

# Regular Board Meeting

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EASTERN HANCOCK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - 10370 E. 250 N., Charlottesville, IN 46117

(317-936-5444)

Monday, December 14, 2020

7:00pm - 8:30pm

### 1 Public Notice

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This meeting is a meeting of the School Board held in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. The Board will permit fair and orderly public expression as indicated by the Agenda Item Public Comment. Procedures to govern such participation are available upon request. The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent with the School Corporation's Administrative Office at 317-936-5444.

### 2 Call To Order

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**Minutes:**

Mr. James R. Jackson, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: James R. Jackson, Jr., Scott Petry, Tammy Stunda, Scott Johnson, Tammy Settergren

Absent: None

### 3 Pledge of Allegiance

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### 4 Success Stories

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**Minutes:**

-Mrs. Amanda Pyle, ES Principal, introduced Mrs. Cindy MacMillan, Media Specialist, and asked her to share about the Young Hoosier Challenge she conducts each year. Mrs. MacMillan explained how every year a committee across the state reviews about 80 books and then selects 20 that become the nominees for the Young Hoosier Book Award. Then each year at Eastern Hancock, 4th & 5th grade students are challenged to read these 20 books, receiving incentives along the way with the number of books completed. Students who complete at least 5 of these books are invited to give feedback on their favorite book, thus being a part of selecting the state Young Hoosier Book Award winner. Currently 25 EH students have chosen to participate in this challenge, and Mrs. MacMillan invited those who have completed at least 5 books to join the Board meeting. Those who have completed 6 books so far are: Madi Coleman, Amelia Shores & Maverick Burke. Those completing 7 books are: Becca Cooley & Bristol Maxwell. And the new record-breaker for completing all 20 the quickest is Molly Ebbert.

-Mr. Adam Barton, MS/HS Principal, reminded everyone that last month the Lilly Endowment nominees for Eastern Hancock were introduced. This month he was honored to announce that one of the two Lilly Finalist winners for Hancock County was our own senior Lainie Lawrence. The Hancock County Community Foundation met at her house to award her the certificate, and she will now get to select the Indiana school of her choice to attend with a full scholarship.

### 5 Public Comment

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**Minutes:**

-None

## 6 Consent Agenda

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### 6.1 Minutes of November 2 Collective Bargaining Meeting

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### 6.2 Minutes of November 9, 2020

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### 6.3 Transfer Students

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**Minutes:**

-None for December

### 6.4 Field Trips

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**Minutes:**

-FFA - Des Moines, IA - February 12-15, 2021

-Select HS Band Students - Honolulu, Hawaii - June 8-16, 2021

### 6.5 Substitutes

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Sub Teachers: Add Laura Sidwell, Kenny Whisman & Clarissa O'Neal

### 6.6 ECA

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**Minutes:**

-Nothing for December

### 6.7 Certified Staff

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**Minutes:**

-Resignation - Ashley VanDuyn - from ES Teacher to Vocal Music Teacher - effective Jan. 1, 2021

-Reassignment - Ashley VanDuyn - from ES Teacher to Vocal Music Teacher - effective January 4, 2021

-Maternity Leave - Erin Wolski - 2nd Grade Teacher - Effective February 26, 2021 to end of school year

### 6.8 Support Staff

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**Minutes:**

-Resignation - Clarissa O'Neal - MS IA - Effective November 24, 2020

-New Hire - Justin Stephens - MS IA - Effective November 30, 2020

### 6.9 Claims

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**Minutes:**

Prewritten: \$345,177.93  
Regular: \$126,817.81  
Payroll: \$695,690.95  
TOTAL: \$1,167,686.69

Mrs. Settergren moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## 7 2021-22 High School Course Guide

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. Adam Barton, MS/HS Principal, reviewed the 2021-22 High School Course Guide that was updated & created by Mrs. Kelli Brown, HS Guidance Counselor, highlighting expected changes for the coming year and explaining how they fall in the Graduation Pathways schedule. (See attachment for changes.)

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Stunda seconded a motion to approve the 2021-22 High School Course Guide as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## 8 2021 Board Meeting Dates

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Settergren seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Board Meeting dates as presented. (See attachment.) Motion carried 5-0.

## 9 Informational

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**Minutes:**

-Mr. David Pfaff, Superintendent, acknowledged the challenging road it has been, starting on July 30, 2020, and the accomplishment achieved to arrive at the end of this first semester, keeping our doors open and providing a welcoming place for students to come, learn and thrive each day. He expressed his pride in our people and his thankfulness for the incredible effort it has taken to accomplish this by sharing the following:

"I want to start out with the Transportation Department: Greg Turner, Chris Knoblock and the bus drivers. Everyday, every morning, every afternoon, they are masked up hauling kids to school and hauling kids home. The last couple weeks have been very difficult for them. It's been tough to keep that department staffed, but I'm very proud of the work those folks have done.

The Food Service in both of the cafeterias: They've fed kids everyday, and they've fed kids every week. They've provided hundreds and hundreds of meals on Monday evenings for the kids who are home. And again, they also have faced staffing problems, but they've kept going. Tracy Wilson has done a tremendous job with those people.

Our maintenance and custodial staff: Same story, shortage of some staffing, but they've kept going. The extra responsibility of COVID cleaning and sanitation on them has been monumental, and they've kept going and answered the call. I'm very proud of them.

All of the people who work in the four offices of the school corporation, each building office and the people who work in this office have done tremendous work handling people's questions and staff questions, handling problems that have come up that no one ever foresaw.

