

August 8, 2011

The East Troy Community School District Board met on August 8, 2011 for a Special Meeting .The meeting was called to order by the President, Bill Garvens at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mike Zei, Martha Bresler, Brian Wexler, Dawn Buchholtz and Bill Garvens. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, administrators, and two 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 Brian Wexler and seconded by Michael Zei for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A preliminary draft of a survey that is being developed with the assistance of School Perceptions was presented by Bill Foster.

Dr. Hibner explained the intent is for community understanding of our educational direction and attaining feedback toward assisting with future decisions pertaining to the district. The questionnaire is not a predetermined referendum outcome or other agendas. The survey window is Sept 15th – 30th, 2011. The data would be back the first week in October, and will be presented to the Board during the first meeting in October.

It is the intent to have as many respondents to the survey, but members that elect to not take the survey, we hope will still learn about the school and the direction of our district. The second goal for feedback, Bill Foster explained that those who have developed an opinion will take the survey. In his experience, he explained that other surveys have been representative of influential community members.

Brian Wexler asked about correlating items in the survey. Bill Foster explained the survey will be broken into staff, parents, and non-parents. The survey results will line up the answers in these categories. The software can also itemize groups within the categories (such as Town of Troy, ages, and any other demographics).

Staff will be included into the survey, but then we will be able to disaggregate funding questions to only include residents.

Bill Foster also explained that text analysis can extrapolate comments that are appearing often in freeform writing.

Bill Foster then walked through the survey with the Board. Several changes and suggestions were made to the survey.

Mike Zei made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Dawn Buchholtz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Wexler, Clerk

These minutes will become official minutes pending approval of the Board of Education at the next regular school board meeting.