

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SUPERINTENDENT
Dennis Stockdale

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 1050 N Eastern School Rd, Pekin, IN 47165

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LEGAL MINUTES – April 24, 2018

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Guests

NEWS MEDIA:

NEWSPAPER

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann
Salem Leader, Josh Lewis

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

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

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

David Allen, Attorney
Brock Dawson, Attorney
Bob Bennett
Aaron Smith
Garrett Ellis
Tom Cullen
Michael Gilliam
Micah Gilliam
Scott Newcomb
Ray Loucks
Kendra Floyd
Jodi Cole

Call Hearing to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Coats led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.
President Tom Coats called the hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

Vice-President Jeff Clem read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Hearing on Lease Amendment

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of East Washington School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at 1050 N Eastern School Rd, Pekin, Indiana, on April 24, 2018 at the hour of 5:00 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Tom Coats, Jeff Clem, Linda McClellan, Theresa Gottbrath, Hector Nale

Absent:

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone and introducing members of the Board and speakers.

It was explained to the Board that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing.

It was further explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the 1) renovation of and improvements to Eastern High School, including HVAC improvements (the "Eastern High School Project"); and 2) renovation of and improvements to East Washington Elementary School, including HVAC improvements (the "Elementary School Project," collectively with Eastern High School Project, the "Projects"). The purpose of the hearings is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask any questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Projects were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Projects. The estimated costs and schedules for the Projects were then presented to the public. It was explained how these Projects could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Projects would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. Questions and testimony were given by several patrons.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the hearing was adjourned.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

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Call Regular Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm.

Action Items-HVAC Projects

A. Approval of 2018 Lease Financing/Bond Refunding

The Board considered the Elementary Project Resolution to complete the Elementary Project at a cost of more than one million dollars. The resolution attached as Exhibit A was approved by a vote of 4-1.

The Board then considered the High School Project Resolution to complete the High School Project at a cost of more than one million dollars. The resolution attached as Exhibit B was approved by a vote of 4-1.

The President stated that the East Washington Multi-School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has approved and submitted to the School Corporation a proposed form of Fourth Amendment to Lease (the "Fourth Amendment"), which proposed form of Fourth Amendment was examined by all of the members of the Board. After discussion of the proposed form of Fourth Amendment, upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted by a vote of 4-1.

The Board was advised that it needed to consider the financing of the Projects. The Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit D by a vote of 4-1.

The President stated that the Building Corporation was previously formed to assist the School Corporation in the financing of financing certain projects. After discussion of the proposed Building Corporation, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit E by a vote of 5-0.

The President further stated that the Board needed to consider a Reimbursement Resolution. On motion duly made, the resolution attached as Exhibit F was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

School Corporation Aims & Reports

East Washington Elementary School Report

none

East Washington Middle School Report

Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal, reported that ISTEP testing had been completed. There were many upcoming events at East Washington Middle School including the 8th grade Washington DC field trip, May Blast, House Competitions, and much more. Major renovations were in the planning stages for the library and courtyard areas. These would be funded by a Flexible Seating Grant. Mr. Tom Cullen, Assistant Principal, was on hand to answer any questions from the Board concerning the Student Handbook and Athletic Handbooks. He informed the Board that the student handbook would be presented to students in digital format next year.

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Eastern High School Report

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, reported that ISTEP testing had been completed. ECA testing would begin next week. Mr. Garrett Ellis spoke to the Board concerning a new Fishing Club/Team at the High School. He described the many benefits students could receive and also provided information on how the club would be funded. Mr. Hector Nale provided the Board with an update on the success of the Trap Shooting Team. Mr. Bob Bennett, Assistant Principal, presented the high school student handbook changes. The high school handbook would also be presented to students in digital format next year.

Transportation/Food Services Report

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, reported that bus drivers were still needed.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, reported that snacks were being offered at the elementary school. The program had been very successful. The summer food program would be offered again this year.

Mr. Greg Hopkins, High Ability Coordinator, reported that high ability testing was in progress. Scores should be available to administrators soon to aid with student placement for next year.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, announced that Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal, had been named District 12 Principal of the year.

Mr. Stockdale informed the Board of a new communication method offered by East Washington School Corporation. A new section titled "Let Us Hear From You" had been added to the school website. Parents and community members who may have questions or concerns may send a message to the school that would be answered within a 48-hour time period. Mr. Stockdale hopes that this may improve community interaction with the schools.

Mr. Stockdale announced that Mr. Michael Gilliam would replace Mr. Scott Newcomb as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Mr. Darin Farris informed the Board that the hiring committee interviewed many qualified candidates and unanimously agreed the Mr. Gilliam was the best person for the position. Mr. Tom Coats, Board President, commented that Mr. Gilliam had energy, drive, was well respected and excellent in the classroom. He further stated that Mr. Gilliam wanted to develop human beings, not just basketball players. Mr. Gilliam then spoke to the Board. He commented that he was honored to accept the position. He stated that he loved the community, the town, the school, and the team. This was a dream come true for him. He was anxious to get started and would give the kids all that he had.

Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018 and the Work Session and Executive Session Memo of April 10, 2018 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 5-0

Consent Items:

A. Approval of Claims

It was recommended that the Board approve Vendor Claims # 11245 to and including # 11352 and Direct Deposit Advices # 55273 to and including # 55998.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Hector Nale
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

Certified

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommended Andrew Lewellen as the Advanced Manufacturing Instructor for 2018-19.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommended Michael Gilliam as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for 2018-19.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommended Chandra Snelling and Ashley Rice as Co-Cheer Coaches for 2018-19.

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POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

Classified

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Danny Leatherman as Elementary School Custodian effective April 18, 2018.

Extra-Curricular

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Amy Dean as High School Cheerleading Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Carissa Embry as High School Girl's Golf Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Kristina Frakes as High School Dance Coach.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommended Aaron Fleming as a Volunteer MS Assistant Track Coach.

Point of Information

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommended Garrett Ellis as the Bass Fishing Club sponsor

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

B. Reduction in Force – Agriculture

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, recommended a reduction in force in the agriculture curriculum area from two (2) certified positions to one (1) certified positions beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 5-0

Action Items

A. Approval of Classified Employee Handbook

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2018-19 Classified Employee Handbook as presented.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

B. Approval of Parent/Student Handbooks

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2018/19 Parent/Student Handbooks as presented.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Alternative Education Handbook

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2018/19 Alternative Education Handbook as presented.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Linda McClellan
Vote: 5-0

D. Approval of Athletic/Coaches Handbooks

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2018/19 Athletic/Coaches Handbooks for the MS and HS as presented.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

E. Approval of Summer Athletic Calendar

It was recommended that the Board approve the use of corporation facilities for the 2018 summer athletic programs as presented by Mr. Scott Newcomb, HS Athletic Director. The calendar did not contain Boys Basketball. This would be added after the new coach is consulted.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Jeff Clem
Seconded: Linda McClellan
Vote: 5-0

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F. Approval of Projected Summer School Programs

It was recommended that the Board approve the projected summer school program for the high school as requested by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 5-0

G. Approval of Driver's Education Instruction

It was recommended that the Board approve offering driver's education for students at the rate of \$255 for the required six hours of driving time with coursework being offered online through the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC).

Two vehicles would be provided by M.J. Auto at a cost of \$300 per vehicle for the month of June.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 5-0

H. Approval of Donation

It was recommended that the Board approve the donation of \$500.00 by EMCOR to be used toward the cost of the end of the year staff meal.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

I. First Reading of Policy and Administrative Guideline Updates

Superintendent Stockdale recommended that the Board approve the first reading of updates to the Policy and Administrative Guidelines from NEOLA:

Policy 1520

Guidelines Group 1: 4162A, 5330, 6700, 8500, 8500B

Guidelines Group 2: 1521, 1521A, 2221, 3121, 3121A, 4121, 4121A, 5350, 8120, 8121, 8330, 8462, 8600C

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

J. Approval of Appointment of Corporate Attorney

It was recommended that the Board approve the appointment of David P Allen & Associates to serve as the corporation's attorney.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Jeff Clem
Vote: 5-0

K. As Needed - none

Public Comments

Mr. Greg Hopkins stated that he was excited to see Mr. Gilliam as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. He also thanked Mr. Newcomb for his many years of commitment to East Washington's Basketball Program. Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath, Board member, seconded this sentiment.

Board Member Comments & Committee Reports

Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath, board member, announced that she had received requests that the Board meetings be moved to 6:00 pm rather than 5:00 pm. Mr. Hector Nale commented that he did not like to ask the school administrators to stay that late after a regular school day. The Board decided to take this request under advisement and revisit the discussion at the next board meeting.

The next Board Work Session was scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018. A decision was made to move the Work Session to Monday, May 7, 2018 so as not to interfere with Election Day.

Announcements

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal announced that many events were happening on campus next weekend. The Alumni Basketball game would be Friday, April 27th. Saturday, April 28th would include Day of the Arts, Choir and Band Concert, Open House from 11-3 to celebrate the buildings 50-year anniversary, football team yard sale, and the Alumni Banquet.

Mr. Farris also mentioned that the Alumni Basketball game would be the last game played on the current basketball floor. Mr. Aaron Smith explained the process that would begin after graduation to remove the old floor and replace it with a new one. The old floor would be removed in sections that had been sold to help offset the cost of designing the new floor.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next School Board Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: Jeff Clem

Vote: 5-0

Tom Coats, President of the Board

Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board