

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes – April 7, 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 5:12 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Ted Zess, Murry Mitten, Martha Bresler, Mike Zei and Dawn Buchholtz. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, six guests and one reporter.

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 Mike Zei and seconded by Murry Mitten for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. WORKING REFERENDUM SESSION

- A. Brief update provided by Dr. Hibner pertaining to the status of the process and timelines:
- i. Dr. Chris Hibner explained that the Board wanted to have a working referendum session after receiving feedback from current staff regarding facility needs and preliminary options. Dr. Hibner explained that the Board and District is focused on following a set process and timeline regarding a potential referendum and there will be a District mailing, listening sessions, building tours and informational videos being released in the upcoming weeks. Dr. Hibner also explained that the District is seeking feedback and that there is a place to do so via the District website.
- B. Briefly review Ad-Hoc objectives and needs of each building/District:
- i. Ad-Hoc objectives and needs of each building and the District were briefly reviewed.
- C. Review preliminary options developed by the Board of Education-A, B, D and D1:
- i. The Board took a few minutes to review the preliminary options, A, B, D and D1, as they were presented to the District staff.
- D. Share feedback from building level staff as it relates to preliminary options:
- i. Administrators presented a summary of perceived facility needs and concerns regarding their respective buildings/departments: Lindsey Harris, Leona Doubek Elementary; Twila Voss,

Prairie View Elementary; Peter Syens, Middle School; Rick Penniston, High School; Kate Harder, special education department.

E. Discuss feedback and decide upon any alterations to current preliminary options

- i. The Board briefly discussed the staff feedback as presented by administrators. The Board discussed the preliminary options for the middle and high school and that the proposed changes are relatively minor compared to the expressed concerns and needed changes at the elementary level. The Board believes that the primary facility concerns/needs at the middle and high school are and will be addressed in future alterations of preliminary options. After considering community and staff feedback, the Board feels that they need to focus on defining the long term vision of elementary buildings (ie: possible grade reconfiguration, new building construction, demolishing of current buildings, additions to current buildings). The Board would like Bray Architects and Miron Construction to alter options A and B to better address the concerns expressed by staff and to remove options D and D1, as well as present a different third and/or fourth option(s).

F. Review upcoming weeks and what is next:

- i. There will be an open working referendum meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 5:00pm, in the high school library.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Murry Mitten and seconded by Martha Bresler to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Zei