

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2017**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on January 23, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President, Ted Zess at 6:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, Sue Frohling, Steve Lambrechts, and Ted Zess. Also present were student representatives Ben Zess & Heather Nowatske, Dr. Christopher Hibner, Daphne Kohnke, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators/supervisors, eight guests, bus drivers, and one reporter. Ted Zess read the open meeting statement indicating that the meeting is open to the public as required by state statute and that notice of the meeting had been sent to the media and/or posted.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Stephen Cleveland asked if on the bus transportation issue, is it strictly an economic issue, or quality? He also handed out some documentation to the Board regarding outsourcing companies.

Janet Klaehn recommended that not controlling a cost mandated by the state can't be done better than in house. For personnel issues, a study with other districts that still have our own buses in order to handle the situation. Is someone trying to get rid of a headache?

Stephen Cleveland asked if there is a time table; why is there a rush – any outsource company should be able to transition more quickly.

Dave Tuttle responded he is getting a bad vibe that they are not doing an adequate job.

Ellen Leasure commented she doesn't think anyone is questioning the caliber of the drivers. Is there adequate support for the drivers? Training for the drivers? Short drivers? The disconnect is not providing everything we need for the drivers.

Janet Klaehn stated with the ACA insurance issues, such a major decision on what could be turned upside down tomorrow. Rushing into it without doing studies on how other districts are affected. Fuel surcharges need to be made aware.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Martha Bresler made a motion to approve the December 2016 payments in the amount of \$2,944,484.32 and receipts in the amount of \$1,403,152.15 as reflected on the financial statements. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Investing funds into the transportation department: Ted Zess made a motion to direct administration to include an impact need proposal for the next budget cycle process. Sue Frohling seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Transportation outsourcing or current structures: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to keep the current transportation structure with review at one-two years or sooner if the situation does not improve. Sue Frohling seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Listing of Chester Byrnes and/or Doubek properties: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to list Chester Byrnes for an unspecified amount of time as a 5 acre parcel. Martha Bresler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of donations: Martha Bresler made a motion requesting more detail from Farmer's Insurance before the donation is approved. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Soccer Co-op between District of East Troy and District of Palmyra-Eagle for 2017-18: Martha Bresler made a motion to approve the co-op pending the approval from Palmyra. Sue Frohling seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of Overnight Field Trips: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the jazz band, NAHS, FFA (2 events), FBLA, eTrec. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- G. Approval of Annual Audit for 15-16 School Year: Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to approve the annual audit. Martha Bresler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and approval of change order request(s): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the change orders greater than \$5,000. Martha Bresler seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- I. Updated/Revised handbook for Gifted and Talented identification and programming: Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to approve the handbook. Martha Bresler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- J. Discussion and action, if appropriate, pertaining to payment periods for employees: Moved to executive session.
- K. Approval of policies – 420 (School Admissions), 421 (Entrance Age), and 431 (Student Attendance): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the policy. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- L. Approval of Policy 536.2 (Trainings): Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to approve the policy. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- M. Approval of Policy 662 (Student Activity Funds): Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to approve the policy. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: None.
- B. Business Manager Report: None.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: The HS Planning Guide was included for February approval.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: None.
- E. Student Representatives Report: Start of the new semester and winter homecoming.
- F. School Board President’s Report: Reported on the school board convention and East Troy had their smart lab video promoted.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

None.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION –

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts, to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 for the discussion of payment periods for employees as provided under s.s. 19.85(1)(c). Roll call vote – Steve Lambrechts – yes, Sue Frohling – yes, Martha Bresler – yes, Dawn Buchholtz – yes, Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION -

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to reconvene to open session at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to change the 17-18 pay cycles to 20 pays for school year employees, with the option of 24 pays but 20 deductions for compliance. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lambrechts