

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

**September 11, 2023  
7:00pm**

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The regular meeting of the Board will begin at 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session may follow the regular meeting. The board meeting will be held in the Central Office Board Room of Eastern Greene Schools.

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)...

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

Sharon Abts \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Adams \_\_\_\_\_

Scott Carmichael \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Crowe \_\_\_\_\_

Natalie Crowe \_\_\_\_\_

Heather Hudson \_\_\_\_\_

Kimberly Waldrige \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

In Eastern Greene Schools' Central Office Board Room

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting is called to order at 7:00p.m. by Board President, Scott Carmichael

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Scott 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>  X  </u>
	Ms. Natalie Crowe, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Heather Hudson, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>
	Ms. Kimberly Waldrige, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>

OFFICIAL GUESTS	Mr. Trent Provo, Superintendent	<u>  X  </u>
	Mrs. Moriah Crane, Treasurer	<u>      </u>
	Mrs. Treva Lukens, Deputy Treasurer	<u>  X  </u>
	Mr. Eric Kirkendall, HS Principal	<u>  X  </u>
	Mr. Michael Conley, HS Asst. Principal	<u>      </u>
	Mr. Patrick Ault, MS Principal	<u>      </u>
	Mrs. Sandi Yoho, MS Dean of Students	<u>  X  </u>
	Mr. Dustin George, Elementary Principal	<u>  X  </u>
	Dr. Gretchen Morgan, ELM Asst. Principal	<u>      </u>

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Elementary School – Adelina Schwab and Lincoln Sammis

Middle School – Easton Wyatt and Avery Fuller

High School – Cody Jackson and Shelby Prince

09-11-4835 **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.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board will provide a period for public comments at regular public meetings of the Board.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the procedures of the Board for its conduct.

Comments will be limited to 3-5 minutes. The Board reserves the right to set an overall time limit for public comment.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall only be allowed during the time of public comments.
- B. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, or group affiliation.
- C. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- D. The Board likely will not be able to specifically answer questions at the meeting but someone will promptly get back to you. For clarity purposes, they may ask you to place your inquiry in an email.
- E. The presiding officer shall:
  - a. Interrupt, warn or terminate a person's statement when the statement is a complaint against any employee, or is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.
  - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
  - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
  - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
  - e. Waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy, rights of any Board member or employee, or the administration of the Board's business.

F. A Board meeting is a meeting in public, not a public meeting.

**AGENDA AND MINUTES RECOMMENDATIONS**

09-11-4836 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It is recommended that the agenda for the September 11, 2023 meeting be approved as presented with additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4837 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is recommended that the minutes from the August 14, 2023 meetings be approved as presented.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4838 **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

It is recommended that the claims, numbers 16957 through 17120 be approved as presented.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

**CORPORATION**

09-11-4839 **2024 Budget Hearing**

At this time the public will be given an opportunity to make public comments on the proposed 2024 Budget Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan. This hearing must be at least ten days before adoption date. The last allowable date for the public hearing is October 22, 2023.

09-11-4840 **PERF**

It is recommended that the Resolution to join PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund) be approved as presented.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4841 **Resolution Approving Form of Lease**

It is recommended that the Resolution Approving Form of Lease be approved as presented.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4842 **Resolution Determining Need For Projects**

It is recommended that the Resolution Determining Need For Projects be approved as presented.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4843 **Scoreboard Disposal**

Motion to approve disposal of the old middle school scoreboards that been replaced.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

**PERSONNEL**

**Employment**

09-11-4844 **Middle School Secretary**

Motion to approve Sheyanne West as Middle School Secretary.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4845 **Chief of Police**

Motion to approve the hiring of David Elmore as Chief of Police for Eastern Greene Schools.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ DC \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4846 **Security Contractors**

Motion to approve the hiring of Richard Klun, Cory Knight and Chance Humphrey as part time, independent, security contractors.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
 For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4847 **Class Sponsors**

Motion to approve Dylan Abell as the Freshman Class Sponsor and Jayme Bellman as the Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ DC \_\_\_\_\_  
 For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4848 **High School Cross Country Volunteer Coach**

Motion to approve Keisha Blais as a volunteer Cross County coach for the 2023-2024 season.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
 For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4849 **5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach**

Motion to approve Monty Porter as a 5th and 6th grade volunteer Boys Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 season.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
 For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4850 **5th and 6th Grade Cheer Coach**

Motion to approve Marissa Pfeiffer as the 5th and 6th grade Cheer Coach for the 2023-2024 season.

