AGENDA:

EASTERN HOWARD SCHOOL CORPORATION
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School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
221 West Main Street, Suite One

1. Minutes: September 12, 2006 – Regular Session
2. Patron Comments
3. Academic Reports
   a. PL 221 – Update — Healy
4. Eastern Elementary School
   a. Space Camp Field Trip Request — Healy
   b. Fundraiser Requests — Healy
   c. Personnel — Healy
   d. Elementary School Update — Stephenson
5. Eastern Jr./Sr. High School
   a. Field Trip – (Science Club) — Healy
   b. Facility Requests — Healy
   c. Personnel — Healy
   d. Donations — Healy
   e. Jr./Sr. High School Update — Matas
6. EHSC Business
   a. Bus Bids – Permission to Advertise — Shrock/Vester
   b. Contract Bus Drivers – Permission to Advertise — Shrock/Vester
   c. 2006 Budget – 3rd Quarter Update — Healy
   d. 2% Circuit Breaker — Healy
   e. Liability Insurance Renewal — Healy
   f. KeyBank Lease – Extension Request — Healy
   g. Request to Dispose of Equipment — Vester
   h. Corporation Update — Healy
7. **Vouchers/Claims**
8. Board Comments
9. Adjournment

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MINUTES

The Eastern Howard School Board met Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at the Eastern Howard Administration Office.

Mr. Bill Heck, President, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Heck led the pledge to the American flag. Mr. Mark Lantz offered prayer.

Minutes
Mr. Hinesley stated that he had reviewed the regular session minutes of the September 12, 2006 Board Meeting and made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion LH/ML. Mr. Heck asked for questions/discussion. None. Carried 5 – 0

Patron Comments
Eastern parents expressed concerns in reference to recent vandalism incidents and punishments directed to the students involved. Discussion was held. Clarification on the "process" that is followed for such offenses was outlined by EHSC attorney, Mr. Mark McCann and Dr. Stephen C. Healy. Parent and patron concerns would be reviewed as part of the ongoing process.

Academic Reports
~~PL 221 - Update~~ **Tabled – November 14, 2006 Board Meeting**

Eastern Elementary School
Space Camp Field Trip Request
Dr. Healy requested approval for Eastern Grades 4 – 6 to go to Huntsville, Alabama for the "Space Camp" trip March 23 – 25, 2007. Discussion was held. Mr. Hubbard suggested having a field trip on the same day for the other students that would not have the opportunity to attend the Huntsville, Alabama trip. Motion ML/PH. Carried 5 – 0

Elementary Fundraiser Requests
Ms. Shawn Carpenter, Eastern Elementary Student Council Sponsor, requested to participate in the following fundraising activities:

	Activity	Date	Proceeds to:
1)	Ice Cream Sales	Each Month – @ Lunch	Elem. ECA – Student Council
2)	Pledges per Problem	November 06	St. Jude's
3)	Canned Food Drive	November 06	Kokomo Rescue Mission
4)	Hearts for Riley	February 07	Riley Hospital for Children
5)	Penny Post Office	February 14, 2007	Elem. ECA – Student Council
6)	Landscape/parks	Spring 2007	Memorial Park
7)	Work around the barn	Spring 2007	Purchase horse for special needs
8)	Deal or No Deal	May 2007	Make-A-Wish Foundation

Ms. Stephenson requested permission for the Eastern Elementary PTO to hold:

9)	2006 Fall Fundraiser	October 2006	PTO Boosters
10)	"Market Day"	2006-2007 School Year	PTO Boosters

Motion ML/LH. Carried 5 – 0

Elementary School Personnel
1) Ms. Stephenson recommended Ms. Kayla Featherstone as Eastern Elementary custodian, effective September 18, 2006, *due to the resignation of Ms. Roberta Powell;*
2) Ms. Stephenson recommended Mr. Kyle Bedwell as Eastern Elementary patrol supervision, *due to the resignation of Mr. Tim Fletcher;*
3) Ms. Stephenson recommended (see attached) for 2006 – 2007 Elementary After School Programs;
4) Mr. Shrock recommended Mr. Kevin Moss and Mr. Greg Kingseed as bus drivers for the AAA Program for the 2006 – 2007 school year.
Motion LH/RB. Carried 5 – 0

Elementary School Update
Ms. Stephenson reviewed Elementary items as follows:
- ISTEP Testing - complete
- Reviewing curriculum/standards
- In-Service Training – Literacy Conference
- Student activities are underway - after school programs – R.O.C.K.

Mr. Lantz asked Ms. Stephenson if there is "good" parental involvement at the Elementary School? Ms. Stephenson commented that EES parental involvement is great and there is almost 100% participation at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Eastern Jr./Sr. High School
Field Trip – (Science Club)
Dr. Healy requested approval for the Jr./Sr. High School Science Club to go to the Science and Industry Museum, Chicago, IL, Saturday, November 4, 2006. Motion PH/RB. Carried 5 - 0

Jr./Sr. High School Fundraisers
1) Mr. Mike Springer, EHS Girls Basketball Coach, requested to hold a "Free-Throw Shoot-A-Thon" Wednesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 26th; proceeds will go to EHS Girls Basketball ECA account to help pay for practice jerseys, shorts, travel gear and t-shirts.
Motion PH/LH. Carried 5 – 0

Jr./Sr. High School Facility Requests
1) American Legion Post 317 requested use of the EHS Café on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. to hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner;
2) American Legion Post 317 requested use of the Performing Arts Center on Sunday, September 9, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. to hold their annual Community Patriot Day Remembrance Program;
3) Cub Scout Pack 3520 requested use of the H.S. Pool on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.;
4) The Howard County Administrative Offices requested use of the Performing Arts Center Foyer on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, from 4:00 a.m. – closing for voting;
5) St. Joseph Laboratory requested use of the H.S. Auxiliary Gym on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. to hold Community Wellness Screenings;
6) The Howard County Health Department requested use of the H.S. Auxiliary Gym on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, (9:00 a.m. -) to hold the 2nd Hepatitis B Clinic;
7) The Eastern Howard Performing Arts Society requested use of the Performing Arts Center (see attached) for the 2006 – 2007 season performances;
8) Mr. Paul Nicholson, EHS Varsity Track & Field, requested use of the Auxiliary Gym on Sunday

afternoons (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) beginning Nov. 5, 2006 for pole vaulting. (Board approved Eastern students and students from other area schools be allowed to participate in this activity.)
Motion LH/ML. Carried 5 – 0

Jr./Sr. High School Personnel
1) Mr. Matas and Ms. Buck recommended Ms. Ruth Hunt as an EHS cafeteria employee *(due to the resignation of Ms. Sandy Fights)*;
2) Mr. Jeff Glick, EHS Boys Varsity Swim Coach, is submitting his letter of resignation, effective immediately;
3) Ms. Karen Buck, EHS Cafeteria Manager, submitted her retirement letter, effective June 1, 2007;
4) Mr. Wilson recommended winter coaching positions *as attached;*
5) Mr. Wilson recommended Athletic Supervision positions *as attached.*
Motion LH/BH. Carried 5 – 0

Donations
Dr. Healy recommended acceptance of donations as follows:

Eastern Athletic Boosters:	
Girls Golf	$ 80.00
Boys Football	$ 450.00
Girls Soccer	$ 150.00
Volleyball	$ 220.00
Boys Tennis	$ 150.00
Boys/Girls Cross Country	$ 130.00
Boys Soccer	$ 280.00
Total	**$ 1460.00**

Mr. Hubbard commended the Eastern Athletic Boosters for their assistance with "taking tickets", which is a significant cost savings to the corporation.
Motion RB/PH. Carried 5 – 0

Jr./Sr. High School Update
Mr. Matas reviewed Jr./Sr. High School items as follows:
- October 13th - 8th Grade to Mississinewa 1812, Friday,
- October 17th - End of 9 week grading period
- October 14th – ISSMA Regional Band Competition @ Chesterton
- October 24th – Fall Choral Concert – 7:30 p.m.
- October 24th – 8th Grade – Welcome to the Real World
- 2006 Homecoming was very well-organized and well-planned, great

Eastern Howard School Corporation
Bus Bids – Permission to Advertise
Mr. Brad Shrock, EHSC Transportation Director, reviewed specifications (see attached) for the purchase of a new bus (84 passenger). Discussion was held. Mr. Shrock requested Board approval to advertise for a new bus per the 2007 Bus Replacement schedule. Mr. Shrock stated that EHSC bus # 3 would be used as a spare/float bus and that EHSC bus # 4 would be traded-in with the purchase of the new bus.
Mr. Hubbard made a motion to approve the advertisement to purchase a new bus according to the specifications presented: Motion PH/RB. Carried 5 – 0

Contract Bus Drivers – Permission to Advertise

Mr. Shrock requested Board approval to advertise for contract bus driver route bids (see attached). EHSC is currently in the last year of the 4-year contracts. The new bidding period will be for 2007 through the end of the school year in 2011. Mr. Shrock requested approval of the Board to allow drivers to use buses that are 12 years old. Busses over 10 years old must have two State Police inspections per year instead of one.

Mr. Hinesley made a motion to approve advertisement for contract bus driver routes according to the schedule presented and approval to allow drivers to use buses that are 12 years old:

Motion LH/ML. Carried 5 – 0

2006 Budget – 3rd Quarter Update

Dr. Healy updated the Board on the EHSC cash flow (revenue vs. expenses) for the 2006 Budget Year (to date). (See attached.) Discussion was held

2% Circuit Breaker

Dr. Healy reviewed property tax "2% Circuit Breaker" information (see attached). Discussion was held.

Liability Insurance Renewal

Dr. Healy reviewed rates for EHSC liability property insurance (see attached). Dr. Healy recommended additional coverage increasing our "umbrella" insurance from $4 million to $5 million and recommended adding a "law enforcement" rider to cover our law enforcement officials that help with security/supervision. The additional cost for these two items is $3,250.00. The total insurance cost would then be $83,130. Discussion was held.

