

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH INDIANA CODE 20-26-7-37  
EASTERN GREENE SCHOOLS**

**June 19, 2023  
7:00 pm**

The public meeting of the Board will begin at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Eastern Greene Schools' Multi-purpose Room.

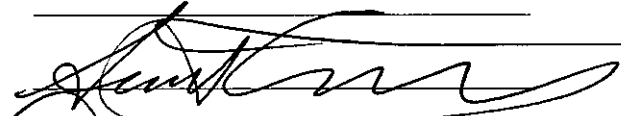
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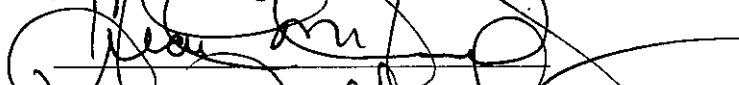
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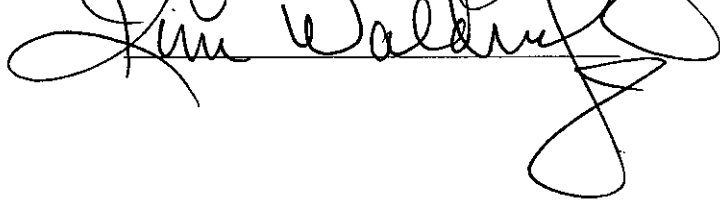
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Kim Waldrige



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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting is called to order at 7:01p.m. by Board President, Scott Carmichael.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Scot Carmichael, President	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Sharon Abts, Vice President	<u>  X  </u>
	Mr. Dennis Crowe, Secretary	<u>  X  </u>
	Mr. Mike Adams, Board Member	<u>      </u>
	Ms. Natalie Crowe, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Heather Hudson, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Kim Waldrige, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>

OFFICIAL GUESTS	Mr. Trent Provo, Superintendent	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Moriah Crane, Treasurer	<u>      </u>
	Mr. Eric Kirkendall, HS Principal	<u>      </u>
	Mr. Roy Bruce, HS Dean of Students	<u>      </u>
	Mr. Patrick Ault, MS Principal	<u>      </u>
	Ms. Sandi Yoho, MS Dean of Students	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Treva Lukens, Deputy Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Greene County Daily World on June 6, 2023 and The Herald Times on June 11, 2023. Proofs of the publication of the notice of hearing are presented.

06-19-PH01 **PURPOSE OF HEARING**

Under Indiana Law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public meeting.

All interested parties may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the (i) renovation of and improvements to the Central Campus, including Elementary and Middle School and Administration facilities, site work, and the purchase or equipment and technology (the "Central Campus Project"); and (ii) renovation of and improvements to the High School, including site work and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "High School Project," which collectively with the Central Campus Project shall be referred to as the "Projects")

The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as the Projects and ask any questions.

06-19-PH02 **PRESENTATION OF THE NEED FOR THE PROJECTS**

Mr. Provo discussed the need for updates to some of our systems that are critical to keep the buildings open. We have been working with Lancer Associates on a site study. This study helps us know where we should go with these projects. Mike Therber of Therber and Brock has also been used in the past for financial planning and funding for projects.

Tara Buehner with Lancer Associates discussed the details of the site study.

David Fields, our Director of Maintenance, spoke on the issues in the buildings such as systems being outdated and the need for updates.

Shane Shroyer, HFI representative, spoke on his experience in these facilities. He also addressed the major issues with humidity in the buildings. The fact that the systems are outdated and in need of updating were also discussed.

Mr. Shroyer also mentioned the air quality of the buildings and the effects on the staff and the students.

06-19-PH03 **PRESENTATION ON FUNDING FOR THE PROJECTS**

Mike Therber discussed the financial impact and the maximum parameters the projects would work in. The tax rate impacts were addressed. Timing of bond sales and payments were also discussed.

Mr. Therber then went into what a typical taxpayer would pay and gave a couple of examples.

The term of lease was then discussed.

06-19-PH04 **TESTIMONY AND QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC**

Deb Wessle asked the question of why the State of Indiana doesn't provide funding for school improvement programs.

Scott Carmichael discussed the current law and upcoming changes going forward to explain the timing.

Joe Bellman explained that as a taxpayer he appreciates the hurdles that will go into effect July 1st. He would like to see a larger referendum be passed that would cover everything.

Scott Carmichael explained that these resolutions will give the school the opportunity to do these projects and will not lock the school into doing the projects.

Mr. Provo, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Fields and Mr. Schroyer addressed the urgent nature of some of these projects and the potential to close our buildings if the systems should fail.

Mr. Bellman asked how the 4.1 million figure for both projects was determined.

Mr. Carmichael explained that was the maximum amount and not what would actually be spent or funded. Ms. Abts explained that the resolutions are to begin to even consider the projects.

Ms. Waldridge questioned the timeline from the resolution being passed to bids for the projects. Tara Buehner explained probably a 7 to 9 month timeline would be in place. Ms. Waldridge asked for a timeline that could be presented to the public and be put together in the next couple of months.

06-19-PH05 **EXHIBIT A**

Motion to approve Exhibit A, Project Resolution - Central Campus Project as presented.

Motion by     KW      
Seconded by     NC      
For     6     Against     0     Abstain           

**Passed** – Failed

06-19-PH06 **EXHIBIT B**

Motion to approve Exhibit B, Project Resolution - High School Project as presented.

Motion by     NC      
Seconded by     SA      
For     6     Against     0     Abstain           

**Passed** – Failed

06-19-PH07 **EXHIBIT C**

Motion to approve Exhibit C, Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures as presented.

Motion by     HH      
Seconded by     NC      
For     6     Against     0     Abstain           

**Passed** – Failed

06-19-PH08 **ADJOURNMENT**

It is recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed