

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE BOARD
EASTERN GREENE SCHOOLS**

**February 14, 2022
7:30 pm**

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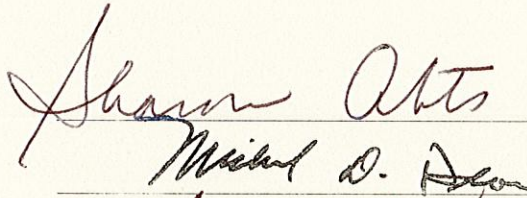
An Executive Session of the Board will be held at 7:00 pm. The regular meeting of the Board will begin at 7:30 p.m. An Executive Session will follow the regular meeting if necessary. The board meeting will be held in the Eastern Greene Schools' Multi-purpose Room

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1 the Board of School Trustees will meet in Executive Session on the topics below as permitted by Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)...

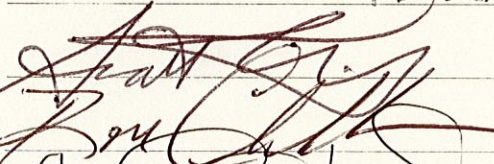
5-14-1.5.6.1(b)(6) Personnel

We hereby certify that no subject matter was discussed in Executive Session other than those specified above.

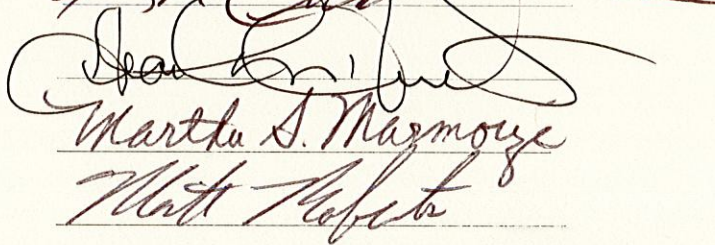
Sharon Abts



Mike Adams



Scott Carmichael



Ron Childress

Heather Hudson

Martha S. Marmouze

Matt Roberts

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
In Eastern Greene Schools' Multi-purpose Room



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting is called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Board President, Ron Childress.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Ron Childress, President	___X___
	Mr. Scott Carmichael, Vice President	_____
	Mr. Mike Adams, Secretary	___X___
	Ms. Sharon Abts, Board Member	___X___
	Ms. Heather Hudson, Board Member	___X___
	Ms. Martha S. Marmouze, Board Member	___X___
	Mr. Matt Roberts, Board Member	___X___

OFFICIAL GUESTS	Lewis Kappes, Attorney	_____
	Mrs. Marilyn Burch, Treasurer	___X___
	Mr. Eric Kirkendall, HS Principal	___X___
	Mr. Roy Bruce, HS Dean of Students	_____
	Mr. Patrick Ault, MS Principal	___X___
	Mrs. Sandi Yoho, MS Dean of Students	___X___
	Mrs. Amanda Gibboney, Elem. Principal	___X___
	Mr. Trent Provo Superintendent	___X___

NEWS MEDIA: NEWSPAPER
Daily World, None present

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Elementary School – Hazel Hall and Jaxsen Inman

Middle School – Devin Harper and Hazel Wheelden-Thomas

High School – Cora Bough and Clayton Liles

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

High School Students, Dress Code Revisions

Nathan Martindale and Kurtis Moffitt, 8th Grade DC trip alternatives

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE EASTERN GREENE SCHOOL CORP.

AGENDA AND MINUTES RECOMMENDATIONS

2-14-4362 **PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express concerns regarding agenda items. Comments will be limited to Board meeting agenda items with a time limit of 3-5 minutes.

A motion is made to move the public comments item to the end of the agenda.

The motion did not receive a second - Motion is defeated.

Motion by _____ MA _____
Seconded by _____
For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

Passed -- **Failed**

2-14-4363 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It is recommended that the agenda for the February 14, 2022 meeting be approved as presented with additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4364 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is recommended that the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meetings be approved as presented.

Motion by _____ MM _____
Seconded by _____ SA _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4365 **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

It is recommended that the claims, numbers 14364 through 14458 be approved as presented.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ MM _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

CORPORATION

2-14-4366 **NEOLA Reading**

Motion to approve the first reading of NEOLA Policy update Volume 31, No. 2.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ SA _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4367 **Cafeteria ELEM/MS Serving Line**

Motion to accept the lone bid submitted by C&T Design and Equipment Co., Inc. to install the new Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria serving line.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

RESIGNATIONS

2-14-4368 **Middle School ECA**

Motion to approve the resignation as Middle School Athletic Director from Sandi Yoho effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by _____ SA _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4369 **Middle School**

Motion to approve the resignation of Tessa Wolfger as Middle School Counselor effective the end of the 2021-22 contractual school year.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

Elementary

2-14-4370 Motion to approve the resignation of Kristi Sissman as an Elementary Instructional Assistant effective February 4, 2022.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4371 Motion to approve the resignation of Leona Robinson as an Elementary Instructional Assistant effective January 20, 2022.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ SA _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4372 Motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Parsley as an Elementary Instructional Assistant effective February 4, 2022.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4373 **Middle School**

