

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

February 17, 2026

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Kelly Knies, President

Brennan Schepers, Vice-President

Shawn Dooley, Secretary

James W. Harris, Member

Jan M. Dodd, Member

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board will meet in Executive Session at 5:30 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 is 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 is called to order at ___ pm by President, Mr. Kelly Knies.

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Clay Cummins, Attorney	_____
Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer	_____
Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer	_____
Mr. Andy Chinn, Principal	_____
Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	_____
Mr. Chad Whitehead, Principal	_____
Mrs. Tracy Gutsell, Assistant Principal	_____

NEWS MEDIA:

<u>NEWSPAPER</u>	
Daily Herald	_____
<u>RADIO</u>	
WITZ, WQKZ	_____
<u>TV</u>	
WJTS -TV	_____

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---27 It is recommended that the minutes of the January 6, 2026 Reorganizational Meeting and the minutes of January 20, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---28 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---29 **A. Vouchers**

It is recommended that Voucher #107166 through #107315 in Appendix #13 be approved as presented.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---30 **B. New Hire**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt is recommending that Tina Terwiske be hired as the Girls Varsity Tennis Coach.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---30 **B. New Hire**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt is recommending that Steve Hurt be hired as the Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

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C. Field Trip

Mrs. Nikki Haeffling is requesting approval for the Girls Volleyball team to attend a camp at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY on July 10, 2026 to July 12, 2026. This is an overnight and out-of-state field trip which requires Board approval.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

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D. Field Trip

Mrs. Amy Mitchell is requesting approval for two students to attend the Ed Rising Nationals in Portland, OR on June 18, 2026 to June 24, 2026. This is an out-of-state and overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

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E. New Hire

Mr. Andy Chinn is recommending that Makenlei Purkhiser be hired as an assistant at Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Resignations

- Joyce Hulsman- Food Service Director, 17 years total
- Sandy Braunecker- Cook, NDJSHS
- Gloria Schmitt- Cook, NDJSHS
- Jenny Hilsmeier- Corporation Nurse

Important Dates:

- March 20, 2026- Flex Day, No school for students
- March 23-27, 2026- Spring 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, the recording is on the Corporation Facebook page, go to and search Northeast Dubois County School Corporation.

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LATE ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

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- 12/31/29; 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