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

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ SA \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

**HIGH SCHOOL**

09-11-4851 **Early Graduation**

Motion to allow 4 students at the high school to graduate early.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4852 **FFA Overnight Trip**

Recommendation to approve the overnight trip on November 17 to November 19 for the FFA to attend the Foundation in Reaching Excellence Conference at the Indiana FFA Center.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4853 **FFA Overnight Trip**

Recommendation to approve the overnight trip on November 1 to November 3, 2023, for the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ HH \_\_\_\_\_  
For 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4854 **FFA Overnight Trip**

Recommendation to approve the overnight trip on June 17 to June 20, 2024, for the FFA to attend the Indiana FFA State Convention at Purdue University.

Motion by	_____ NC _____	
Seconded by	_____ SA _____	
For _____ 7 _____	Against _____ 0 _____	Abstain _____ 0 _____

**Passed** – Failed  
**DONATIONS**

9-11-4855 Motion to approve the following donations:

\$328.60 – Eastern Greene High School Class of 2023 to the Eastern Greene High School Graduation Fund.

\$500.00 - Tim and Sharon Abts to be used toward the Playground improvements.

Motion by	_____ NC _____	
Seconded by	_____ DC _____	
For _____ 7 _____	Against _____ 0 _____	Abstain _____ 0 _____

**Passed** – Failed

09-11-4856 **LATE ITEMS**

NONE

09-11-4857 **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Dustin George-** The Elementary finished their annual Paragon fundraiser and surpassed last year’s total. Mr. George thanked all the students and families for their support.

The playground project is in its final stages with installation in the next month or so. Mandy Buskirk has worked hard and raised over \$20,000 for new playground equipment. Mr. George also thanked the Greene County Daily World for running an article on the project. Mike and Judy Miles have worked with the school to offer a discount on mulch and that is very much appreciated.

Mr. George spoke on the NWEA testing for the different grades and how the school is focusing on individual student growth rather than pass/fails.

Ms. DeMoss-Blevins and Ms. Kimmel have been working on the “buddy program” to partner middle school students as role models with elementary students to help with various social, emotional, academic, or other needs.

Many clubs and groups are in full swing for the school year. Parents can watch for opportunities in our newsletter and other social media or by calling the office.

**Sandi Yoho** - Ms. Yoho thanked our teachers for the work on the NWEA testing and the troupers and SROs who have worked at the school and served us well.

Parent teacher conferences were last week and the middle school had a great turnout.

The middle school year is off to a great start and Ms. Yoho is glad to see the buddy program come back.

A big thanks to Amanda Tieman for her 12 years of service.

**Eric Kirkendall**- Mr. Kirkendall shared some high school data on enrollment and grades.

Homecoming activities for the coming week were mentioned. Mr. Kirkendall also mentioned the first home soccer game and wished the fall sports teams luck.

He spoke on the RIASEC student-focused career language that is being utilized by our career coaches and will hopefully guide students to long lasting careers.

**Trent Provo** - Mr Provo gave an update on the police department and equipment needs. He is looking forward to working with Chief Elmore and getting everything started.

The new school buses that were purchased were mentioned as they will be arriving next week.

The first professional development day is coming up on September 25th.

Mr. Provo reminded everyone that the next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 19th.

**Kim Waldridge** - Mrs. Waldridge wondered if we have considered leasing a police car. The other local school police departments were discussed with possible collaborations.

Partnering with the microelectronic companies coming to the area was discussed.

Mrs. Waldridge also spoke on aligning the strategic planning with school building and the school board.

09-11-4858 **ADJOURNMENT**

It is recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ KW \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ NC \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed** – Failed