

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2014**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on April 7, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Buchholtz at 5:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Ted Zess, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz and Mike Zei arrived late. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators and nine guests.

Dawn Buchholtz 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 Ted Zess and seconded by Martha Bresler for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. WORKING REFERENDUM SESSION

- A. Review Updated Preliminary Options as it Relates to A and B – What Has Been Eliminated, Added, Addressed, etc. and a General Conceptual Idea:
- i. Matt Wolfert, with Bray Associates Architects Inc., presented and discussed the updated options A and B as well as an elementary school options summary (depicting elementary options discussed in previous years). Mr. Wolfert and the Board briefly discussed the direction they would like to take and the type of questions that will be on an upcoming community survey.
- B. Board Discusses How Each of These Ideas Correlates to the Ad-Hoc Objectives – Strengths and Weaknesses at this Point in Time Toward Additional Changes:
- i. The Board briefly discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the revised options on addressing ad-hoc objectives. The Board also discussed how the revised options may or may not have availability to expand and maintain flexibility in the future.
- C. Board Discusses and Determines Criteria of Importance Toward the Ongoing Development of A and B and additional Development of Any Option:
- i. The Board discussed at length several advantages and disadvantages of continuation of use and/or expansion of Chester Byrnes Elementary and/or Leona Doubek Elementary. The Board discussed the option of abandoning both Chester Byrnes Elementary and Leona Doubek

Elementary resulting in either an addition to Prairie View Elementary and/or construction of a new elementary building. The Board briefly discussed grade reconfiguration (ie: moving 5th grade to the middle school, making Prairie View Elementary 4k-5th, etc.). Mr. Wolfert and Dr. Hibner stressed the importance of gaining community feedback (via an upcoming community survey) on the vision of grade configuration, site consolidation as well as the future use and/or demolition of current elementary buildings. Mr. Wolfert reminded the Board that the District's "new" elementary (Prairie View Elementary) and "new" high school gym are nearly 20 years old. Mr. Wolfert continued to explain that communities remember significant financial commitments and it is very difficult to discontinue use in a building, if money is spent on additions/renovations (referring to reopening Chester Byrnes Elementary and/or renovations and additions to Leona Doubek Elementary). The Board further discussed the current status of Chester Byrnes Elementary and briefly reviewed the decision made a few years back, of no longer having elementary classes held in the building. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having only three sites and moving the Administration Office to Leona Doubek Elementary. The Board briefly discussed the building status of both Leona Doubek Elementary and Chester Byrnes Elementary and the pace of deterioration of the buildings if they are left abandoned, thus needing a long term plan for the Doubek/Byrnes site. The Board would also like to see potential costs of options, as that may influence future decisions.

D. What is Next?:

- i. The Board would like to see an Option C of a renovation and addition to Leona Doubek Elementary to contain renovated classrooms, additional classrooms and an additional space for administration offices. The Board would like to see an Option D of an additional elementary building on the Prairie View site and renovation of Leona Doubek Elementary to contain administration offices. The Board would like to have the community survey give feedback on plans A, B, C, D and future plans for the Doubek/Byrnes site. Dr. Hibner stressed the importance of honest community feedback and advised that the survey should not be based off of assumptions but rather constructed in a manner that the community can voice their true wants and needs pertaining to grade configuration, site consolidation as well as the future use and/or demolition of current elementary buildings. Dr. Hibner also thanked the community members that attended the meeting. There will be a working session meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Zei