

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board met 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 p.m. 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	Absent
	Mr. Ryan Case, Principal	Absent
	Mr. Chad Whitehead, Principal	Absent
	Mrs. Tracy Gutgsell, 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: Ian Wilson, Jennifer Ashby, Amy Mitchell, Andrea Rickelman, Nikki Haefling, Dennis Rasche, Lydia Hasenour, Elvin Hasenour

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 17, 2026

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2026---27 It was 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 Brennan Schepers  
Seconded by James W. Harris  
Vote 5-0

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

Amy Mitchell presented on CTE and CTSO for CTE month. Dr. Tara Rasche presented the Superintendent Spotlight for the month. Billy Harris attended the State House date and gave an update.

**BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

It was recommended that Voucher #107166 through #107315 in Appendix #3 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

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

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

It was recommended that Tina Terwiske be approved as Girls Varsity Tennis Coach.

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

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

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

It was recommended that Steve Hurt be hired as the Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.

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

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**C. Field Trip**

Mrs. Nikki Haefling was 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 was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

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**D. Field Trip**

Mrs. Amy Mitchell was 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 was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

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**E. New Hire**

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

It was recommended that Makenlei Purkhiser be hired.

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

**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 16, 2026- Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 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](http://www.wbdc.us) WFIE [www.wfie.com](http://www.wfie.com)**

**Board Meeting Times:**

**April-September: Executive Session, 6:00 p.m.; Public Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**October-March: Executive Session, 5:30 p.m.; Public Meeting, 6:00 p.m.**

**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**

There were no late items.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 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- 12/31/29; 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