

**EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES  
MARCH 10, 2015**

**Members Present**

Linda McClellan, President  
David Churchman, Vice President  
Sue Jane Miller, Secretary  
Theresa Gottbrath, Member  
Hector Nale, Member

**Members Absent**

**Guests**

**NEWS MEDIA:**

**NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann  
Salem Leader, Josh Lewis

**OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent  
Ms. Christi Pruitt, Assistant Chief Business Officer  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mr. Bob Bennett, HS Asst. Principal  
Mr. Tom Cullen, MS Asst. Principal  
Mr. Chad Johnson, ES Asst. Principal

**UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Scott Newcomb	Ronald Hedrick
Leslie Hedrick	Evan Hedrick
Luke Dean	Kendra Floyd
Robbie Stein	Brant Stewart
Kristin Keltner	McKenna Keltner
Veronica Lindley	Austin Hedrick
Lori Beasley	Jon-Michael Beasley

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Linda McClellan led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed. President Linda McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Recognition of High School Wrestlers, Robbie Stein and Brant Stewart; Recognition of High School Solo and Ensemble Members, Evan Hedrick, Jon-Michael Beasley, McKenna Keltner**

The School Board of Trustees does hereby approve the following recognition resolution.  
Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

***HS Wrestlers Background Information Provided by Mr. Scott Newcomb***

*Robbie Stein- is a sophomore wrestler. He has received a varsity letter in wrestling for 2 yrs. This year's accomplishments for Robbie include:*

- 1. Final overall record of 36-7*
- 2. Mid Southern Conference Champion- 106 lbs*
- 3. Salem Invitational Champion*
- 4. Sectional Runner-up*
- 5. Regional and Semi State Qualifier*

*Brant Stewart- is a sophomore wrestler. He has received a varsity letter in wrestling for 2 yrs. This year's accomplishments for Brant include:*

- 1. Final overall record of 28-13*
- 2. Mid Southern Conference Champion- 126 lbs*
- 3. Salem Invitational Champion*
- 4. Regional Qualifier.*

***HS Solo & Ensemble Background Information Provided by Mr. Matt Lindley***

*Evan Hedrick and Jon-Michael Beasley represented Eastern High School at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest at North Central High School in Indianapolis. Evan Hedrick and Jon-Michael Beasley earned this honor after competing in the District Solo & Ensemble Competition last month at Scottsburg High School and receiving a Gold Rating for their performance there. In their State level performance of college and professional caliber music, Evan brought home a silver medal and Jon-Michael was awarded a gold medal.*

The School Board of Trustees does hereby approve the following recognition resolution.  
Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

***HS Solo & Ensemble Background Information Provided by Mrs. Veronica Lindley***

*McKenna Keltner is a member of the high school choir. She has taken voice lessons for years and competes in Solo and Ensemble each year. This year, she received a gold rating at the district competition and advanced to the state competition at Perry Meridian. McKenna brought home another gold medal.*

The School Board of Trustees does hereby approve the following recognition resolution.  
Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

## **Business**

### Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s): To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to any discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (8) at 6:00 p.m. and immediately following the regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 10, 2015 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s): To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to any discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process and; to train School Board Members with an outside consultant about the performance of their role as public officials in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (8 & 10) at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

### Vendor Claims/Payroll Claims

The Board approved Vendor Claims #7616 to and including #7698, Payroll Claims #5415 to and including #5415, and Direct Deposit Advices #37795 to and including #38251.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

### Monthly Financial Reports

The monthly Financial Reports were presented to the Board. The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

### Appointment of Corporation Attorney

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the appointment of J.C. Tucker of Tucker & Tucker Attorneys to serve as the corporation's attorney for the year April 10, 2015 through April 9, 2016.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

## **Policy and Procedures**

### Review Parent/Student Handbooks for 2015-16

The Parent/Student Handbook for the elementary school was reviewed by Assistant Principal, Mr. Chad Johnson.

