

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 pm 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	Present
	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
	Mr. Chad Whitehead, 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: Dennis Rasche, Andrea Rickelman, Jennifer Ashby, Ian Wilson

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
August 19, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2025---98 It was recommended that the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2025---99 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Tracy Gutsell & Andrea Rickelman presented on AP-TIP which is paired with Notre Dame's STEM Program which we were approved for. Thank you to Liberty FCU for the Soccer scoreboard and gym scorers bench.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2025---100 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #106141 through #106315 in Appendix #8 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

2025---101 **B. New Hire**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending that Jenny Hilsmeier be hired as the Corporation Nurse.

It was recommended that Jenny Hilsmeier be hired.

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

2025---102 **C. New Hire**

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Shannon Neukam be hired as an assistant at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Shannon Neukam be hired.

Motion by Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 5-0

2025---103

D. New Hire

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Haley Sullivan be hired as an assistant at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Haley Sullivan be hired.

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

2025---104

E. New Hire

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Cassidy Riecker be hired as an assistant at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Cassidy Riecker be hired.

Motion by Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 5-0

2025---105

F. New Hire

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending that Reid Heeke be hired as the Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach.

It was recommended that Reid Heeke be hired.

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

2025---106

G. New Hire

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending that Colby Stafford be hired as the Head Swimming Coach.

It was recommended that Colby Stafford be hired.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

2025---107

H. Curriculum

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting the approval of the Human Sexuality Curriculum.

It was recommended that the Curriculum be approved.

Motion by Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 5-0

2025--108

I. Permission to Advertise

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting permission to advertise for the Budget, Capital Projects Fund, and Bus Replacement Plan Budget Hearing on September 16, 2025.

It was recommended that permission to advertise be approved.

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

2025--109

J. NEOLA

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting the approval of the updated NEOLA policies that the Board received last month.

It was recommended that the policies be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

2025--110

K. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend a field trip in West Lafayette, IN for the State Horticulture Contest on September 19, 2025 to September 20, 2025. This is an overnight trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2025--111

L. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend a field trip in Trafalgar, IN for the SOAR Leadership Camp on October 3, 2025 to October 5, 2025. This is an overnight trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2025--112

M. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend a field trip in Indianapolis, IN for FFA National Convention on October 29, 2025 to October 31, 2025. This is an overnight trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2025--113

N. Field Trip

Ms. Elliebeth Russell and Ms. Andrea Rickelman were requesting approval for students to attend a field trip to Portugal and Spain on June 7, 2027 to June 15, 2027. This is an out-of-state and overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Important Dates:

September 1- Labor Day, No School

September 24- Professional Development Day, No School for Students

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 WFIE 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.

2025---115

ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by James W. Harris
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

Board Member Information:

Kelly Knies- Initial date appointed-07/01/03; Current term expires-12/31/27; Appointed by- Hall Township, Allen Thewes

Brennan Schepers- Initial date appointed- 10/20/09; Current term expires- 12/31/25; Appointed by- Marion Township, Clarence Reckelhoff

Shawn Dooley- Initial date appointed- 01/01/20; Current term expires- 12/31/27; Appointed by- Harbison Township, Marvin Eisenhut

James W. Harris- Initial date appointed- 01/01/21; Current term expires-12/31/28; Appointed by-Columbia Township, Larry G. Hall

Jan M. Dodd- Initial date appointed- 01/01/23; Current term expires- 12/31/26; Appointed by-Dubois County Commissioners