

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board 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 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 6:00 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: Ian Wilson, Andrea Rickelman, Amy Mitchell, Dennis Rasche

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---18 It was recommended that the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2026---19 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Amy Mitchell had questions about the vouchers. Mr. Andy Chinn gave updates on NDJSHS events. Dr. Tara Rasche presented this month's Superintendent Spotlight.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---20 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #107003 through #107165 in Appendix #12 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2026---21 **B. Field Trip**

Mrs. Amanda Johnson was requesting approval for BPA students to attend a competition in Indianapolis, IN on March 8, 2026 to March 10, 2026. This is an 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

2026---22 **C. Field Trip**

Mrs. Amanda Johnson was requesting approval for the BPA students to attend a field trip to Top Golf in Louisville, KY on February 5, 2026. This is an out-of-state 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

2026---23

D. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend the Farm Machinery Show and Tractor Pull in Louisville, KY on February 13, 2026. This is an out-of-state field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---24

E. New Hire

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending that Nikki Haefling be hired as Co-Head coach for Girls Varsity Track.

It was recommended that Nikki Haefling be hired.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Resignations

Clive Williams-Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, 18 years

Gabbie Chinn- Girls Varsity Tennis Coach

Important Dates:

February 5, 2026- Kindergarten Roundup, NDES- 6:00pm

February 16, 2026- No School or Snow Make-up day

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.

2026---25

LATE ITEM #1

Dr. Tara Rasche recommended that the March Board meeting date be changed from March 17, 2026 to March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

It was recommended that the meeting be changed.

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

2026---26

ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
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- 12/31/29; 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