

# **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, December 11, 2018 5:00 p.m.  
Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 1050 N Eastern School Rd, Pekin, IN 47165

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## **LEGAL MINUTES – December 11, 2018**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

Jeff Clem, Vice President

### **Guests**

#### **NEWS MEDIA:**

#### **NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

#### **OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent  
Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal  
Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance  
Mrs. Amy Dean, Director of Technology and Integration  
Mrs. Kendra Floyd, HR Director

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Ron Cassidy  
Christina McGinnis

### **Call 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 meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **Mission Statement**

Mr. Hector Nale read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

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

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, Principal, stated that students had recently attended and enjoyed a few field trips . Teachers had received STEM training and a representative from EES will be at EWES for further training in January, February, and March.

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Mrs. Esarey reported the elementary holiday party had taken place the previous Friday after school with 200 students in attendance. Mrs. Esarey commended the custodians for their excellent work.

## **East Washington Middle School Report**

Mrs. Amber King, Principal, reported that EWMS had been named a "School to Watch." There are only 13 schools in the state of Indiana with this distinction. EWMS is the only school in the area to receive this honor. There will be a day of celebration next semester and the school will be recognized as a "School to Watch" at Washington DC in June.

Yesterday was kindness day at EWMS. Teachers brought in socks for a student founded mission project. Also, Mrs King requested that all students send an email of kindness to their teachers. Students went above and beyond by emailing not just their current teachers, but many other staff members as well with kind thank yous and memories.

Round 2 of the Amazing Shake would occur December 13, 2018. At the end of the day, the final four students would be announced. These students would compete at the National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia in February.

## **Eastern High School Report**

Mr. Darrin Farris, Principal, reported that Mr. Scott Newcomb, Athletic Director, was one of six finalists for Indiana Athletic Director of the Year. He represents District 5 in the state. Final results will be announced in March at the Athletic Director Conference.

## **Transportation/Food Services Report**

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation and Food Service Director, reported that Transportation and Food Service were operating well with no issues at this time.

## **Buildings and Grounds Report**

Mr. Aaron Smith, Director of Building/Transportation Maintenance, announced that Ron Cassidy from EMCOR was in attendance and would lead of tour of the elementary HVAC project after the meeting.

## **Technology Report**

Mrs. Amy, Dean, IT Director, reported that STEM training had been accepted very well at the elementary school.

Mrs. Dean stated that a new website was being developed. She had been working with the Principals on a new design and updating our current website.

Mrs. Dean also spoke concerning the Amazing Shake Competition and commended Mrs. King for all of her work on the preparation for this competition.

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## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, commended Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath, Board member, on her participation with the Pumpkin and Popcorn Patch. Mrs. Gottbrath spoke concerning the progress of this project and a video of the process was presented.

Mr. Stockdale spoke concerning the traffic issues at the elementary during morning drop off. This problem will be addressed in the spring by adding a right hand turn lane at the exit. The project would be funded by savings incurred during the EMCOR project.

Mr. Stockdale reported that the budget would allow a bonus of \$5000.00 total to be distributed to Custodial/Maintenance staff. Funding for this amount is a result of savings within the departments.

Mr. Stockdale explained the STEM position that would be presented for approval later in the meeting.

Mr. Stockdale thanked Mr. Hector Nale, Board Member, for his service to the School Board. He presented Mr. Nale with a recognition letter and a lifetime pass for HS athletic events. Mr. Tom Coats, Board President, thanked Mr. Nale as well.

Mr. Stockdale spoke to the Board concerning private school vouchers. East Washington currently only had one student on a school voucher. Mr. Stockdale presented information to the Board concerning the financial impact of this voucher system on East Washington as well as other public schools in the state. Small rural schools have been negatively impacted by this system.

## **Approval of Minutes and Executive Session**

The executive session memo and minutes of the regular meeting of November 27, 2018 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: Hector Nale  
Vote: 4-0

## **Consent Items:**

### **A. Approval of Claims**

It was recommended that the Board approve Vendor Claims #12020 to and including #12081 and Direct Deposit Advices #59263 to and including #59738.

After due consideration, the same was approved.  
Motion: Linda McClellan  
Seconded: Hector Nale  
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## **B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**

The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 4-0

## **Personnel**

### **A. Approval of Personnel Changes**

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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

##### **Certified**

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Chelsea Clark as Homebound Instructor effective November 28, 2018 for the remainder of the semester.
- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Debbie Mishler as Homebound Instructor effective December 3, 2018.
- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Ron Slaton as MS Health/PE Teacher effective December 3, 2018 for the remainder of the 2018/19 school year.

##### **Extra-Curricular**

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Adrienne Nelson-Patton as Varsity Softball Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Bob Patton and Jennifer Hoke as Assistant Softball Coaches.

#### **POINT OF INFORMATION**

##### **Volunteers**

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Dustyn Miller as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
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## **Action Items**

### **A. Request Permission to Create Position**

Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, requested approval to create a Professional Non-Certified Position titled STEM Instructional Leader at East Washington Elementary School.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: Hector Nale  
Vote: 4-0

## B. Approval of Custodial/Maintenance Savings Share

It was recommended that the Board approve the distribution of Custodial/Maintenance Savings (up to \$5000) among the Custodial/Maintenance staff members. Superintendent will determine amounts and which employees qualify for the distribution.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 4-0

## C. Approval of Graduation Date

It was recommended that the Board approve the graduation date of Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern High School Gymnasium) as submitted by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 4-0

## D. As Needed

### **Public Comments**

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

Mrs. Linda McClellan, Board Secretary, complimented the HS band for their recent band concert.  
Mr. Tom Coats, Board President, announced that the HS Wrestling team won the conference again this year.

### **Announcements**

None

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## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 4-0

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Tom Coats, President of the Board

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Theresa Gottbrath, Secretary of the Board