

**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2009**

At a meeting held at Park Hill Learning Center's Auditorium, 1000 Prospect Avenue, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 6:30 p.m. on June 2, 2009, with the following members present:

Stephen L. Terry, Sr., President
Janice A. Witte, Vice President
Leland L. Etzler, Secretary
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Assistant Secretary
William D. Hartman
Richard A. Allgeier
Alyssa Lewandowski

The following EACS Administrators were in attendance: Dr. Janet MacLean, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Kirby Stahly, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. J. Timothy McCaulay, General Counsel; Mrs. Connie DeLong, Executive Director of Special Services; Dr. Jeanne Zehr, Title I Area Administrator; Mrs. Peggy J. Rohrbacher, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and Mrs. Tamyra L. Kelly, Public Relations Liaison. Also present were Mr. Pete Downey, Principal, New Haven Middle School; Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Paul Harding High School; Mr. Gregory M. Geise, President of EAEA; Mr. Pat Lortie, President of EACS Custodial Association; and approximately 80 people representing employees, students, patrons and the media.

President Stephen Terry called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of addendums to 4.2 Information Item – Policy 4211 – Operational Support Personnel (Sections 13 & 21), 6.3 Meetings & Conferences, and the addition of 6.2 Personnel Report, and 6.11 Apply For and Receive 2009 State Remediation Grant.

Spotlights on Education:

Roeing Corporation has completed the Technology Assessment for East Allen County Schools. Roeing representatives Ms. Cecelia Corporan –Vice President of Operations, Mr. Cyle Dibble – Account Executive, and Dr. Deb Bennett, Professor of Education Psychology at Purdue University presented an overview of and recommendations based on their findings.

Section 2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 Review of Annual Staffing Report

This report has been requested by the Board on an annual basis.

2.2 Considerations for the District (i.e. New Tech High, Board Policies 4010 – Facilities Use and 4014 - Curriculum)

President Terry gave a brief presentation of his ideas for the use of stimulus monies slated to come into the district. Vice President Witte gave a rebuttal. Mrs. Connie DeLong, Executive Director of Special Services and Dr. Jeanne Zehr, Title I Program Area Administrator, were asked to explain how the stimulus dollars will be allocated for their departments.

President Terry asked for a consensus of the Board to remove the proposed closing of Paul Harding High School from the table. There was no consensus. Mr. Allgeier stated that he believes that the recommendation to close any schools be taken off the table. Mr. Hartman and Vice President Witte both voiced that they believe it is premature to take anything off of the table. They desire to keep buildings open as long as the district can afford it. As Board members they are committed to keeping the district financially responsible and academically equitable.

2.3 Open Discussion of Issues of Interest to the Board

Mr. Allgeier requested that a time for Public Expressions be built into Board Work Sessions. Mr. Hartman agreed, although he believes that the Board president should use and has currently used good discretion in allowing constituents a voice when they attend a Work Session wanting to speak.

Mrs. Lightfoot requested that staffing for next year in Special Areas in our elementary schools remain the same for next school year as it currently is, and that any movement be put on hold and re-visited by Administration once Superintendent-Elect Karyle Green is on board. She also requested cost information – what would it cost the district if we stayed the same next year? Board consensus is to put on hold any staffing moves for Special Areas for next year until Dr. Green is on board.

Section 3.0 Public Expressions

Mr. Jonathan Ray, Ms. Condra Ridley, and Ms. Jimella Harris (Harding area constituents) expressed their concerns regarding the proposed closing of Paul Harding High School and asked that the recommended closing be taken off the table. Ms. Harris is also against housing Harding area 6th-12th graders in the same building.

