

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the East Noble School Corporation Bus Garage.

Mrs. Babcock called the meeting to order with Mr. Beall, Mr. Lutter, Mrs. Schellenberg, Dr. Holliday, and Mr. Wicker present. Mrs. Linson, Superintendent, Mrs. Lamon, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ream, Business Manager; and Mrs. Wright, meeting recorder, were also present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MISSION STATEMENT

3. INTRODUCE CITIZENS

Mrs. Babcock asked the following citizens to introduce themselves: Michele Grimm, Venita Lawyer, Nancy Bodeker, Charlie Barber, Linda Zabona-Wooster, Bill Knox, Karen Patrick, Dennis Nartker, and Mike Shultz.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

5. BUSINESS:

A. Oath of Office

Linda Zabona-Wooster, of Emerick, Diggins & Zabona, PC administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected board members Dan Beall, Dexter Lutter, and David Holliday.

B. Action on Reorganization of Board of Trustees

Following a motion by Dr. Holliday, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dan Beall as 2013 School Board President.

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to elect Barbara Babcock as 2013 School Board Vice-President.

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to elect A. Stephen Pyle as 2013 Board Secretary.

C. Action on 2013 Board Meeting Dates and Times

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013 School Board meeting dates and times as presented.

D. Action on Board Member Compensation

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013 Board salaries remain at \$2,000 per year with no additional per diem for the regular meetings and that any additional stipend for special meetings be set at \$62 per day and \$31 per half-day.

E. Action to Appoint Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Craig Ream as the corporation treasurer and Mrs. Mary Casselman as the deputy treasurer for 2013.

F. Action on Conflict of Interest Forms

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following conflict of interest forms: **Barbara Babcock** due to her employment at the School Corporation's designated depository, **Dexter Lutter** due to his spouse's employment as a bus driver with the School Corporation, and **A. Stephen Pyle** due to a possible real estate transaction or any other transaction that would result in financial benefit for himself or his business.

G. Action on Appointment of East Noble School Corporation Attorney

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Daniel F. Diggins of Emerick, Diggins & Zabona, PC as the East Noble School Corporation attorney for 2013.

H. Action on Designation of Newspaper for Publication

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to designate The News-Sun as the newspaper for required legal publications for 2013.

I. Action on Board of Finance

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve a recommendation made by Superintendent Ann Linson to designate the entire School Board as the East Noble School Corporation Board of Finance for 2013.

J. Action on End-of-Year Account Transfers

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to approve the end-of-year account transfers to close out the 2012 budget as required by the State Board of Accounts.

K. Action to Establish Financial Goals

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial goals as follows: "With strong and responsible fiscal management currently established, East Noble School Corporation shall maintain the current levels between the expenditures for the student instruction expenditure categories and other expenditure categories as described in IC 21-10-3-4 for the next fiscal year."

6. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2012

Following a motion by Dr. Holliday, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting as presented.

7. CLAIMS OF DECEMBER 27, 2012

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following claims for December 27 2012:

- Handwritten checks #28690 - #28710, dated 12/14/12 – 12/26/12 in the amount of \$320,432.27
- Checks #28711 - #28748, dated 12/27/12 in the amount of \$ 56,656.63
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #2074 dated 12/17/12 in the amount of \$ 26,391.90
- December Payrolls: P-25 & P-26 in the amount of \$1,420,944.94

Grand Total: \$ 1,824,425.74

8. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Kenneth Lynch** as cross country and track coach at East Noble High School effective January 4, 2013; the retirement of **Jim Felger** as maintenance employee effective February 15, 2013, and the termination of **Kenneth Lynch** as maintenance employee effective January 4, 2013.

B. Reassignments

None

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires (\*\*pending completion of the required Expanded Criminal Background screening): **Sarah Carpenter** as special education teacher at Rome City Elementary School for a temporary contract for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year; and **Abigail Cox** as part-time dishwasher at Rome City Elementary School effective January 3, 2013.

The Board also approved the following ECA positions for the 2012/2013 school year: **Chuck Leamon** as head wrestling coach, and **Sam Housholder** as assistant wrestling coach at **East Noble Middle School**; and **Peter Kempf** as head boys' track coach at **East Noble High School**.

D. Leave Requests

None

9. INSTRUCTION

A. Goal 3: Update on Bus Garage Savings

Business manager Craig Ream reported that the district has saved more than \$44,000 on school bus maintenance since opening the East Noble bus maintenance garage. He compared vendors cost from 2010 with the cost the district spent in 2012 by maintaining the bus fleet through the bus maintenance garage. Maintenance director Bill Knox also reported that for the first time ever all the school district busses passed state inspections this past summer and, recently, three 10 year old busses passed inspection on the first round.

B. Goal 1: Overview and Update on Building Security

Superintendent Mrs. Ann Linson reviewed the strategies and procedures in place in our buildings and outlined future plans being made to insure the safety of our students and staff at East Noble School Corporation. The administration is working with the Kendallville Police Chief to assign a half-time resource office along with our full time officer now working with the district. The administration has contracted with a national school safety and security services firm scheduled to be in the corporation on January 28-30 to evaluate each building and meet with parents and staff.

10. LATE ITEMS

None

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

President Mr. Dean Beall welcomed Mrs. Becca Lamon to her first meeting as Assistant Superintendent.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beall adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The Board met in an Executive Session to discuss school safety per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (3) following the regular meeting. The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, **January 23** at **East Noble High School** beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

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President

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Secretary