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. This meeting was recorded for public record.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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	Absent
	Mrs. DeAnn Meyer, Treasurer	Absent
	Mrs. Gretchen Brinkman, Deputy Treasurer	Present
	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:	Jamie Strange, Andrea Rickelman, Kim Miley, Nikki Haefling, Jennifer Ashby, Ian Wilson, Dennis Rasche, Amanda Johnson	

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026---130 It was recommended that the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

2026---131 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Andy Chinn discussed the Fall Festival that will take place on Thursday, October 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Northeast Dubois Jr/Sr High School.

BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

2026---132 **A. Vouchers**

It was recommended that Voucher #108477 through #108694 in Appendix #11 be approved as presented.

It was recommended that the vouchers be approved.

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

2026---133 **B. Fall Budget Hearing Resolution**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of the Fall Budget Hearing Resolution.

It was recommended that the Fall Budget Hearing Resolution be approved.

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

2026---134 **C. Capital Projects Fund Resolution**

We had advertised the 2027 Capital Projects Plan in Gateway and on the Corp webpage on August 19, 2026. The Public Hearing for the Capital Projects Plan was held on September 15, 2026. The Capital Projects Plan needed to be approved.

It was recommended that Capital Projects Fund Resolution be approved.

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

2026---135 **D. Bus Replacement Plan Resolution**

We had advertised the 2027 Bus Replacement Plan in Gateway and on the Corporation webpage on August 19, 2026. The Public Hearing for the Bus Replacement Plan was held on September 15, 2026. The Bus Replacement Plan needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the Bus Replacement Plan Resolution be approved.

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

2026---136 **E. Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of the Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants for 2027.

It was recommended that Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants be approved.

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

2026---137 **F. Resolution to Transfer**

Dr. Tara Rasche was requesting approval of the resolution to transfer an amount not to exceed $55,000/month or a total of $660,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund starting in January 2027 for budget year 2027.

It was recommended that Resolution to Transfer be approved.

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

2026---138 **G. Rainy Day Transfer**

Dr. Tara Rasche was recommending that the Treasurer has the ability to make a transfer from Operations to Rainy Day for a total not to exceed $75,000.

It was recommended that the Rainy Day Transfer be approved.

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

2026---139 **H. Budget Transfer Resolution**

Indiana Law requires all school boards to complete the financial year with all accounts in the black. Therefore, we are allowed to transfer appropriations from surplus accounts to deficit accounts. The 2026 budget is in the black for the fiscal year. In accordance with the provisions of Opinion No. 11, Office of the Attorney General, dated June 28, 1996, transfers within the Education Fund, the Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, Referendum Fund and Rainy Day Fund are recommended. It was recommended that the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer be given approval to make the transfers at the end of 2026 and give a copy of the transfers to the Board as soon as completed.

It was recommended that Budget Transfer Resolution be approved.

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

2026---140 **I. Fundraisers**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt had submitted a list of Athletic fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.

It was recommended that the fundraisers be approved.

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

2026---141 **J. Field Trip**

Mrs. Amanda Johnson was requesting approval for the Spirit Club to attend a field trip to Henderson City High School in Henderson, KY on October 30, 2026. This is an out-of-state field trip which needs Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---142 **K. Field Trip**

Mrs. Amanda Johnson was requesting approval for the BPA to attend a field trip to Top Golf in Louisville, KY on November 10, 2026. This is an out-of-state field trip which needs Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---143 **L. Field Trip**

Mrs. Jamie Strange was requesting approval for the Drama Club to attend a field trip to New York City, NY on June 12-16, 2028. This is an out-of-state field trip which needs Board approval.

It was recommended that the field trip be approved.

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

2026---144 **M. Teacher Contract**

The Teacher Contract Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year needed to be approved.

It was recommended that the 2026-2027 Teacher Contract be approved.

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

2026---145 **N. Classified Salaries**

The pay increases for our Classified staff for the 2026-2027 school year had been given to the Board for approval.

It was recommended that the pay increases be approved.

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

2026---146 **O. New Hire**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending Ian Denu be hired as the Girls Varsity Softball Coach.

It was recommended that Ian Denu be hired as Girls Varsity Softball Coach.

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

2026---147 **P. New Hire**

Ms. Kelly Schmitt was recommending Talia Myrick be hired as the Girls Varsity Tennis Coach.

It was recommended that Talia Myrick be hired as the Girls Varsity Tennis Coach.

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

INFORMATION & REPORTS FOR THE BOARD

Neola Policy Updates- 1st Reading

Resignation:

Tina Terwiske- Girls Varsity Tennis Coach

Jason Braunecker- Maintenance

Important Dates:

November 10- Professional Development 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---148 **LATE ITEMS**
There were no late items.

2026---149 **ADJOURNMENT**
It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Motion by	Jan M. Dodd
Seconded by	Brennan Schepers
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- Inititial 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