

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

September 17, 2019

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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 is 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, Allen Laman	Present
	<u>RADIO</u>	
	WITZ, WQKZ,	Absent
	<u>TV</u>	
	WJTS -TV,	Absent

**UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:** Dennis Rasche, Amy Mitchell, Denise Schroering, Tim Lampert, Kim Miley, Jami Gress, Christine Betz, Andrea Rickelman, Chris Hasenour

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2019---140 It was recommended that the minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting be approved as presented.

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

2019---141 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Chris Hasenour asked for the fund balances.

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

2019---142 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #95049 through #95197 in Appendix #9 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the voucher be approved.

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

It was recommended that the regular meeting be closed and the Teacher Compensation Hearing be opened at 7:03pm.

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

2019---143 **B. Teacher Compensation Hearing**

The School Board will meet pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-19(a) to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement, which is posted at [www.nedubois.k12.in.us](http://www.nedubois.k12.in.us). The document link is 2019-2020 NDCSC Tentative Teacher Agreement.

The hearing was opened for comments from the public.

No comments were made.

It was recommended that the Teacher Compensation Hearing close and the regular meeting be opened at 7:05pm.

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

2019---144 **C. Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Funds**

We have advertised the 2020 budget on July 29, 2019, which includes the Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Funds in Gateway and on the Corp Webpage. The Public Hearing for the Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Fund was held on August 20, 2019. It was recommended that the Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Fund be approved.

It was recommended that the funds be approved.

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

2019---145 **D. Field Trip Request**

Ms. Elliebeth Russell was requesting approval for a field trip to the Louisville Speed Art Museum on September 19, 2019 for the AP Art Class. This is an out-of-state field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the trip be approved.

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

2019---146 **E. Cafeteria Charging Policy**

Mrs. Joyce Hulsman had submitted a Cafeteria Charging Policy for all Northeast Dubois County Schools for Board approval.

It was recommended that the Policy be approved.

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

2019---147 **F. Fundraisers**

Mrs. Tina Fawks had submitted a list of fundraisers for the High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

It was recommended that the fundraisers be approved.

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

2019---148

**G. Fundraisers**

Mr. Ryan Case had submitted a list of fundraisers for the Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year.

It was recommended that the fundraisers be approved.

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

2019---149

**H. Fundraisers**

Mrs. Tara Rasche had submitted a list of fundraisers for Dubois Elementary and Celestine Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year.

It was recommended that the fundraisers be approved.

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

2019---150

**I. Performance Day**

The Administrators were recommending a Performance Day on October 2, 2019 to train all staff on ALICE certification and other required trainings.

It was recommended that the Performance Day be approved and the students will have the day off. ALICE training expenses be approved and we train all staff not just certified.

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

2019---151

**J. Special Education Assistant**

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending we hire Susan DeWitte as a Special Education Assistant at the Dubois Middle School.

It was recommended that Susan DeWitte be hired.

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

2019---152

**K. Teacher Evaluation System**

The Teacher Evaluation System was presented to the Board for approval.

It was recommended that the Evaluation System be approved.

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

2019---153

**L. Stipend**

Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending a \$500 stipend to be paid to Brenda Ferguson for working with Tara Rasche during the transition of leadership in July at Dubois Elementary and Celestine Elementary.

It was recommended that the stipend be approved.

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

2019---154

**M. Grade Configurations for 2020-2021**

Grade Configurations: Dubois Elementary- Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Middle School- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade; High School-7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Board asked if any additional construction will be needed for this configuration: the Middle School old Home Ec room will need an additional wall, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will need room cubbies, and playground equipment will be needed.

May need to hire temporary help in the summer to get everything done.

It was recommended that the configuration be approved.

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

2019---155

**N. Field Trip**

Mr. Andres Schroeder was requesting approval for a lock-in for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Leadership students on October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Middle School. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the lock-in be approved.

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

**INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD**

**Five-Star – Monthly Update**

**Building Project Update- William Hochgesang**  
**September 18, 2019- Bid walk-ins at the High School**  
**October 8, 2019 at 1:00pm- Bids open**

**ADM count as of September 13, 2019 is 817.**

Northeast Dubois County School Corporation received the School Safety Grant for our School Resource Officer.

**Resignations:**

**Krista Knust-Special Education Assistant-MS**

**Upcoming Events:**

**October 10 – Parent Teacher Conf- DMS 3:00-7:00pm**

**October 11- End of First Quarter**

**October 14 – Parent Teacher Conf- DMS 3:00-7:00pm**

**October 15 – Parent Teacher Conf- DES/CES 3:15-7:15pm**

**October 17 – Parent Teacher Conf- DES/CES 3:15-7:15pm**

**October 17 – Parent Teacher Conf- NDHS 3:15-7:15pm**

**October 18-22- Washington DC Trip for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**October 21-25- Fall Break, No School**

**Congratulations to Mr. William Hochgesang for being named 2020 Superintendent of the Year for District VII by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.**

2019---156 **LATE ITEM #1- Construction Bids**

The Board needed to give authorization to Mr. William Hochgesang to open the construction bids on October 8, 2019 at 1:00pm for the Building Project.

It was recommended that authorization be given.

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

2019---157 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58pm.

Motion by Kelly Knies  
Seconded by Brennan Schpers  
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