

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 7:00pm 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: Denise Schroering, Jennifer Ashby, Andrea Rickelman, Kim Miley, Ian Wilson, Dennis Rasche

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2025---154 It was recommended that the minutes of the November 7, 2025 and November 10, 2025 Special Board meetings and the November 18, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2025---155 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Andy Chinn discussed the USTA \$200,000 Tennis Grant that the Corporation received. Mrs. Jennifer Ashby had some TAG Grant questions. Mrs. Andrea Rickelman asked to the Corporation to consider transferring less from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2025---156 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #106851 through #107002 in Appendix #12 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---157 **B. Organizational Board Meeting**

A date needed to be set for the reorganization of the Board. It needs to occur within 10 days of the start of 2026.

It was recommended that the reorganizational meeting be on January 6, 2026 at 6:30pm with the Executive session at 6:00pm.

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

2025--158 **C. Property and Casualty Insurance**

We had received the policy renewal from ESCRFT for our Property and Casualty Insurance for 2026 in the amount of \$133,179.15 and it needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the policy be renewed.

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

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D. 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 2026 for budget year 2026.

It was recommended that the Resolution to Transfer be approved.

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

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E. 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 \$75,000.

It was recommended that the Rainy Day Transfer be approved.

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

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F. 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 2025 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 2025 and give a copy of the transfers to the Board as soon as completed.

It was recommended that the Budget Transfer Resolution be approved.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Kenley Knight- 3rd grader

Resignations

Vic Betz, Girls Track Coach

Important Dates:

December 24-January 5, Winter Break- No School

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.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Motion by	Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by	Shawn Dooley
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