Motion to approve the resignation of Tracy Siedl as Middle School Instructional Assistant effective January 13, 2022.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

RETIREMENT

2-14-4374 High School

Motion to approve the retirement request from Rena Ogle as a High School Instructional Assistant effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by _____ MM _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

EMPLOYMENT

2-14-4375 Payroll/Benefits Trainee

Motion to hire Treva Lukens as Corporation Payroll/Benefits Trainee beginning February 15, 2022.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ SA _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4376 Middle School Track

Motion to hire the following for the 21-22 Middle School track season:

Kurtis Moffitt Middle School Track Coach
Alex Clary Middle School Track Coach

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ MM _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4377 Middle School Athletic Director

Motion to change Nathan Martindale’s status from part-time Athletic Director to full-time Middle School Athletic Director effective the end of the school year.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4378 **High School Volleyball**

Motion to hire the following Volleyball coaches for the Fall of 2022:

Kelsey Frye VB Head Coach
Gina Ingram VB JV Coach
Peyton Gilliatt VB Volunteer Assistant Coach

Motion by _____ MA _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4379 **High School Football**

Motion to hire Travis Wray for the Varsity Football Head Coaching position for the 2022-2023 football season.

Motion by _____ HH _____
Seconded by _____ MR _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

FIELD TRIP

2-14-4380 **Bradford Woods**

Motion to approve the 5th grade Bradford Woods overnight field trip. The trip will take place on March 30, 31, and April 1, 2022.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ HH _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

DONATIONS

2-14-4381 **High School**

Recommendation to approve a donation of \$46.20 from Casey’s General Stores for classroom use.

Motion by _____ MR _____
Seconded by _____ MA _____
For _____ 6 _____ Against _____ 0 _____ Abstain _____ 0 _____

Passed – Failed

2-14-4382 LATE ITEMS

RESIGNATION

2-14-4382-1 **Custodial**

Recommendation to approve the resignation of Ethan Deckard as a full-time custodian effective February 11, 2021.

Motion by SA
Seconded by MR
For 6 Against 0 Abstain 0

Passed – Failed

DONATION

2-14-4382-2 Bradford Woods

Recommendation to approve the donation of \$200 from the Bahr family for the Bradford Woods field trip.

Motion by SA
Seconded by MA
For 6 Against 0 Abstain 0

Passed – Failed

2-14-4383 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Amanda Gibboney – Today was a great day of celebrating Valentines Day in the classrooms. It was great to see the teachers incorporating their Valentine’s Day parties into their writing assignments, stem projects, and other projects. World tour week begins February 28. That is a week where we bring the world to the kids in their classrooms. Each classroom becomes a different country, and the classroom students learn about their country’s geography, climate, culture, and food. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to travel around the world within their classrooms. I would like to thank Megan Burch for organizing all the flags for the teachers. Our third grade students will take IREAD III March 8-10, and I am really proud of the efforts that the teachers and students have put into preparing for IREAD III. Our third graders have done an excellent job of preparing for success. This year we are going to have our testing environment a little different to set the students up for more focus and more success. We are going to do small group testing with groups of no more than 6 at a time. That way our kids can focus and really focus on doing a good job. 2nd grade kids will have a musical performance on March 1st, and this will be performed for our students during the day. Our families can watch this performance on the youtube channel at a later date. We will let everyone on facebook know when that is available to see. I would like to congratulate Treva Lukens on her new job in the Central Office. She has done an amazing job as the cafeteria manager for the Elementary and Middle School, and I know she will do an amazing job in her new role. Thank you.

Patrick Ault – Thank you to Lisa Childress and the Solsberry Christian Church Ladies Group for the wonderful meal they are preparing for the Middle School faculty and staff. Thank you to Dr. Josh Cullison from Greene County General Hospital for speaking to our 7th and 8th grade students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and vaping. Thank you to Nathan Martindale and Kurtis Moffitt for presenting tonight and for caring about our students on the level that they do. We have had to put it off, but our “pie in the face” fundraiser will hopefully kick off this coming Monday, February 14. Thank you to Mrs. Mitchell for organizing this and Mrs. Mobley for building the money meter. The middle school has worked hard and is wrapping up the 2nd round of ClearSight formative testing. This testing not only gives teachers a baseline of where each student is in ELA and math, but is identical and from the same company as the ILEARN state standardized test so it will also prepare them for ILEARN. Thank you to all of our basketball coaches, players and cheerleaders. You represented us well, worked hard, and we appreciate all of you. Congrats to the band students and Mr. Rodriguez for a great showing in solo and ensemble over the weekend. We are proud of you! I personally want to say thank you to the teachers, parents, and students for their hard work and efforts during our weather e-learning days. You did great! Lastly, we are starting an e-sports gaming club at the Middle School. Ms. Noe has had a lot of interest and it will kick off very soon. There are several PC gaming stations and Nintendo Switch gaming units. Thinking long term, my hope would be to make this an elective class at some point in the near future. Congratulations to Nathan Martindale, thank you for wanting to do the AD position, you saved me a headache. And Sandi, you are awesome, you already know that. Congratulations to Travis Wray, I am so happy for you.

