

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 19, 2020

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Brennan Schepers, Member

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Shawn Dooley, Member

# 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 was called to order at 7:02pm by President, Mrs. Mary Pankey.

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| 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 |

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| OFFICIAL GUESTS: | Mr. Arthur Nordhoff, Jr., Attorney       | Present |
|                  | Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer              | Present |
|                  | Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer | Absent  |
|                  | Mrs. Tara Rasche, Principal              | Present |
|                  | Mr. Ryan Case, Principal                 | Present |
|                  | Mrs. Brenda Ferguson, Principal          | Absent  |

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| NEWS MEDIA: | <u>NEWSPAPER</u>          |        |
|             | Daily Herald, LeAnn Burke | Absent |
|             | <u>RADIO</u>              |        |
|             | WITZ, WQKZ,               | Absent |
|             | <u>TV</u>                 |        |
|             | WJTS -TV, Zach Reuber     | Absent |

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: There were 42 guests on the Facebook Live Broadcast, Gary Bair, Kim Miley

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2020---62 It was recommended that the minutes of the April 21, 2020 regular meeting be approved as presented.

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

2020---63 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

None at this time

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

2020---64 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #96346 through #96465 in Appendix #5 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

It was recommended that the regular meeting be closed and the Project Hearing be opened at 7:19pm.

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

2020---65 **B. Building Renovation & Improvement**

The Board must hold a public meeting under Indiana Law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars. Notice was published in the Herald on May 6, 2020 and on the Corporation webpage.

The purpose of the hearing was two-fold:

1. To inform the public of the proposed project
  - a. Improvements & equipment needed
  - b. Evaluation of existing facility
  - c. Project details
  - d. Estimate of cost- \$4,690,000.00
  - e. Project schedule
  - f. Funding- Operations Fund, general bond obligation issue and/or building corporation bond issue
  - g. Tax rate: 2.6 cents for 4 years-1<sup>st</sup> project; 2 cents for 3 years- 2<sup>nd</sup> project

Comments: Comments were made through the Facebook Live broadcast.  
Question 1 – Who is in the Executive Suite at the Jr/Sr High School? Answer: George –  
The current administration at the High School including: Counselors and Social Workers.  
No further question at this time.

**Project Resolution, Exhibit A**

The Project Resolution was presented for Board approval.

It was recommended that the Resolution be accepted.

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

**Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures, Exhibit B**

The Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures was presented for Board approval.

It was recommended that Declaration be approved.

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

The Project Hearing was closed and the Regular meeting resumed at 7:30pm.

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

2020---66 **C. Northeast Dubois Elementary Principal**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending that Mrs. Courtney Hopf be hired as the principal for the Northeast Dubois Elementary School.

It was recommended that Courtney Hopf be hired.

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

2020---67 **D. Teaching Assistant**

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Mrs. Laura Betz be hired to be an assistant at the Intermediate School two days a week.

It was recommended that Laura Betz be hired.

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

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**F. Mowing Contract**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending that the low bid submitted by Haase Mowing at \$550/mowing of all grounds bidded, be approved for 2021, 2022 & 2023.

It was recommended that Haase Mowing bid be accepted.

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

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**G. Rescheduled Events**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prom and Graduation had to be postponed. It was proposed that the Prom take place on July 10, 2020 and that Graduation be scheduled for July 25, 2020. These rescheduled events were needing Board action.

It was recommended that the events be rescheduled pending further guidance.

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

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**H. Dubois County Museum Gift**

Northeast Dubois School Corporation will be gifting a bell from the Haysville School to the Dubois County Museum. Since this is a surplus item and is not being sold, but gifted, Board approval was needed.

It was recommended that the bell be gifted.

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

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**I. Celestine Property to Diocese**

With the closing of Celestine Elementary School, the Northeast Dubois School Corporation, per lease agreement will transfer the Celestine property to the Diocese of Evansville effective July 1, 2020. The Diocese was requesting written verification of this intention.

It was recommended that the transfer be made effective July 1, 2020.

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

**INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD**

**COVID-19 Pandemic Update – County wide task force meeting to discuss school reopening this fall, June 2**

**Five-Star – Monthly Update**

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

**Resignations/Retirements:**

**Trish Mehringer- Art Teacher -29 years**

**Shirley Schmitt- CES Cook- 27 years**

**Julie Kelley- MS Assistant- 1 ½ years**

**Congratulations to Mrs. Tara Rasche for completing her Doctorate.**

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**LATE ITEM**

Mr. William Hochgesang was requesting that the position of Computer Science Teacher be created for grades 3 through 12. This position will be shared between the Intermediate School and the Jr/Sr High School.

It was recommended that a Computer Science teaching position be created for grades 3 through 12.

Motion by       Shawn Dooley  
Seconded by    Brennan Schepers  
Vote               5-0

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Motion by       Kelly Knies  
Seconded by    Bernard Knies  
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