

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on April 27, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Steve Lambrechts, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, sixty-five guests, the district's attorney and one reporter. Additionally, student representative, Julia Kostopoulos, was in attendance. 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 Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler for approval of the agenda as posted. Dawn Buchholtz stated public participation was not at the beginning of the agenda and should be moved to after approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON APRIL 14, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 regular Board meeting with correction on last sentence on Page 2 – ‘will be up for two additional years’ should read ‘will be up for one additional year’. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. REORGANIZATION OF EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

- A. Swearing in of recently elected member
- B. Appointing board vacancy – A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Ted Zess to appoint Gina Dingman to the Board vacancy. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Martha Bresler, no; Dawn Buchholtz, no; Ted Zess, yes. Motion does not carry. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to reinstate Board Policy 132. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to extend the application process for two additional weeks to widen the search for the school board vacancy. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts, no; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, no. Motion does not carry. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to extend the application period for two weeks in order to fill the position by the end of

the month. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts, no; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, no. Motion does not carry. Gina Dingman and Sam Bresler addressed the Board. Signed ballot voting results: Gina Dingman received two votes and Sam Bresler received two votes.

C. Election of Officers

- i. President
- ii. Vice President
- iii. Clerk
- iv. Treasurer
- v. CESA Representative
- vi. WASB Delegate
- vii. WASB Alternate

D. Committee Appointees

- i. Operational Subcommittee
- ii. Student Learning Subcommittee
- iii. Negotiations Representatives

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY (187)

Tim Griffin shared his concerns regarding rushing the appointment of a new Board member as this vacancy should be posted in the local newspaper.

Tricia Harris spoke on behalf of Gina Dingman as candidate to fill the Board vacancy to honor the votes she earned during the election.

Gina Dingman expressed the need to work together and move forward. Ms. Dingman recapped her experience and qualifications for the Board vacancy.

Mike Felske urged the Board to set differences aside and move forward tonight. He addressed the fact that Gina Dingman earned 1,486 votes, has been vetted by the community and should be on the Board.

Jody Heimos shared his support of Gina Dingman and described her leadership as part of the Yes Committee.

Randy Timms reiterated the need to move forward as a Board and reminded Board members that they are obligated to represent the community. Timms reminded the Board that almost 1,500 community members voted to have Gina Dingman as a member of the Board.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: Justin Modrak, IT supervisor, addressed concerns that had previously been brought up regarding bandwidth, the quality of the charging cable for Chromebooks and home wifi.
 - i. Referendum financing timeline – Brian Brewer from Robert W. Baird & Co. shared the referendum financing illustration, financing goals and structuring assumptions.
 - ii. Designing and construction timeline – This will be tabled until May 11th when Matt Wolfert from Bray Architects is present to address the entire Board.
 - iii. Update pertaining to 2015-2017 State of Wisconsin budget as it relates to PK – 12 education – Dr. Hibner reviewed the anticipated additional shortfalls that exist as a result of the state proposal to reduce categorical aid. On May 4th the legislature will be making a decision regarding the budget. Representatives are looking to restore some of the aid that was originally cut. If the budget is restored, the Board will be able to revisit the cuts that have been made.
- B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: No report submitted.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator- No report submitted
- E. Student Representative Report – The softball team beat Brodhead, the tennis team beat Edgerton and the soccer team lost. The Robotics team competed in the World Competition. Prom is coming up in a couple of weeks and AP Exams begin next week.
- F. School Board President's Report- No report submitted.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the March 2015 payments in the amount of \$1,584,743.21 and receipts in the amount of \$1,323,565.74 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of 2015-2016 negotiations with ETEA and ETESPA- A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the 2015-2016 negotiations with ETEA and ETESPA. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of 2015-2016 professional staff contracts- A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the 2015-2016 professional staff contracts with Option 2. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Extended Overnight Field Trip signing of codes of conduct- Students who are attending the summer trip to Spain and France signed the code of conduct along with their parents.
- D. Life Insurance – A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Fund 80 for 2015-2016 school year – The middle school will begin an intramural program to offer athletic opportunities to students. An after-school elementary foreign language program should be explored. The position of Activities Director will be further discussed as part of the Athletic Director position.
- F. Professional staff employment (contract renewal/nonrenewal) – Moved to executive session.
- G. Preliminary staffing proposal – Moved to executive session.

XI. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. Personnel Policies (500's) – First Reading
- B. MS students to receive HS credit – First Reading
- C. STEP Program (883) – First Reading

XII. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (NONE)

XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEM (NONE)

XIV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn to executive session for discussion of professional staff employment (contract renewal/nonrenewal/resignation), and support staff employment as provided under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c). Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

XV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reconvened to open session at 11:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to approve the final non-renewal of a professional staff member as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts