

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Organizational Meetings of the Board of Trustees in 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 was not a post Executive Session.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Mr. Kelly Knies.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kelly Knies, President	Present
	Mr. Brennan Schepers, Secretary	Present
	Mr. Shawn Dooley, Member	Present
	Mr. James Harris, Member	Present
	Mrs. Jan 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	Absent
	Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	Absent
	Mr. Chad Whitehead, Principal	Absent
	Mrs. Tracy Gutsell, Assistant Principal	Absent

NEWS MEDIA:	<u>NEWSPAPER</u>	
	Daily Herald,	Absent
	<u>RADIO</u>	
	WITZ, WQKZ,	Absent
	<u>TV</u>	
	WJTS -TV,	Absent

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Dennis Rasche, Ian Wilson

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
January 6, 2026

2026---001 **OATH OF OFFICE**

Brennan Schepers read the oath of office.

2026---002 **NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT**

It was recommended that Kelly Knies be nominated as President of the Board.

Nominated by James W. Harris

motion to close nominations:

Motion by Brennan Schepers

Seconded by Shawn Dooley

Vote 5-0

2026---003 **NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

It was recommended that Brennan Schepers be nominated as Vice-President of the Board.

Nominated by Shawn Dooley

motion to close nominations:

Motion by James W. Harris

Seconded by Jan M. Dodd

Vote 5-0

2026---004 **NOMINATION OF SECRETARY**

It was recommended that Shawn Dooley be nominated as Secretary of the Board.

Nominated by Brennan Schepers

motion to close nominations:

Motion by Jan M. Dodd

Seconded by James W. Harris

Vote 5-0

2026--005 **NOMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

It was recommended that James W. Harris be nominated as Liaison of the board.

Nominated by Jan M. Dodd

motion to close nominations:

Motion by Shawn Dooley

Seconded by Brennan Schepers

Vote 5-0

2026---006 **APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS**

It was recommended that the above nominations be approved and appointed.

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

2026---007 **APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION TREASURER**

It was recommended that Mrs. DeAnn Meyer be appointed Corporation Treasurer of the Board for 2026 and set her bond at \$50,000.00.

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

2026---008 **APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION DEPUTY TREASURER**

It was recommended that Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman be appointed Corporation Deputy Treasurer of the Board for 2026 and set her bond at \$50,000.00.

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

2026---009 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY**

It was recommended that Mr. Clay Cummins serve as attorney for 2026 and with a retainer as a single medical plan.

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

2026---010 **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

It was recommended that the regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Corporation Office. During October - March, the executive session will start at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. During April - September, the executive session will start at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

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

2026---011 **SALARY OF THE BOARD**

It was recommended that the Board Member's annual salary be set at \$2,000.00.

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

2026---012 **CORPORATION TREASURER BONDS**

The Corporation Treasurer bond of \$50,000.00 and the Corporation Deputy Treasurer bond of \$50,000.00 needed to be approved for 2026.

It was recommended that the bonds be approved

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

It was recommended that the organizational meeting be closed at 6:38 p.m. and the Board of Finance Meeting be opened.

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

2026---013 **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

We are required to hold a Board of Finance meeting in January. The Board of Finance is required to elect a president and secretary and to receive and review the investment report. Our Finance Board receives a cash and appropriations report each month showing them revenue and expenses.

2026---014 **NOMINATION OF BOARD OF FINANCE PRESIDENT**

It was recommended that Jan M. Dodd be nominated as Board of Finance President.

Nominated by James W. Harris

motion to close nominations:

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

2026---015 **NOMINATION OF BOARD OF FINANCE SECRETARY**

It was recommended that James W. Harris be nominated as Board of Finance Secretary.

Nominated by Brennan Schepers

motion to close nominations:

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

2026---016 It was recommended that the Board of Finance meeting close at 6:40p.m. and the Regular Meeting be opened.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Financial indicators from the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (DUAB) and 1782 notice.

<https://www.in.gov/duab/school-corporation-fiscal-indicators/dashboard/>

Weather INFO for cancellations and delays:

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 &

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northeast-Dubois-County-School-Corporation/108799282616997?fref=ts>

Parent Square information is on our website to receive text or email notifications.

2026---018 **LATE ITEMS**
There were no late items.

2026---017 **ADJOURNMENT**
It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 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