

## NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board met 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 was 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 7:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Kelly Knies.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kelly Knies, President	Present
Mr. Brennan Schepers, Vice-President	Present
Mr. Shawn Dooley, Secretary	Present
Mr. James W. Harris, Member	Present
Mrs. Jan M. Dodd, Member	Virtual
Dr. Tara Rasche, Superintendent	Present

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Clay Cummins, 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	Present
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: Kelly Beck, Amelia Bieker, Lexi Reckelhoff, Calin Case, Cooper Hopf, Aaron Reckelhoff, Dennis Rasche, Andrea Rickelman, Amy Mitchell, Jennifer Ashby, Ian Wilson, Stan Verkamp, Liz Neukam, Kelly Bieker

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
October 8, 2024

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2024---146 It was recommended that the minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2024---147 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Kelly Beck and students talked about the Fab Lab at the Intermediate School.

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

2024---148 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #104619 through #104747 in Appendix #10 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 5-0

It was recommended that the regular meeting be closed and the Lease Agreement Hearing be opened at 7:14 p.m.

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

2024---149 **B. Lease Agreement Hearing**

The Lease Agreement Hearing was advertised on September 3, 2024, 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 to school facilities, including site improvements, and the purchase of equipment and technology. 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 is now open for comments from the public.

There were no comments.

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**C. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Fifth 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 Northeast Dubois County Middle School Building Corporation and used to pay the bondholders. Without the Lease, bondholders will have no assurance that the Northeast Dubois County Middle School 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 Fifth Amendment to Lease be approved.

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

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**D. Resolution Assigning Construction Bids**

The Northeast Dubois Middle School Building Corporation will own portions of the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School building. The Northeast Dubois Middle School 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       Brennan Schepers  
Seconded by   Shawn Dooley  
Vote               5-0

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

It was recommended that the Lease Agreement Hearing be closed and the regular meeting be opened at 7:19 p.m.

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

2024---153 **F. Capital Projects Fund Resolution**

We had advertised the 2025 budget on September 18, 2024 which includes the Capital Projects Plan in Gateway and on the Corp Webpage. The Public Hearing for the Capital Projects Plan was held on September 17, 2024. The Capital Projects Plan needed to be approved.

It was recommended that Capital Projects Fund Resolution be approved.

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

2024---154 **G. Bus Replacement Plan Resolution**

We had advertised the 2025 budget on September 18, 2024 which includes the Bus Replacement Plan in Gateway and on the Corp Webpage. The Public Hearing for the Bus Replacement Plan was held on September 17, 2024. The Bus Replacement Plan needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the Bus Replacement Plan Resolution be approved.

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

2024---155 **H. Resolution to Transfer**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of the resolution to transfer an amount not to exceed \$55,000/month or a total of \$660,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund starting in January 2025 for budget year 2025.

It was recommended that the Resolution to Transfer be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers  
Seconded by Shawn Dooley  
Vote 5-0

2024---156

**I. Rainy Day Transfer**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending that the Treasurer has the ability to make a transfer from Operations to Rainy Day for a total not to exceed \$50,000.

It was recommended that the Rainy Day Transfer be approved.

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

2024---157

**J. Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of the resolution authorizing tax anticipation warrants for 2025.

It was recommended that the Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants be approved.

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

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**K. Budget Transfer Resolution**

Indiana Law requires all school boards to complete the financial year with all accounts in the black. Therefore, we are allowed to transfer appropriations from surplus accounts to deficit accounts. The 2024 budget is in the black for the fiscal year. In accordance with the provisions of Opinion No. 11, Office of the Attorney General, dated June 28, 1996, transfer within the Education Fund, the Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, Referendum Fund and Rainy Day Fund are recommended. It was recommended that the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer be given approval to make the transfers at the end of 2024 and give a copy of the transfers to the Board as soon as completed.

It was recommended that Budget Transfer Resolution be approved.

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

2024---159

**L. Appropriations Reductions Resolution**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting the authority to lower appropriations where necessary to more accurately reflect expenditures July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, on School Budget Form 4B-Line 5.

It was recommended that the Appropriations Reductions Resolution be approved.

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

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**M. Teacher Contract**

The Teacher Contract Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the Teacher Contract be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley  
Seconded by Brennan Schepers  
Vote 4-0

2024--161

**N. New Hire**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending that Vic Betz and Tammy Schulthies be hired as Co-Head Girls Track Coaches beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

It was recommended that Vic Betz and Tammy Schulthies be hired.

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

**INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD**

**Jeep Spotlight**

**Resignations:**

Angie Schepers-Assistant, NDIS  
Adam Tompkins- Head Girls Track Coach

**Important Dates:**

October 11 - CCISD Flex Day, No School for Students  
October 14-18 – Fall Break, No School  
October 24- Fall Festival, NDJSHS 3:30pm-7:00pm  
October 25- Armed Intruder/Reunification Drill

**Weather INFO for cancellations and delays:**

Parent Square 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](http://www.wbdc.us). WFIE [www.wfie.com](http://www.wfie.com)

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

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**LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by James W. Harris  
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