

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

August 16, 2022

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Bernard Knies, Vice-President

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Brennan Schepers, Secretary

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Shawn Dooley, Member

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James W. Harris, Member

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board 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 Board Room at 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, Mr. Kelly Knies.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kelly Knies, President	Present
	Mr. Bernard Knies, Vice-President	Present
	Mr. Brennan Schepers, Secretary	Present
	Mr. Shawn Dooley, Member	Present
	Mr. James W. Harris, Member	Present
	Dr. Tara Rasche, Superintendent	Present

OFFICIAL GUESTS:	Mr. Arthur Nordhoff, Jr., Attorney	Present
	Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer	Present
	Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer	Absent
	Mr. Andy Chinn, Principal	Present
	Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	Present
	Mrs. Courtney Hopf, Principal	Absent
	Mrs. Tracy Gutsell, Assistant Principal	Present

NEWS MEDIA:	<u>NEWSPAPER</u>	
	Daily Herald	Absent
	<u>RADIO</u>	
	WITZ, WQKZ	Absent
	<u>TV</u>	
	WJTS -TV	Absent

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Jennifer Ashby, Andrea Rickelman, Dennis Rasche, Tim Lampert, Ian Wilson, Gary Bair

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2022---119 It was recommended that the minutes of the July 19, 2022 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by Brennan Schepers  
Seconded by James W. Harris  
Vote 5-0

2022---120 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no communication from the floor.

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

2022---121 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #100,698 through #100,855 in Appendix #8 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2022---122 **B. Contract**

Northeast Dubois County School Corporation and Schmidt & Associates will enter into a contract for the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School Construction Project. The contract needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the contract be approved.

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

It was recommended that the regular meeting be closed and the Lease Agreement Hearing be opened at 7:06 pm.

2022---123 **C. Lease Agreement Hearing**

The Lease Agreement Hearing was advertised on August 12, 2022 in *The Herald* 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 Intermediate 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 Fourth Amendment to Lease) will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bondholders.

The hearing was open for comments from the public.

No comments were made.

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**D. 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 the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

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**E. Resolution Assigning Construction Bids**

The Building Corporation will own portions of the Northeast Dubois Intermediate 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 Assigning Construction Bids be approved.

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

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**F. 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](http://www.emma.msrb.org)) and provide notice of any material events.

It was recommended that the Resolution Authorizing Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds be approved.

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

It was recommended that the Lease Agreement Hearing close and the regular meeting open at 7:12 pm.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Shawn Dooley  
Vote 5-0

2022---127

**G. Permission to Advertise**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting permission to advertise for the hearing of the Budget and the CPF and Bus Replacement Funds.

It was recommended that the request to advertise be approved.

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

2022---128

**H. Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy**

The Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the policy be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

2022---129

**I. School Improvement Plan**

The 2022-23 School Improvement Plan needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the plan be approved.

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

2022---130

**J. Clerk of the Works**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending that Gary Bair be hired as the Clerk of the Works for the construction project at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Gary Bair be hired.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

2022---131

**K. New Hire**

Mrs. Joyce Hulsman was recommending that Connie Ball be hired as a cook at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Connie Hall be hired.

Motion by Bernard Knies  
Seconded by James W. Harris  
Vote 5-0

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**L. New Hire**

Mrs. Joyce Hulsman was recommending that Laura B. Betz be hired as a cook at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Laura B. Betz be hired.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

2022---133

**M. Field Trip**

Mr. Dwayne Knies was requesting permission for the Boys Tennis Team to attend an Evansville Tennis Tournament to be held in Evansville on August 19-20, 2022. This is an overnight trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

**INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD**

**Construction Update- Gary Bair**

**Safety Update- Tim Lampert**

**September 8- Corp Office Table Tap Discussion**

**September 14- NDJSHS On-site Training**

**Resignation:**

**Marcia Helming- Cook, NDIS, 18 years**

**Upcoming Events:**

**September 5-Labor Day, No School**

**To view the meeting live on Corporation Facebook page, go to and search Northeast Dubois County School Corporation.**

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**LATE ITEM #1**

The Board requested a tour of the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School and the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that the Board meet in Executive Session at 5:00 pm on September 20, 2022 for a tour of the schools with the Regular Board meeting to follow.

Motion by James W. Harris  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Motion by Shawn Dooley  
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