

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2012**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on August 20, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Wexler at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mike Zei, Martha Bresler, Steve Lambrechts, Dawn Buchholtz and Brian Wexler. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, 35 guests and one reporter.

Brian Wexler 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY***

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Trisha Harris suggested that a couple referendum options be showed with possible tax impact and questioned if the Board has to stay with the original referendum amounts.

Armin Nyffeler questioned the design of the Master Plan of Prairie View as well as how accurate the construction cost estimates are. Mr. Nyffeler reminded the Board that the School District is not the only taxing entity in the community and that many years ago, a pool was on a referendum, didn't pass and the District still does not have a pool.

Jean Stephan questioned if when the Master Plan is finished if there would be two gyms at each school.

Tim Griffin questioned what attributes would be lost if costs of the PAC were dropped. Mr. Griffin also stated that he believed that if the Prairie View, PAC and STEM were not completed now, that there is possibility of them never being done.

Jay Harris questioned the tax impact of the possible referendum.

Carl Matteson asked if the referendum included operational costs.

Ted Zess recommended to the Board to choose an option that has zero to little tax impact.

Claudia Felske asked the Board to prioritize the Districts needs made by the Ad-Hoc committee with a focus on Prairie View.

Martha Purnell encouraged the Board to move forward with STEM and the PAC.

Murray Mitten discussed how the District cannot wait another 15 years for a STEM, PAC and Prairie View renovation.

Eric Kramer encouraged the Board to act on a referendum, stating that with construction costs being down, this is the time to act. Mr. Cramer also told the Board that they need to rely on the community spreading the good word of the referendum.

John Rash encouraged the Board to choose an option that has a low tax impact.

***V. APPROVAL OF THE AD-HOC MASTER PLAN PERTAINING TO FACILITIES FOR THE EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWARD ASSISTING WITH FUTURE FACILITY DECISIONS.***

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A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the Ad-Hoc Master Plan pertaining to facilities for the East Troy Community School District toward assisting with future facility decisions. Motion carried unanimously.

***VI. INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,900,000.00.***

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A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve an initial resolution authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,900,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts, nay; Martha Bresler, nay; Mike Zei, nay; Dawn Buchholtz, nay; Brian Wexler, nay. Motion not carried.

***VII. INTIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II AUTHORIZING GERNAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000.00***

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A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve an initial resolution authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000.00. Motion not carried.

***VIII. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF INTIAL RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,700,000.00.***

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A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to prepare a resolution in the amount of \$17.2 million including:

- STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) classrooms
- Performing Arts Center plus 100 seats with an orchestra pit
- Windows in the high school library
- Renovation of toilet rooms at the high school

- Security improvements at the middle school and Leona Doubek
- Band room renovations
- Addition/renovation of high school kitchen and cafeteria
- Renovation of high school front entrance
- Renovation of Tech Ed classrooms at the high school

Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts, nay; Martha Bresler, aye; Mike Zei, aye; Dawn Buchholtz, aye; Brian Wexler, aye. Motion carried

A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Martha Bresler to prepare a resolution in the amount of \$18.6 million including:

- STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) classrooms
- Prairie View addition and renovation
- Security improvements at the middle school and high school

Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts, aye; Martha Bresler, nay; Mike Zei, nay; Dawn Buchholtz, nay; Brian Wexler, nay. Motion not carried

#### ***IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to hold a special meeting on August 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Zei