Motion ML/RB. Carried 5 – 0

KeyBank Lease – Extension Request

Dr. Healy stated at the September 12, 2006 Board Meeting, discussion was held regarding KeyBank's request for two additional five-year lease options (2017 – 2022; 2022 – 2027). It was suggested that EHSC should have a minimum lease amount ("floor") of $1,000 in order to protect the corporation from potential "market value" fluctuations. In discussions with KeyBank personnel, they will provide the $1,000 "floor", but asked that EHSC agree to limit increases to 95% of market value not to go below $1,000 monthly lease rent. Dr. Healy recommended approval of the proposal as presented. The time frames and conditions per option periods will be as follows:

Option 1	2007 – 2012	($1,000)
Option 2	2012 – 2017	(95% / $1,000)
Option 3	2017 – 2022	(95% / $1,000)
Option 4	2022 – 2027	(95% / $1,000)

Motion PH/LH. Carried 5 – 0

Request to Dispose of Equipment

Items Deemed No Longer Needed or Unfit for Use
Request permission to sell publicly or privately
and/or transfer or destroy per IC 5-22-22

Location	**Item**	**Description**	**Status**
Eastern Jr./Sr. High School – Art Room	Kiln	Fixed Asset Bar Code 001545	Trash

Motion RB/PH. Carried 5 – 0

Corporation Update
Dr. Healy reviewed Corporation items as follows:

- Dr. Healy suggested presenting "consent items" as a group for Board approval at the beginning of each Board Meeting vs. reading each item individually. This was a suggestion that was presented at the 2006 ISBA Fall Conference. Mr. Heck asked if the minutes would reflect the individual items? Dr. Healy stated that the minutes would reflect all items individually.
- Dr. Healy commented that the October 4, 2006 staff in-Service on harassment and bullying presented by Ms. Susan Traynor Chastain, Bose, Evans and McKinney, went well. Mr. Michael Kantz is working on Administrative Guidelines in coordination with achieving his administrative license.

Vouchers/Claims

Payroll Vouchers (2)	$ 267,773.67	9/15/06
	$ 260,978.54	10/2/06
Claim Dockets (2)	$ 182,229.79	9/15/06
	$ 354,294.66	10/10/06

Mr. Hinesley made the motion to approve as presented. Motion LH/BH. Carried 5 – 0

Board Comments
Mr. McCann - none

Mr. Hubbard stated that he was glad to see that so many parents are concerned about their children and took the opportunity to express their concerns at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Hubbard commented that the landscaping project at the Jr./Sr. High School looks very good. Dr. Healy stated that Hill's Country Plant and Garden are doing the landscaping project.

Mr. Hubbard thanked Mr. Shrock for his work as Transportation Director. Mr. Hubbard thanked Dr. Healy and Ms. Vester for the good job in reference to their work on the Budget.

Mr. Lantz thanked the EHSC administration and principals. Mr. Lantz thanked the parents of the community for their "passionate" concerns in dealing with tough, sensitive issues. Mr. Lantz stated that making the right decision concerning students is most important. Mr. Lantz thanked the administration for their professional decisions.
Mr. Lantz expressed his appreciation for the privilege of attending the 2006 ISBA Conference which was very informative.

Mr. Hinesley thanked the administrators for doing a great job. Mr. Hinesley commented that there had been a lot of discussion in reference to the vandalism/punishment from community members and many are supportive of the administrators' decisions.
Mr. Hinesley stated that he had "handouts" on Full-Day Kindergarten that he would share with the Board.

Mr. Blankenship expressed his sorrow for the parents, children, Dr. Healy, the principals, and everyone dealing with the vandalism incidents. Mr. Blankenship stated that he would keep all involved in his prayers.
Mr. Blankenship expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the ISBA Fall Conference.

Mr. Heck announced Indiana School Board Association Awards:

- Paul Hubbard received Level I Board Member Award (75 pts)
- Larry Hinesley received a Master Level Board Member Award (230 pts)
- 2005 – 2006 Outstanding Board

Individual and full Board Awards are presented for active participation in workshops and conferences dedicated to improve Board representation of their schools and the community they represent.
Mr. Heck offered congratulations to the individual Board Members and to the entire Eastern Howard Board of School Trustees.

Mr. Heck read thank you acknowledgements from Michelle DeWitt, Naomi Echelbarger family, (John Echelbarger's mother), and Michelle Larson.

Mr. Heck stated that the children involved in the vandalism incidents are not learning by staying at home and emphasized the importance of getting them back in school, although they need to recognize the fact that choices do have consequences. Mr. Heck commented that the overall goal is to do the right thing and he is in support of the administration and their professional decisions.

Mr. Blankenship expressed his appreciation for the positive "culture" in this community.

Discussion was held.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn LH/ML. 8:32 p.m. Carried 5 – 0

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Secretary

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The Next EHSC Board of Trustees Meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office.