

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board will meet in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Discussion of School Safety Plans & Systems I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (3), Collective Bargaining I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) 2(a)
3. Adjournment

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees in the Corporation Office:
Northeast Dubois County School Corporation

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda Communication from the floor.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Mrs. Mary Pankey.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mary Pankey, President	Present
Mr. Bernard Knies, Vice-President	Present
Mr. Kelly Knies, Secretary	Present
Mr. Brennan Schepers, Member	Present
Mr. Shawn Dooley, Member	Present
Mr. William Hochgesang, Superintendent	Present

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Arthur Nordhoff, Jr., Attorney	Present
Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer	Absent
Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer	Present
Dr. Tara Rasche, Principal	Present
Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	Absent
Mrs. Courtney Hopf, Principal	Absent
Mr. Andy Chinn, Assistant Principal	Absent

NEWS MEDIA:

<u>NEWSPAPER</u>	
Daily Herald, LeAnn Burke	Present
<u>RADIO</u>	
WITZ, WQKZ,	Absent
<u>TV</u>	
WJTS -TV, Zach Reuber	Absent

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Missy Sinnott-Fleck, Beth Neukam, Brian Dodd, Tina Terwiske, John Siebert, Paige Mundy, Jennifer Ashby, Gary Bair, George Link, Amy Mitchell

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
July 21, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2020---93 It was recommended that the minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by Kelly Knies
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 5-0

2020---94 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Amy Mitchell shared the results of a teacher survey regarding face coverings when school resumes. Missy Sinnott-Fleck spoke of conversation she had with her children's doctor regarding school safety and COVID-19. Beth Neukam spoke about her concern that other illnesses may manifest if masks are not changed or cleaned often.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2020---95 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #96600 through #96779 in Appendix #7 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that vouchers be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Kelly Knies
Vote 5-0

It was recommended that the regular meeting be closed and the Lease Agreement Hearing and the Additional Appropriations Hearing be opened at 7:40 pm.

2020---96 **B. Lease Agreement Hearing**

The Lease Agreement Hearing & Additional Appropriations Hearing was advertised on June 24, 2020 and July 1, 2020 in *The Herald* and the in *The Ferdinand News* and on the Corporation Webpage.

The School Corporation is funding this project through a lease financing, as it has done with other past construction/renovation projects. Lease financings are used by school corporations across the State of Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction. The Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School building is currently subject to a financing lease. Therefore, we are amending that Lease to increase the lease rental due from the School Corporation. In exchange for the increased lease rental, the Building Corporation will use the bond proceeds to make the needed improvements. The increased lease rental (as shown as a maximum amount in the Third Amendment to Lease) will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bondholders.

The School Corporation will receive money for the sale of the real estate to the Building Corporation. Since this money was not initially listed in the School Corporation's annual budget, the School Corporation is required to hold a hearing for the "additional" appropriations of those funds.

The hearing is now open for comments from the public.

No comments were made.

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C. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease

As required by the School Leasing Statute (IC 20-47-3), after a hearing, the School Board must approve the Amendment to Lease and authorize the officers to execute such Agreement. This Lease is the agreement whereby the School Corporation will levy the required property tax to pay the lease payments. The lease payments will be paid to the Building Corporation and used to pay the bondholders. Without the Lease, bondholders will have no assurance that the Building Corporation will repay the bonds. The Lease is the mechanism by which the property tax collections can get to the bondholders.

It was recommended that Resolution be approved.

Motion by Bernard Knies
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 5-0

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D. Resolution for Additional Appropriations

After the additional appropriation hearing, the School Board will adopt the resolution which outlines the appropriation of funds received for the sale of real estate. The resolution also specifies that the funds will be placed in a School Corporation construction account, separate from all other school corporation funds until the Project is complete.

It was recommended that the Resolution be approved.

Motion by Kelly Knies
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 5-0

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E. Resolution Determining Need for Project

The Indiana Code requires that the Board make a finding that there is a need for the project whenever a lease financing is proposed to be undertaken.

