax Rates

24-1015-4.5 Resolution - 2025 Bus Replacement Plan

24-1015-4.6 Resolution - 2025 Capital Projects Plan

24-1015-4.7 Resolution - 2025 Budget (Line 2) - All Funds

24-1015-4.8 Resolution - Balance Accounts for the 2024 Education and Operations Funds

24-1015-4.9 Resolution to Transfer from the Education and Operations Fund to the Health Trust Fund

24-1015-4.10 Resolution – Allowing the Use of Online Payments for Extracurricular Concessions

Motion: That Action Items 24-1015-4.1 and 24-1015-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.1-4.10 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Dukes, Hines, Screeton, Wood; Against: Turpin
(Motion carried 6-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

24-1015-4.11 Revised Administrative Guideline 4101.5 – Declared Weather Travel Advisories – Appendix B

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

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.12 Award Bid for 2025 Prince Chapman Academy HVAC Renovations

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

Motion: Turpin Second: Dukes

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.13 2023 HVAC Renovations and Ionization – Change Order #2

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's question.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.14 Sale of Used iPads and Addendum

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's questions.

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.15 Award 2 Construction Managers as Constructors (2024 Bond Projects)

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's questions.

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.16 General Obligation (GO) Bond: Additional Appropriations and Final Bond Resolutions

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's questions.

Motion: Turpin Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

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

24-1015-4.17 Agreement Between the Board of School Trustees and the East Allen Educators Association Compensation Model Reopener

Dr. Patrick McCann presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's question.

Motion: Screeton Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

Vote:
4.17 - 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 Memorandum of Understanding with North Central Indiana First Steps

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulations to both LEHS's and WOHS's marching bands as they are advancing to ISSMA semi-state this weekend.

It's good to be back from Fall Break. We're glad our teachers and staff could refresh!

Next week is National School Bus Safety Week.

The ISBA Fall Regional Meeting is Monday, 11/4 at Ceruti's, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Our official enrollment count for this school year is 10,012.94; up 151.74 students from last year!

Superintendent Hissong gave each board member information on IAPSS' Legislative Priorities for 2025.

Today, Mrs. Hissong met with BSN on the potential of them covering some soft costs with our building projects.

The Superintendent praised and thanked the District for how dedicated we are in donating to Riley's Kids Caring and Sharing. We have several families throughout EACS who are currently benefiting from their services. Hopefully it provides comfort to our families when they see EACS placards throughout the hospital while they are there.

Mr. Doug Goeglein is working with the New Haven Police Department to address safety concerns at the crosswalk near New Haven Jr./Sr. High School, and the possibility of installing a raised crosswalk.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Mr. Ron Turpin	Appreciates the Districts donations to the Red Wagon campaign.
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	The Journal Gazette has been running a series on Careers – a former EACS student was highlighted; Is super proud of the District's involvement with Riley's Children's Hospital.
Ms. Pamela Dukes	Congratulations on a successful Red Wagon campaign.
Mrs. Beth Wood	Can't believe it's October already; Is thankful for our teachers and students.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Good luck at Sectionals to all of our schools; Congratulations to FCI and Wiegand as EACS' construction managers; Riley's Children's home is near and dear to his heart.
Mr. Tim Hines	EACS always steps up and goes above and beyond; Our increase in enrollment is due to the hard work and dedication of our 1200 employees each day; The next board meeting is on Wednesday, 11/6.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ron Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 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 Wednesday, November 6, 2024 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 November 6, 2024.

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President Secretary