

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 pm by Vice-President, Mr. Brennan Schepers.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kelly Knies, President	Absent
	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, Amy Mitchell, Kim Miley

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---36 It was recommended that the minutes of the February 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 4-0

2026---37 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Amy Mitchell presented on the Fine Arts Night on April 15 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Andy Chinn talked about Edmentum: Online Education. "Northeast Dubois Online" starts in April.

The Superintendent Spotlight was Amelia Grothouse. Congratulations to the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School Boys Varsity Basketball team for an outstanding season.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---38 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #107316 through #107468 in Appendix #4 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 4-0

2026---39 **B. E-rate Bid**

The E-rate bids for the Corporation's Internal Connections were received and opened on February 19, 2026. Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending the approval of the E-rate bid received from Matrix Integration.

It was recommended that the bid from Matrix Integration is approved.

Motion by Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 4-0

2026---40 **B. New Hire**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending Ashley Moriarty be hired as the Corporation Nurse.

It was recommended that Ashley Moriarty be hired.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 4-0

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C. New Hire

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending Katie Hackney be hired as the Food Service Director.

It was recommended that Katie Hackney be hired.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 4-0

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D. New Hire

Mr. Chad Whitehead was recommending Andrea Flagg be hired as an Assistant at the Northeast Dubois Elementary School.

It was recommended that Andrea Flagg be hired.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 4-0

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E. Electronic Payments

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of electronic payments

It was recommended that the resolution be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Shawn Dooley
Vote 4-0

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F. Field Trip

Ms. Andrea Rickelman was requesting approval for the AP Physics class to attend a field trip to Top Golf in Louisville, KY on April 2, 2026. This is an out-of-state 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 4-0

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Retirements:

Jessica Leonard- PreSchool Teacher

Important Dates:

March 19, 2026- Spring Carnival, NDES
March 20, 2026- Flex Day, No school for students
March 23-27, 2026- Spring Break, No school
April 3, 2026 – No School
April 6, 2026 – No School
April 15, 2026- Fine Arts Night, NDJSHS

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 ITEM #1

Mr. Andy Chinn was requesting approval for 8th grade students to attend a field trip to Top Golf in Louisville, KY on April 2, 2026. This is an out-of-state field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 4-0

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ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Motion by Shawn Dooley
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 4-0

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