

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

January 15, 2019

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Mary Pankey, President

Bernard Knies, Vice-President

Kelly Knies, Secretary

John Siebert, Member

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.

ROLL CALL:	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

OFFICIAL GUESTS:	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. Brenda Ferguson, Principal	Present

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

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Christine Betz, Judy Haase, Amy Mitchell, Andrea Rickelman, Chris Hasenour, Anna Beth Pfafflin, George Link, Jami Gress, Kurt Sermersheim, Shawna Verkamp, Kris Buechler, Sue Jane Poppe, Jennifer Ashby, Sharon Johnson, Michele Messmann, Kelly Bieker, Chris Bieker, Denise Schroering, Amanda Steckler, Wendy Jeffries, Stacy Bromser, Kim Miley, Ashley Seger, Clarence Reckelhoff, Butch Bonfier, Jennifer Lampert, Danielle Schnell, Shawn Dooley, Grace Dooley, Joe Seger, Alyssa Seger, Courtney Hopf, Ryan Winger

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2019---18 It was recommended that the minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular meeting and the minutes from the January 4, 2019 Organizational meeting be approved as presented.

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

2019---19 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Kelly Bieker read a letter with questions, comments and concerns about Celestine Elementary closing. She gave a copy to the Board. Sharon Johnson asked questions for clarification about Celestine Elementary and shared concerns about Celestine Elementary closing and class size. Jennifer Lampert shared concerns about classroom size and 4th grade students moving to the Middle School. Chris Hasenour asked questions about how the new funds are funded and what expenses are paid for out of each fund. He also had concerns of class sizes and used testing scores as an example. Ashley Seger had concerns about free and reduced applications being promoted in a positive way and if 4th grade moves to the Middle School will it be a contained classroom. Butch Bonifer questioned the Preschool advertising being so small compared to other schools.

Concerns about the 4th grade moving to the Middle School, Celestine Elementary and class sizes were noted and taken under consideration. Free and reduced applications are readily promoted but will take positive aspect under advisement. The Education Fund is funded by the State and the Operations Fund is funded by local tax dollars. William G. Hochgesang explained the different fund expenses. Further information can be found on the Public Meeting notes on the Corporation webpage.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2019---20

A. Vouchers

It was recommended that Voucher #93788 through #96960 in Appendix #1 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved

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

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B. Resolution to Transfer

Mr. William Hochgesang was requesting approval of the resolution to transfer \$54,000 monthly, after the deposit of the Basic Grant from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. This amount is not to exceed \$640,000 for 2019.

It was recommended that the transfers be made

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

2019---22

C. High School Treasurer

Mrs. Tina Fawks was recommending we hire Denise Palmer for the High School Treasurer position.

It was recommended that Denise Palmer be hired

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

2019---23

D. Field Trip Request

Mr. Ryan Case was requesting approval of a field trip to Washington D.C. The field trip will take place October 18-22, 2019. A total of 91 students out of 120 students from 7th and 8th grade will be attending. This is an out-of-state and overnight trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved

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

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E. Bus Bids

Bus bids were advertised for and received through January 9 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. William G Hochgesang, Mr. Ryan Case, Mrs. DeAnn Meyer and Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman opened the bids. After meeting with all bidders, the proposed bus contracts are presented to the Board for approval.

It was recommended that the bid/contracts be approved

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

2019---25

E. High School Track

Mr. Terry Friedman was recommending we hire Leslie Denu as Head Track Coach for the High School.

It was recommended that Leslie Denu be hired

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

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F. Phone System

Kevin Cooke with Five Star, submitted three quotes for upgrades to our phone system to the Board. Mr. William Hochgesang was recommending we approve the quote from Allworx.

It was recommended that the Allworx quote be approved

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Five-Star – Monthly Update

Year End Transfer Report

Project Lead the Way Grant Update- Brenda Ferguson, Ryan Case and Tina Fawks

VPS Architecture - George Link

School Resource Officer- Tim Lampert

Resignation- Ariel Derr-Assistant/HS

Retirement- Marvin Betz-Maintenance Director, started in May 1981

50 years as Northeast Dubois

Upcoming Events:

January 21- No School/Staff In-Service
January 24- Preschool Registration
January 31- Kindergarten Roundup at CES
February 5- Kindergarten Roundup at DES
February 15- No School/Make up day #2
February 18- No School/Make up day #3

Weather INFO for cancellations and delays:

Remind 101 information is on our website to receive text or email notifications.

Primary Sources – WITZ, WBDC, WQKZ, and, WFLQ French Lick

Secondary Sources – Channels 7, 14, & 25; & TV18

Also posted on their websites: WBDC www.wbdc.us, WFIE www.wfie.com &

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northeast-Dubois-County-School-Corporation/108799282616997?fref=ts>

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LATE ITEM #1

Board Work Sessions for Board discussion on the new construction project only were recommended for January 29, February 4 and February 12 at 6:30pm in the Middle School Multi-purpose room. The public is welcome to attend and if time allows there will be a short question & answer session after the Board discussion.

It was recommended that the meetings be approved

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

LATE ITEM #2

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting for permission for the FFA to attend the Farm Machinery Show on February 14, 2019. The Farm Machinery Show is held in Louisville, KY. This is an out-of-state 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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ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 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