

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 19, 2026

Vol. 2026 No. 6

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 5:00 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. This meeting is recorded for public record.



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---56 It is recommended that the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---57 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---58 **A. Vouchers**

It is recommended that Voucher #107645 through #107783 in Appendix #6 be approved as presented.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---59 **B. New Hire**

Mrs. Katie Hackney is recommending that Beth Sizemore be hired as cook.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---60 **C. New Hire**

Mrs. Katie Hackney is recommending that Donna Lee be hired as cook.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---61

D. New Hire

Mrs. Katie Hackney is recommending that Shalynn Hobson be hired as cook.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---62

E. New Hire

Mr. Chad Whitehead is recommending Gracie Mehringer be hired as a Pre-School teacher at the Elementary School.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---63

F. Field Trip

Mr. Travis Schroering is requesting that the Boys Basketball team attend the Basketball Showcase in Carmel, IN on June 26, 2026 to June 27, 2026. This is an overnight night field trip which requires Board approval.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---64

G. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger is requesting that the FFA attend the State FFA Convention and Vet Med contest in Noblesville, IN on June 15, 2026 to June 18, 2026. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---65

H. Field Trip

Mrs. Traci Wineinger is requesting that the FFA attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 21, 2026 to October 24, 2026. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote _____

2026---66

I. Summer School-Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Andy Chinn is recommending the following staff and possible pending positions be hired for Summer School 2026 pending interest and enrollment:

- Math Lab Teacher– Preston Brinkman
- Assistant – Matt Dalton
- SAE Teacher – Traci Wineinger

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
 Seconded by _____
 Vote _____

2026---67

J. Summer School-Intermediate School

Mr. Ryan Case is recommending the following staff and possible pending positions be hired for Summer School 2026 pending interest and enrollment:

- Reading 3rd Gr Teacher – Katie Gogel
- Reading 3rd Gr Assisant – Rebecca Fleck
- Math 4th Gr Teacher – Audrey Lichlyter
- Language Arts 5th Gr Teacher – Mara Danhafer

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
 Seconded by _____
 Vote _____

2026---68

K. Summer School-Elementary School

Mr. Chad Whitehead is recommending the following staff and possible pending positions be hired for Summer School 2026 pending interest and enrollment:

- Reading Kdg Teacher – Denise Schroering
- Reading Kdg Assistant – Kelci Newland
- Reading 1st Gr Teacher – Kortney Quinn
- Reading 1st Gr Assistant – Amy Lynch
- Reading 2nd Gr Teacher – Melissa Fox
- Reading 2nd Gr Assistant – Judy Fawks

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
 Seconded by _____
 Vote _____

2026---69

L. Bus Route Transfer

Mr. Brad Knies is retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year and is requesting to transfer the last year of his 2023-2027 Bus Contract for bus #5 to Duane Thewes.

It is recommended that _____

Motion by _____
 Seconded by _____
 Vote _____

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Resignations:

- Melissa Fox- NDES/NDIS Teacher
- Ella Hughes- NDJSHS Assistant
- Jessica Reinbold- NDJSHS Teacher

Important Dates:

- May 21, 2026- Last day of School
- May 23, 2026- NDJSHS Graduation, 4:00 p.m.

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