REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

July 21, 2026

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Kelly Knies, President

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Brennan Schepers, Vice-President

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Shawn Dooley, Secretary

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James W. Harris, Member

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Jan M. Dodd, Member

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	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 Gutgsell, Assistant Principal	Present
NEWS MEDIA:	NEWSPAPER	
	Daily Herald	Absent
	RADIO	
	WITZ, WQKZ	Absent
	TV	
	WJTS -TV	Absent

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Kim Miley, Jennifer Ashby, Nikki Haefling, Andrea Rickelman
Ian Wilson, Matt Dalton

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---85 It was recommended that the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

2026---86 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
Mr. Andy Chinn discussed the new Cell Phone Policy in the Student Handbooks.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---87 **A. Vouchers**
It was recommended that Voucher #107980 through #108140 in Appendix #8 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2026---88 **B. New Hire**
Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Madalynn Gaug be hired as an Assistant at the Intermediate School for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Madalynn Gaug be hired.

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

2026---89 **C. New Hire**
Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Kyleigh Shaw be hired as an Assistant at the Intermediate School for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Kyleigh Shaw be hired.

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

2026---90 **D. Cook Wages**

Mrs. Katie Hackney had submitted the pay increases for the cooks for the 2026-2027 school year. These have been given to the board for approval.

It was recommended that the pay increases for the cooks be approved.

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

2026---91 **E. NDES Handbook**

Mr. Chad Whitehead had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

It was recommended that the handbooks be approved.

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

2026---92 **F. NDIS Handbook**

Mr. Ryan Case had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School Student Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

It was recommended that the handbooks be approved.

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

2026---93 **G. NDJSHS Handbook**

Mr. Andy Chinn had submitted changes to the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

It was recommended that the handbooks be approved.

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

2026---94 **H. Budget Calendar**

Dr. Tara Rasche had presented the 2027 Budget Timeline for approval.

It was recommended that 2027 Budget Timeline be approved.

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

2026---95 **I. Bus Route Transfer**

Mr. Brian Terwiske had submitted his letter of retirement and was requesting to transfer the last year of his 2023-2027 Bus Contract for bus #13 to Nick Snider.

It was recommended that the remainder of Brian Terwiske's contract be transferred.

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

2026---96 **J. Fixed Assets Threshold**

The Corporation Office was requesting to update our Fixed Asset Policy to only include those items above a threshold of $10,000.00. Technology will no longer be included on the Fixed Asset Report, but would be maintained independently.

It was recommended that the Fixed Asset Policy to only include items above a threshold of $10,000.00.

Motion by Brennan Schepers
Seconded by Jan M. Dodd
Vote 5-0

2026---97 **K. Lost River Co-Op Agreement**

The 2026-2027 Lost River Co-Op agreement needs to be approved.

It was recommended that agreement be approved.

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

2026---98 **L. EpiPen Usage Policy**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending the adoption of an EpiPen training and usage policy.

It was recommended that the policy be approved.

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

2026---99 **J. New Hire**

Mr. Chad Whitehead was requesting we hire Betty Allen as an assistant at Northeast Dubois Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Betty Allen be hired.

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

2026---100 **K. New Hire**

Mr. Chad Whitehead was requesting we hire Hannah Witte as an assistant at Northeast Dubois Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that Hannah Witte be hired.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Retirement:

Karen Terwiske- Teacher, NDJSHS, 40 years
Brian Terwiske - Bus Driver, 43 years

Resignation:

Seidina Wyland- Assistant, NDES
Angie Madden- Assistant, NDES

Important Dates:

July 28- Registration 3:00-7:00pm
July 28- Open House 4:30-6:30pm
July 29- Registration 8:00am-3:00pm
August 10- Staff Orientation-No Students
August 11- 1st Day of 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, *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---101 **LATE ITEM #1**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting that the October Board Meeting be moved from October 20, 2026 to October 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corporation Office.

It was recommended that the October Board Meeting be changed.

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

2026---102 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 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- 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