

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

October 15, 2019

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Bernard Knies, Vice-President

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Kelly Knies, Secretary

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John Siebert, Member

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Brennan Schepers, 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 7:00pm by President, Mrs. Mary Pankey.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mrs. Mary Pankey, President	Present
	Mr. Bernard Knies, Vice-President	Present
	Mr. Kelly Knies, Secretary	Present
	Mr. John Siebert, Member	Present
	Mr. Brennan Schepers, Member	Present
	Mr. William Hochgesang, Superintendent	Present

<b>OFFICIAL GUESTS:</b>	Mr. Arthur Nordhoff, Jr., Attorney	Present
	Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer	Present
	Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer	Absent
	Mrs. Tina Fawks, Principal	Present
	Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	Present
	Mrs. Tara Rasche, Principal	Present

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

**UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:** Anne Prather, Rachel Thombelson, Janet Smith, Taylor Knight, Amy Mitchell, Eric Smith, Liz Neukam and Andrea Rickelman

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2019---156 It was recommended that the minutes of the September 17, 2019 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by Bernard Knies  
Seconded by John Siebert  
Vote 5-0

2019---157 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Eric Smith commented on a situation last June with Coach Smith and last Monday after a game. Rachel Thombleson commented on Mr. Terry Friedman's comments to Coach Smith and on a situation with her son and with baseball Coach Woolems. Janet Smith wanted to know why Coach Woolems' contract was renewed, but Coach Smith was asked to resign.

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

2019---158 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #95198 through #95381 in Appendix #10 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the Vouchers be approved.

Motion by John Siebert  
Seconded by Bernard Knies  
Vote 5-0

2019---159 **B. Teacher Contract Agreement**

The Teacher Contract Agreements for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years need to be approved.

It was recommended that the contract agreements be approved.

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

2019---160 **C. Project Bids and Recommendations**

VPS was here to share this information.

It was recommended that Seufert Construction receive the bid approval for the base and the seven alternates.

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

2019---161

**D. Field Trip Request**

Mrs. Amy Mitchell was requesting approval to take the Community Leaders and Education Professions class on a field trip to Conseco Field House in Indianapolis, IN on November 8-9, 2019. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by     John Siebert  
Seconded by   Bernard Knies  
Vote            5-0

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**E. Field Trip Request**

Mrs. Leslie Denu was requesting approval to take the Anatomy/Physiology class on a field trip to visit Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, IL on February 21, 2020. This is an out-of-state field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by     Bernard Knies  
Seconded by   John Siebert  
Vote            5-0

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**F. Special Education Assistant**

Mrs. Tara Rasche was recommending we hire Blake Ziegler as a Special Education Assistant at Dubois Elementary School.

It was recommended that Mr. Blake Ziegler be hired.

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

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**G. School Improvement Plan**

The 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan needs to be approved.

It was recommended that the Plan be approved.

Motion by     John Siebert  
Seconded by   Bernard Knies  
Vote            5-0

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**H. New Position**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending that we create a ½ time Assistant Principal position for the 2020-2021 school year.

It was recommended that the position be added.

Motion by     John Siebert  
Seconded by   Bernard Knies  
Vote            5-0

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**I. Renaming of Schools**

Mr. William Hochgesang made recommendations on names for the three buildings for next school year: Northeast Dubois Elementary, Northeast Dubois Intermediate and Northeast Dubois Junior/Senior High

The decision was tabled to the November 19, 2019 meeting. This will allow for public comment.

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**J. Corporation Bus Route**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending that Stephanie Faulk-Tillberry be hired as a Corporation bus driver to replace Jeff Wigand who is resigning.

It was recommended that Stephanie Faulk-Tillberry be hired.

Motion by Bernard Knies  
Seconded by John Siebert  
Vote 5-0

**INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD**

**Five-Star – Monthly Update**

**ALICE training online course is available if any Board members would like to take it.**

**Resignations:**

**Jeff Wigand- Bus #6 Driver**  
**Misty Smith- High School Volleyball Coach**  
**John Siebert- Board Member; effective December 31, 2019- 12 years**

**Upcoming Events:**

**October 17 – Parent Teacher Conf- DES/CES 3:15-7:15pm**  
**October 17 – Parent Teacher Conf- NDHS 3:15-7:15pm**  
**October 21-25- Fall Break, No School**

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**LATE ITEM #1-Clerk of the Works**

The position of Clerk of the Works needs to be hired for the project. There were three applicants and Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending that Gary Bair be hired for \$35,000 for the duration of the project.

It was recommended that Gary Bair be hired.

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

It was recommended that half of the payment be made at the halfway point and the remaining half at the completion of the project.

Motion by Bernard Knies  
Seconded by John Siebert  
Vote 5-0

2019---169 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 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