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 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	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:	Jennifer Ashby, Ian Wilson, Kim Miley, Dennis Rasche, Kelly Schmitt Carly Bleemel, Brooklyn Dodd	

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---103 It was recommended that the minutes of the July 21, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2026---104 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dr. Tara Rasche shared the Superintendent Spotlight. Mr. Andy Chinn reported that the new phone policy was going well.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---105 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #108141 through #108278 in Appendix #9 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2026---106 **B. New Hire**

Mr. Ryan Case was recommending that Nikita Stiles be hired as an Assistant at the Intermediate School.

It was recommended that Nikita Stiles be hired.

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

2026---107 **C. New Hire**

Mrs. Katie Hackney was recommending that Sandra Everman be hired as a cashier and cook at the Jr/Sr High School.

It was recommended that Sandra Everman be hired.

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

2026---108 **D. New Hire**

Mr. Chad Whitehead was recommending that Hadley Fuhrman be hired as an assistant at the Elementary School.

It was recommended that Hadley Fuhrman be hired.

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

2026---109 **E. Exceptional Children's Co-Op Agreement**

The 2026-2027 Exceptional Children's Co-Op Agreement needed to be approved.

It was recommended that agreement be approved.

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

2026---110 **F. Field Trip**

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend the SOAR Leadership Camp in Traflager, IN on October 2, 2026 to October 4, 2026. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---111 **F. Field Trip**

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for FFA to attend the FIRE Leadership Camp in Traflager, IN on November 6, 2026 to November 8, 2026. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---112 **F. Field Trip**

Mrs. Traci Wineinger was requesting approval for the FFA to attend the Agronomy Contest at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, IN on December 11, 2026 to December 12, 2026. This is an overnight field trip which requires Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---113 **G. Permission to Advertise**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting permission to advertise for the Budget, Capital Projects Fund, and Bus Replacement Plan Budget Hearing on September 15, 2026.

It was recommended that the request for permission to advertise be approved.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Jeep Spotlight

Superintendent Spotlight

Staff did excellent job getting ready for the start of the school year. The students are excited for another school year.

Resignation:

Beth Sizemore-Cook, NDJSHS

Important Dates:

September 7, 2026- Labor Day, 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 *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---114 #1 **LATE ITEMS**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending the non-renewal of Softball Head Coach, Dion Terwiske's ECA contract.

It was recommended that the non-renewal of the ECA contract be approved.

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

2026---115 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Motion by	Jan M. Dodd
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