

November 7, 2011

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on November 7, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Garvens at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Martha Bresler, Brian Wexler, Dawn Buchholtz, Bill Garvens. Board member absent was Mike Zei. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators, a student representative and 10 guests.

Bill Garvens 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.

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler for approval of the agenda, as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler for approval the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY**

Nicole Orzel and one other parent brought forward their concerns of needing the District's bus transportation for students living within village limits of school.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. District Administrator Report:**

- i. Dr. Chris Hibner discussed the duties, responsibilities and rewards of being a board member. Dr. Hibner also thanked the current board members for their dedication and hard work. Martha Bresler, Brian Wexler and Dawn Buchholtz commented on their experiences of being a board member. Bill Garvens officially stated that he will not be running for his board member seat in April's election.
- ii. As of the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, there were approximately 640 responses to the East Troy Community Survey. There will be a Special Board Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 where Bill Foster will share the survey results with the board.
- iii. Mr. Mike Weygand, East Troy High School Counselor discussed programs and happenings at the High School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance program, Challenge Day, Signs of Suicide presentations, WKCE testing, Career

Panel, building English Curriculum, Bully conference and Grade 11  
Student Individual Learning Plans.

Business Manager Report: No report submitted.

B. Director of Instruction Report: No report submitted.

C. Building Level Administration Report:

Pete Syens, Middle School principal reported on students attending a Leadership within Drama and Arts workshop; congratulated the girls volleyball, cross country and football on a season done well and wished the girls and boys basketball teams and the wrestling team luck with their upcoming season; commented on the middle school's PB&J Food Drive, Breast Cancer Awareness in the month of October and Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Syens also reported on the grade level teams working on updating curriculum; grade level teams categorizing MAP test scores to track student growth; students finishing WKCE testing; current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the Explore test.

Rick Penniston, High School principal reported on students attending a Leadership conference; success of the Halloween Bash; the Key Club's community service project; blood drive; various athletic accomplishments. Mr. Penniston also reported on staff using a growth model in specific courses; staff using Explore, ACT and Plan test data to track student growth; the progress of implementing a Cum Laude System in the High School; the use of various intervention programs.

D. Student Representative Report: Student representative, Bridgette Hart, reported that the Student Cabinet is still deciding on where they will be donating their profits from the Halloween Bash; there is artwork done by students being showcased in the High School; the Drama Department will be putting on their rendition of Happy Days; Girls Basketball starts November 16<sup>th</sup> and Boys Basketball starts November 14<sup>th</sup>; Operation Click will be using golf carts to simulate safe driving skills.

E. School Board President's Report:

- i. The Student Learning Subcommittee reviewed: the adoption of a Cum Laude system implemented in the High School.
- ii. The first meeting of the Operational Committee will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00pm.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

Moved to the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board Meeting.

## **IX. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT**

No items submitted.

## **X. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Current bus transportation procedures within village limits: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to request the Sheriff to review potentially hazardous areas, while considering inclement weather, within the Village of East Troy, at the earliest time possible. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Acceptance of Donation/Gift for Soccer Complex: A motion was made by Brian Wexler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to very gratefully accept a \$1,283.59 donation from The Knights of Columbus via Anna Goedland towards East Troy Lifeskills Program. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to very gratefully accept a \$2,500 donation from Francine Pease towards the Soccer Complex Foundation. Motion carried unanimously
- C. Refinancing WRS prior service pension liability: A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler for Kathy Zwirgzdas to proceed with the development of a loan for refinancing the WRS prior service pension liability with First Citizens Bank of Whitewater, with direction to increase the annual prepayment amount to \$200,000 from the proposed \$150,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Provide update and seek approval of non-discrimination of DPI report: Mr. Tim Peerenboom presented on the progress of the non-discrimination DPI report.
- E. Notice of Election for School Board: Dr. Hibner read the official legal notice announcing the upcoming April 2012 election for the School Board seats currently held by Martha Bresler and Bill Garvens. Candidacy papers are available in the District Office and must be properly filed by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012. Bill Garvens announced his intention to file non-candidacy forms.
- F. Evaluation of District Administrator: Moved to executive session.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Chris Hibner discussed WI Act 35 (allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons with a license) and the impact pertaining to restrictions and exceptions while on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of the grounds of any school.

## **XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS**

No items submitted.

## **XIII. SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

No items submitted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Motion to return to open session at 10:26 p.m. was made by Brian Wexler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Wexler