Section 4.0 Information Items

Agenda Item 4.2 Incidental Information

The following was given to the Board as information tonight, with formal action recommended for the June 16th Board meeting:

- Proposed New and Revised Administrative Policies:
 - 2170 – Administrator Compensation and Benefits (Sections 2, 3, 9, and 15)
 - 2170.05 – Administrator Salary Groups
 - 4105 – (New) Expanded Criminal History Checks – Certificated and Non-Certificated Employee Applicants

- 4206 – (NEW) Administrative Leave With Pay Pending Investigation
- 4211 – Operational Support Personnel (Sections 13, 21 and Appendix A)
- 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel (Sections 1, 13, and 21)
- 4211.5 Appendix A - Technical Support Personnel
- 4213 - Academic Support Personnel (Sections 1,3,10,19 and Appendix A)
- Agreement with EACS and Innovations for the Development of Cognitive Literacy, Inc.
- EACS 401 (a) Plan Amendment #1
- Textbook Rental Fees for 2009-10SY
- School Lunch Prices for 2009-10SY

Regarding the proposed new logo for EACS, it will appear as a discussion item at the June 16th Board meeting.

The following was given to the Board for information purposes only:

- Revised 2010 Budget Review Schedule
- Report on Non-Teaching Cost Reductions

Section 5.0 Action Item

None

Section 6.0 Consent Items

Vice President Witte moved to approve the consent items with addendums as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The following consent items were approved:

- 6.1 Approval of vendor claims: 252501-252750; totaling \$520,514.56.
- 6.2 Approval to extend offer of employment to Mr. Todd Mason as a full time teacher and head wrestling coach at Leo Jr./Sr. High School, for the 2009-10 school year.

Acceptance of resignation of Mr. James Minnick, paraprofessional at Monroeville Elementary School, effective May 15, 2009.

Acceptance of resignation of Mr. Christopher Gerbers, Dean of Students at New Haven High School, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA/childrearing leave of absence to Mrs. Erin Loggins, teacher at Leo Jr./Sr. High School, effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Mr. Gayle Topp, teacher at Leo Jr./Sr. High School, effective May 15, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of intermittent FMLA leave of absence to Mrs. Elaine Ostheimer, paraprofessional at Park Hill Learning Center, effective May 14, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Mrs. Maribeth Moss, paraprofessional at Southwick Elementary School, effective May 29, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of medical leave of absence to Ms. Cynthia Reynolds, an employee of the EACS Transportation Department, effective April 16, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of request for a date change to her medical leave of absence to Mrs. Rebecca Tapp, an employee of the EACS Transportation Department, effective May 19, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

- 6.3 Approval of Meetings and Conferences (see Exhibit A, incorporated herein).
- 6.4 Approval to Apply For and Receive Title II, Part D - Learning Technologies Competitive Grant (see Exhibit B, incorporated herein).
- 6.5 Approval to Apply For and Receive 2009-10SY Alternative Education Grant Funding (see Exhibit C, incorporated herein).
- 6.6 Approval to Apply For and Receive 2009-10SY Full Day Kindergarten Grant Funding (see Exhibit D, incorporated herein).
- 6.7 Approval to Apply For and Receive State Graduate Qualifying Examination Remediation Grant (see Exhibit E, incorporated herein).
- 6.8 Approval of *Revised* School Calendar for 2009-10SY (see Exhibit F, incorporated herein).
- 6.9 Approval of the following cash tuition transfers during the 2009-2010 school year:

Rebecca Jordan	11 th grade	Leo Jr./Sr. High School	Renewal
Zachary Graham	10 th grade	New Haven High School	Renewal
Logan Baker	11 th grade	New Haven High School	Renewal
Brandi Rinehold	11 th grade	Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School	Renewal
- 6.10 Approval of Agreement with EACS and the Indiana Department of Education (see Exhibit G, incorporated herein).
- 6.11 Approval to Apply For and Receive 2009 State Remediation Grant (see Exhibit H, incorporated herein).

Section 7.0 Reports and Comments

Dr. MacLean distributed information regarding middle school curriculum.

Ms. Lewandowski inquired if exit interviews were ever conducted at schools with a high transiency rate to find out why a student is leaving. This is not a current practice.

Section 8.0 Public Expressions

Constituents requested information showing bottom line cost figures on different reconfiguration options, and asked that the Superintendent's recommendations for New Haven Middle School and Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School be rejected.

Section 9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:04 p.m.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on June 16, 2009.

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Secretary