It was recommended that the Resolution be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

2020---100 **F. Resolution Assigning Construction Bids**

The Building Corporation will own portions of the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School building. The Building Corporation will also be the issuer of the bonds. The bond proceeds will be held by the trustee bank, and will be used to pay the contractors for the work done on the building. As a result, the construction bids and contracts will need to be with the Building Corporation because the Building Corporation will hold the money to pay the contractors. The School Corporation receives the bids and/or contracts and awards the bids and/or contracts under State law but then assigns those bids and/or contracts to the Building Corporation.

It was recommended that the Resolution be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Kelly Knies
Vote 5-0

2020---101 **G. Resolution Authorizing Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds**

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires that a school corporation enter into a First Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking before it issues bonds. The School Corporation has previously entered into this type of agreement. The agreement requires that the School Corporation agree to timely provide certain financial information to the SEC's EMMA database (www.emma.msrb.org) and provide notice of any material events.

It was recommended that the Resolution be approved.

Motion by Bernard Knies
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 5-0

It was recommended that the Lease Agreement Hearing and the Additional Appropriations Hearing be closed and the regular meeting be opened at 7:48 pm.

Motion by Kelly Knies
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 5-0

2020---102 **H. NEOLA Updates**

The Board received updated policies last month that will need to be approved.

It was recommended that the NEOLA updates be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

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I. BUDGET TIMELINE

Mr. William Hochgesang has presented the 2021 Budget Timeline for approval.

It was recommended that the 2021 Budget timeline be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Kelly Knies
Vote 5-0

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J. HANDBOOK

Mr. Ryan Case had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School Student Handbook for the 2020-21 school year.

It was recommended that the handbook be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

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K. HANDBOOK

Dr. Tara Rasche had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook for the 2020-21 school year.

It was recommended that that the handbook be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

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L. HANDBOOK

Mrs. Courtney Hopf had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2020-21 school year.

It was recommended that the handbook be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

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M. TEACHER

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending that Kate Conway be hired as the English/Language Arts Teacher at the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School.

It was recommended that Kate Conway be hired.

Motion by Bernard Knies
Seconded by Kelly Knies
Vote 5-0

2020---108 **N. FOOD OPTIONS DURING COVID-19**

Mrs. Joyce Hulsman was recommending that we provide food options during any closures/elearning days during the 2020-21 school year. The provided meals will be state mandated food menus that will be claimable as reimbursable breakfasts and lunches.

It was recommended that meals be provided during any closures/e-learning days during the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Kelly Knies
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 5-0

2020---109 **O. FACE COVERINGS**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending a policy concerning face coverings.

It was recommended that the policy with agreed changes be approved. The effective date of this policy is July 22, 2020.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Bernard Knies
Vote 5-0

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD
COVID-19 Pandemic & Returning to School Update

Five-Star – Monthly Update

Phase I Project Update- Gary Bair- Clerk of the Works

Graduation Update- Dr. Tara Rasche

Mentoring Program- John Seibert

Resignations:

Roger Elliott- Jr/Sr High School English/Language Arts Teacher- 33 years
Harold Hall- Custodian- 11 years
Amanda Fuhrman- Assistant

Upcoming Events:

July 29- Online Registration Opens
August 5- Registration, 4:00pm-8:00pm
August 5- Open House NDES & NDJSHS, 4:30pm-7:00pm
August 6- Registration, 8:00am-3:00pm
August 10- Staff Orientation
August 12- First Full Day for Students

2020---110 **LATE ITEMS**
No late items

2020---111 **ADJOURNMENT**
It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Motion by Kelly Knies
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 5-0

The Board will meet in Executive Session following the regular meeting. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (2(A), 3 & 9) relating to: collective bargaining, school safety, and job performance evaluations.

1. Call to Order
2. Review & Discuss
3. Adjournment