

# **EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

SUPERINTENDENT  
Dennis Stockdale

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Hector Nale, President; Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Tom Coats, member; Jeff Clem, member

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

## **LEGAL MINUTES**

### **Members Present**

Hector Nale, President  
Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President  
Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Tom Coats, Member  
Jeff Clem, Member

### **Members Absent**

### **Guests**

#### **NEWS MEDIA:**

#### **NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

#### **OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent  
Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Admin. Secretary

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Kendra Floyd	Jodi Cole
Evan Zinser	Kinsey Zinser
Iris Zinser	Katie Perkins
Sydney Kaelin	Christian Logue
Cooper Logue	Payton Sparks
Courtney Anderson	Jason Saylor
Maggie Saylor	Elijah Saylor
Judah Saylor	Mark Olesh
Kaelin Hopper	Rachel Cole
Jane Sizemore	Alexes Spiegelhalder
Becki Routson	John Routson
Devan Smith	Steven Hopper
Wendy Hopper	Amanda Dixon
Noelle McBride	Grace McBride
Sidney Patton	Richard Patton
Aarin Patton	Darin Farris
Katie Hutchinson	Patrick Parrish
Abbey Bryson	Laura Temple
Jane Sizemore	Tim Wells

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Hector Nale led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

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President Hector Nale called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **Mission Statement**

Vice-President Theresa Gottbrath read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Recognitions**

The Board recognized the Art Students involved in the painting of art canvases for the administration building.

## **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

### **Technology Report**

Katie Hutchinson, IT Director, provided an update on Technology at East Washington School Corporation. She spoke about the progress being made in plans for a before and after school program at Eastern HS for 2017/18. East Washington will partner with 8 area businesses to create opportunities for students. Opportunities will include a Drone Pilot Licensure Program, Welding, CNA Licensing, and also GED and Ivy Tech classes.

She also provided information on school safety. East Washington is currently working with the Indiana State Police Department to become a model school for safety.

Amanda Dixon, ES Teacher, reported on her recent trip to the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC). She spoke about several new items that have already or will be used in classrooms in the future.

### **Eastern High School Report**

Mark Olesh, HS Teacher, presented information on College Credit Opportunities at Eastern High School. Alex Doebler, recent graduate, spoke about the impact college credit courses in high school have had on his college experience. Devan Smith, EHS Junior, spoke about the college credit courses he is currently taking. Alexes Spiegelhalder, EHS Freshman, spoke about the courses that she hopes to take in the future.

Darin Farris, HS principal, reported that the Varsity Girls Basketball will be traveling to Indianapolis to participate in the State Finals on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

### **East Washington Middle School Report**

Amber Sater, MS Principal, reported that ISTEP would begin next week. Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Team recently won the County Tourney.

### **East Washington Elementary School Report**

NONE

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## **Transportation/Food Services Report**

Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that the annual bus inspections had taken place recently. East Washington School Corporation received a perfect 100%.

Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that there will be a new Point of Sale system called Heartland Mosaic used in the cafeterias beginning with the 2017/18 school year.

Greg Hopkins, High Ability Coordinator, reported that High Ability testing was currently under way. Placements should be available at the end of April or the first part of May.

## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Stockdale had no update on the Solar Project. More information will be available in coming months.

Mr. Stockdale stated that the Board would have a work session next month to discuss the HVAC system.

There will be a Tele-Health meeting on March 6 with the two school nurses, Jody Brewer and Amy Green. St. Vincent's will be demonstrating some equipment that we will be receiving. The grant will provide health opportunities for our students, especially low income families. Parents who have insurance may also sign up so that their students may use Tele-Health during the school day. More information will be available at the March board meeting for this program that will begin at the start of the 2017/18 school year.

Mr. Stockdale stated that after evaluating the quotes received, he would be recommending Insurance Trustees as the carrier for Property & Casualty and Worker's Comp Insurance. This is just a one year renewal. There is also a possibility of looking at a trust for further years, but that would involve a 3 year commitment. This information will be reviewed and evaluated and a decision made next year.

Mr. Stockdale asked the Board members to think about 2 things before the next meeting.

1. What does an East Washington graduate look like after graduation? What qualities does East Washington need to instill in them to be successful?
2. What can we do to attract students to our district? What kind of programs and opportunities will encourage families to move into our district?

Theresa Gottbrath, Board Vice-President, commented that someone in the community had stopped her to ask her what was going on at East Washington. The person said they had heard that "East Washington was on fire." The talk has begun to spread in the community about the new and exciting things happening at our schools. Hector Nale, Board President, commented that the students are the school's best salesmen.

## **Public Comments**

NONE

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## **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 a 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)( - ) at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2017 and the Work Session of February 7, 2017 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

## **Consent Items:**

### A. Approval of Claims/Payroll/Financial Statements/Bank Reconciliation

Motion: Linda McClellan  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 5-0

## **Action Items**

### A. Approval of Property & Casualty and Worker's Comp Insurance Quotes

It was recommended that the Board accept Insurance Trustees quote for Workmen's Comp. Insurance coverage beginning March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

It was recommended that the Board accept Insurance Trustees quote for Property/Casualty Insurance coverage beginning March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

After due consideration, the same is approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

### B. Recommendation to approve Trap Shooting Team

It was recommended that the Board approve the formation of a Trap Shooting Team at Eastern High School with a volunteer coach.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 5-0

## **Personnel**

### A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, recommends Greg Hurst as a Regular Route Bus Driver retro-active to January 26, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Aaron Smith, Building/Transportation Maintenance Director, recommends Bill Lohrman for a Maintenance position retro-active to January 30, 2017.

#### **POINT OF INFORMATION**

##### **Resignation(s)**

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Rebecca Harting as MS ISS Supervisor effective February 3, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Winn Mahuron as a computer technician effective January 26, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Lacy Carter as a part time Title I tutor effective February 21, 2017.

##### **Volunteers**

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Ame Hein as a volunteer Girls Tennis Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Hector Nale as a volunteer Trap Shooting Team Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 5-0

## **Board Member Comments & Committee Reports**

Mr. Stockdale mentioned to the Board that the latest cost savings spreadsheet from Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance showed a cost savings of \$50,000.

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## **Announcements**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

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Hector Nale, President of the Board

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Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board