The teachers and the instructional assistants in the classrooms: That's where the rubber hits the road; that's where the magic happens in our business. That's the bottom line is what happens in the classrooms. And they have done a great, great job. We've got some who have taught from home virtually, and we've got some who

have been here every day. We've got some that have been quarantined, some that have been sick, but they too have kept coming back, and I'm really proud of what they've done.

So it's been a team effort. It's only halftime, or it's almost halftime, but I'm really, really proud of what our people have accomplished. The parents have been incredible. It's just amazing how patient and complimentary parents have been at what the staff is doing. We'd like to collectively give our parents a big hug. They've just been wonderful. As difficult as it's been, it's been a wonderful thing to see the way people have reacted and pitched in and buckled up and let's get 'er done."

## 10 Other Items Allowed by the Board

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### **Minutes:**

Mr. Pfaff recognized Mr. Scott Petry who will be retiring from the Board at the end of 2020 by sharing the following statement:

"The Community School Corporation of Eastern Hancock and the entire Eastern Hancock community wish to thank Mr. Scott Petry for 12 years of service on our School Board. Mr. Petry has always been an unabashed advocate for Eastern Hancock, and his love of the community has been obvious to us all. His insistence that we keep our sense of community and our students at the center of our thoughts has been a constant in this school corporation's business. Mr. Petry has served multiple times as School Board President and has been a consistent, clear, and passionate voice for our schools. He has been a constant reminder to School Board members and administrators about how proud we should all be of our students, staff and community. Mr. Petry has been a trusted and passionate steward of our schools and has set an example of service for others to follow. And I personally have dearly loved working with him and for him, and I will miss him sorely."

Mr. Jackson, Board President, then presented Mr. Petry with a small token gift to represent his time of service. Mr. Jackson also commented on the numerous Board Members, both past and present, that Mr. Petry has recruited over the years and the wonderful mentoring of new members in understanding their roles and responsibilities that he then felt responsible to do.

Mr. Petry thanked everyone and expressed his love for Eastern Hancock, a place where his dad attended, he attended, his children attended, and now his grandchildren attend.

## 11 Around the Table for Positive Comments

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### **Minutes:**

-Mrs. Settergren reiterated the community atmosphere that Mr. Petry often recognized in the recent tribute to Indiana State Police Officer and EH Athletic Booster, Mitch Blocher, that was organized by the Athletic Boosters. The teachers, students, past students, parents & hundreds of cars that participated showed just how much we are truly a family community, not just inside the walls of EH, but outside as well. When people ask us, "Why Eastern?," this is why.

-Mrs. Stunda expressed appreciation for all of the efforts of our staff that Mr. Pfaff described, and stated that she cannot think of a school that has been more creative or flexible than Eastern Hancock to stay open for its students.

-Mr. Petry stated how all these years he wants to be surprised at the wonderful things he has heard about Eastern Hancock, but he never is, because this is just who we are at EH.

## 12 Adjournment

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### **Minutes:**

Mrs. Settergren moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

## Significant Modification to the Course Guide

2021-22 School Year

1. I have deleted the vocational programming for now. I will add it as an addendum and send it to you when it has been updated. Career and Technical programming in Indiana is undergoing a significant shift in the upcoming couple of years, so I am expecting major changes to course numbers, descriptions, and sequences. Those have not yet been published by either the New Castle Career Center or the D26 Career Center in Anderson. I do not expect that we will lose any programming at all.
2. You will notice a new course within the Agriculture Department that is titled “Principles of Agriculture.” This is the introductory course for all of the Next Level Programs of Study in Agriculture. The Programs of Study are a main component of the shift in Career and Technical programming. These Programs of Study align with the Post-Secondary Readiness Competencies for the Graduation Pathways guidelines. We are in good position to eventually offer 3-5 separate Programs of Study within the Agriculture department. We have deleted a couple of courses that have not been taught for several years and that will not align with the direction of the Programs of Study.
3. Similarly, you will notice that Introduction to Business has been replaced with a course titled “Principles of Business.” This is the introductory course for the Marketing Program of Study that Deb Grass began building last year. It will work with the Marketing Fundamentals course (a new name for this year’s “Principles of Marketing”) and the Strategic Marketing course when we have room in the schedule to roll out the entire sequence of courses.
4. Family and Consumer Science is the department with the biggest changes coming. Our plan is to allow Marci Gilbert to develop two more of the Programs of Study. She will begin with the two introductory courses for next year. They are Principles of Hospitality, which will lead to the Program of Study in Culinary Arts, and Principles of Human Services, which will lead to the Program of Study in Human and Social Services. We are looking at these two programs in particular to build on Marci’s current expertise in running the Nutrition and Wellness Culinary Arts courses and to also provide background in an area of great growth in the workplace—human services. You will notice that I have added the courses for the following year, but we will not offer them in 2021-22.
5. In Fine Arts, we have deleted several courses that were passions of previous band directors in order to focus on Adam Eaton’s passions and expertise. We actually have already been offering the Music Technology course in order to provide an additional elective at the beginning of 2020-21 for our shift to an 8-period block. It has been extremely well-received by the students. Ashley VanDuyn will offer another new course, a piano lab, to allow students to learn the electronic keyboard.

**EASTERN HANCOCK  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES  
2021**

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday (except where indicated with \*\*)

<b>January 11, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Reorganization/Board of Finance</b>
<b>February 8, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>March 8, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>April 12, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>May 10, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>June 14, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>July 12, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>August 9, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>September 13, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing</b>
<b>October 11, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting/Budget Adoption</b>
<b>November 8, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>December 13, 2021</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>

Board Agenda (Subject to revision) is published the Wednesday prior to the scheduled meeting date.