NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 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 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. This meeting is recorded for public record.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kelly Knies, President	Present
	Mr. Brennan Schepers, Vice-President	Present
	Mr. Shawn Dooley, Secretary	Absent
	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:	NEWSPAPER	
	Daily Herald	Absent
	RADIO	
	WITZ, WQKZ	Absent
	TV	
	WJTS -TV	Absent

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Ian Wilson, Andrea Rickelman, Dennis Rasche, Jennifer Ashby

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 4-0

2026---57 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
There was no communication from the floor.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---58 **A. Vouchers**
It was recommended that Voucher #107645 through #107783 in Appendix #6 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2026---59 **B. New Hire**
Mrs. Katie Hackney was recommending that Beth Sizemore be hired as cook for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Beth Sizemore be hired.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 4-0

2026---60 **C. New Hire**
Mrs. Katie Hackney was recommending that Donna Lee be hired as cook for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Donna Lee be hired.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 4-0

2026---61 **D. New Hire**

Mrs. Katie Hackney was recommending that Shalynn Hobson be hired as cook for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Shalynn Hobson be hired.

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

2026---62 **E. New Hire**

Mr. Chad Whitehead was recommending Gracie Mehringer be hired as a Pre-School teacher at the Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Gracie Mehringer be hired.

Motion by James W. Harris
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 4-0

2026---63 **F. Field Trip**

Mr. Travis Schroering was 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 was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by Brennan Schepers
Vote 4-0

2026---64 **G. Field Trip**

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was 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 was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 4-0

2026---65 **H. Field Trip**

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was 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 was recommended that the field trip be approved.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by James W. Harris
Vote 4-0

2026---66 **I. Summer School-Jr/Sr High School**

Mr. Andy Chinn was 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 was recommended that the summer school staff and positions be approved.

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

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 was recommended that the summer school staff and positions be approved.

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

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 was recommended that the summer school staff and positions be approved.

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

2026---69 **L. Bus Route Transfer**

Mr. Brad Knies was 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 was recommended that the bus route be transferred.

Motion by	Brennan Schepers
Seconded by	Jan M. Dodd
Vote	4-0

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Congratulations to the Class of 2026

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.

2026---70 **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

2026---71 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by	James W. Harris
Seconded by	Jan M. Dodd
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- Initital 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