The Parent/Student Handbook for the middle school was reviewed by Assistant Principal, Mr. Tom Cullen.

The Parent/Student Handbook for the high school was reviewed by Assistant Principal, Mr. Bob Bennett.

The handbook drafts are available in the administration office and building offices for review.

Review Alternative Education Handbook for 2015-16

The Alternative Education Handbook was reviewed by High School Principal, Mr. Darin Farris.

Review Athletic/Coaches Handbooks for 2015-16

The Athletic/Coaches Handbook for the middle school was reviewed by Mr. Tom Cullen, MS Athletic Director.

The Athletic/Coaches Handbook for the high school was reviewed by Mr. Scott Newcomb, HS Athletic Director.

After due consideration, a motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed handbooks.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

Second Reading of Policy 2623.01

Superintendent Darnell recommended that **the** Board approve the second reading of Policy 2623.01 which is now in compliance with the DOE in regard to the ISTEP+ testing supplies.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

## **Personnel**

Approval of Personnel Changes

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the personnel changes as outlined:

### **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

Certified

- ✓ Ms. Amber Sater, Middle School Principal, recommended Shelby Nunley as 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher effective February 20, 2015 at a base salary of \$36,950.
- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, High School Principal recommended Luke Dean as a secondary PE teacher at a base salary of \$41,380.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

Classified

- ✓ Ms. Amber Sater, Middle School Principal, recommended Brianna Morris as the study hall/ISS monitor effective March 16, 2015 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

A motion was made by member Theresa Gottbrath to table the MS study hall/ISS monitor recommendation and Member Hector Nale seconded it; all members voted in favor.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Ms. Amber Sater, Middle School Principal, recommended Jim Lewis as the middle school girls' track coach.
- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, High School Principal recommended Luke Dean as the head varsity football coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Nale, Vote: 5-0

## **POINT OF INFORMATION**

### **Resignations**

#### **Certified**

- ✓ Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Rhonda McGee as 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher effective February 19, 2015.

#### **Classified**

- ✓ Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Daphne Gray as high school ISS Monitor effective February 27, 2015.

#### **Extra-Curricular**

- ✓ Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Scot Ames as assistant varsity baseball coach effective February 24, 2015.
- ✓ Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Samantha Bradbury as middle school girls' track coach.

### **Volunteer**

- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, High School Principal, recommended Sam Edlin as a volunteer varsity assistant baseball coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Nale, Vote: 5-0

### **Instruction/Curriculum**

#### **Approval of Field Trip**

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the field trip request to Indianapolis for a luncheon and project presentation as submitted by Mrs. Kate Jones, HS counselor. The field trip will be financed through the '*My Community, My Vision Mini-Grant*'.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

### **Superintendent Information**

- ✓ Superintendent Darnell recommended approval of submission of the Duke Energy Foundation Grant proposal for the remedial reading program for grades 1 and 2 students July 20-31, 2015.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

- ✓ Superintendent Darnell recommended approval to use April 13 as a snow make-up day. April 13 was originally approved as a Teacher Day. The last day of school would then be May 27, 2015. The teaching staff's last day would be May 29.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

- ✓ Superintendent Darnell notified the Board that the new logo has been approved for use.



- ✓ Superintendent Darnell had Mr. Greg Hopkins address the board regarding the National School Lunch Equipment Grant award for \$18,000 from the Indiana Department of Education for a Combi-Oven to be installed at the MS cafeteria.

#### Items by the Board/Late Items

None

#### Public Comments

- ✓ Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, publically thanked Board Members Theresa Gottbrath and Hector Nale for serving on the hiring committee for the secondary PE teacher/head football coaching position.
- ✓ Mr. Farris invited all to attend the regional game on Saturday. He stated that there hasn't been a boys' championship since 2001. A community pep session will take place at 6:30 on Friday. The band will be having a fish fry prior to the pep session.
- ✓ Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director/Transportation Director stated the information provided for the handbooks regarding food service and transportation was submitted to the buildings for consistency among each building's handbook.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

NOTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.