Eric Kirkendall – We had seven events performed at Solo and Ensemble this past week. One being in the intermediate group level and the other six being in the most advanced group. All seven events received a gold medal and each of the events in the advanced group will perform again at State Solo and Ensemble in Indianapolis on February 26. The students that participated along with their events are as listed: Aaron Dwyer, Tenor Saxophone Solo and Percussion Ensemble (both going to state); Rebecca Helms, Percussion Ensemble (going to state); Alex Paurazas, Percussion (going to state); Mollie Parsley, Bari Sax Solo (going to state); Quinn Robinson, Alto Sax Solo (going to state); Aiden Sparks, Snare Drum Solo, and Percussion Ensemble (both going to state); Markus White, Trombone Solo, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Duet (solo and percussion going to state); John Williams, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Duet (percussion ensemble going to state). Congratulations to Mr. Rodriguez and his fantastic musicians for their dedication and success. I want to also thank Solsberry Christian Church for the treats this week. It was a real morale boost to walk in and have some homemade treats and was to the benefit of our teachers. The next two weeks are filled with AP Mock Exams. These are not the actual exams, but our teachers and students put a lot of pressure on themselves to perform well on these tests. It is kind of like the litmus test to determine weather or not they are ready for the real exams. I just wanted to say best of luck to them. I have commented before that for a high school that has roughly 320 students, to have the amount of AP classes we have is truly a spectacle as each one of those classes requires additional training for the teacher. This again, just shows the dedication that our teachers have for their students. It is a lot of hard work. Juniors will be taking SATs on March 3rd. This is new this year. All Juniors around the state will be taking SATs electronically. If you have a Junior, make sure they are rested up, because it could be a 3 – 4 hour exam. I just want to wish them the best of luck. I also wanted to say congratulations to Travis Wray, and I look forward to having a successful season with him. Congratulations again. Last, but not least I want to talk about two unsung heroes that are retiring. Tony

Renard whose retirement was approved last month. He is one of my high school custodians, and Rena Ogle who is a Special Education aid at the High School. Tony, you have never met a more ornery guy. He is just fantastic and he was one of the first people that I met when I started working here. I distinctly remember him coming through the office and doing his routine and it was right at the time that Doug Lewis had left and he said something to the effect "Oh hey they traded up for a newer model." I'm bald he bald, I guess it looked like a smaller version of Doug. That was my first interaction with him, and ever since then we have just had a great chemistry. The man will just bend over backwards to help anyone. He wanted to do some traveling. I know he loves his motorcycle. I just wanted to wish him well. The next one, you would not notice her if it were not for the students that run to her. Ms. Ogle is amazing. She has an amazing ability to make connections with some of those students. In Special Education not everybody has the easiest time of learning, but she makes it look easy. I am going to miss her, and I know Ms. Butler is also going to miss her. I know she wants to do some travelling and see the county. I wish her the best of luck in retirement.

Trent Provo – I wanted to congratulate our Girls' Basketball team on their season. I know it didn't end the way they wanted it to, but that doesn't take anything away from them. They did a great job. Good luck to the boys' basketball team as they are wrapping up the end of their season heading into sectionals the next two weeks. Also, I want to say good luck to our Spring sports as they are starting their conditioning programs. It will not be long before they start their official practices. I want to congratulate choir, band, and dance. It was really neat to see at the last basketball game senior honor night, all the different groups performing. They did a great job and I am very proud of all those groups. Congratulations to all of them, they make us look good as a school corporation. COVID Update – The COVID Dashboard is up to date. I try to stay on that weekly. Last week, we had two cases, and two quarantines. This is great. We were down greatly from the past several weeks. In about mid-January we were up around 24 to 26 cases and had around 50 to 60 quarantines. It is heading in the right direction. It is actually heading in the right direction around the state. We had our weekly meeting with the County Health Department, and she said cases were down about 50%. We questioned her about where she thinks the state is heading with the Governor's executive order which runs through February. She is hoping that Indiana will follow what is happening in other states. If you follow the news, you will see that many states are loosening up the mask mandates and restrictions. The 22-23 calendar is on my list to talk about tonight. We will have a recommendation in March for any changes that we are going to make on the professional development days. The calendar start and end dates, and snow make-up dates will remain the same. We did send out the calendar survey. We had a total of 402 responses with 100 of those being our staff. We had a 45.3% response saying they liked the early release Friday. 25.6% liked the eLearning idea. That was overwhelmingly the choice of the staff. 21.6% wanted nothing at all. They said it should not affect the school day at all. 7.5% were okay with the delayed start Wednesdays. I want to talk to the staff here at the end of the month when we have Corporation discussion group, and get their ideas on which direction we should head, and then make a recommendation in March.

Sharon Abts – I want to thank Rena Ogle. Rena started her career in the Elementary years ago. We both had long hair that wasn't grey yet. She worked beautifully with the kids and just moved up with them through the grade levels until she landed in the High School. I just wanted to say thank you to Rena and what a marvelous job you have done here.

