

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2014**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on August 25, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President, Ted Zess at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Steve Lambrechts, Chris Smith, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, reporter, and nineteen guests.

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 Chris Smith for approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON AUGUST 5, 2014 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND MINUTES ON AUGUST 11, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 special Board meeting, and the minutes of the August 11, 2014 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY (NONE)

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. District Administrator Report:

- i. Dr. Hibner reminded the community that the Annual Meeting will be held on September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
- ii. Mr. Pete Syens, middle school principal, reviewed programming additions designed to further prepare students for the transition to high school. These additions include: a flex period, 8th Grade World Language and Introduction to Computer Programming (8th grade elective). Mr. Syens also revisited the robotics class that was first implemented during the 2013-2014 school year. The robotics instructors were introduced. This group included: Jim Johnson, Brian

Schaefer, Mike Clark, Connor Harris and Amanda Kimball. Mr. Harris and Mrs. Kimball led a presentation to review the robotics program that was implemented during the 2013-2014 school year and shared the plan for the upcoming year. This plan includes more advanced programming using math and more opportunities for critical thinking; along with a different theme and programming for 6th grade students as compared to 7th and 8th grade students. Ultimately, leading to the robotics programming not being grade dependent, but level dependent – level 1, level 2 or level 3. In addition, Rachel Hunter, a junior at ETHS, described her positive experiences serving as a work study student assisting in the robotics classroom

iii. Dr. Hibner briefly reviewed the enrollment projections for the 2014-2015 school year.

Based on current enrollment numbers, Dr. Hibner shared that the district is projecting a positive variance for the 2014-2015 school year. However, he also noted that we must wait for the third Friday count of actual students in our facilities and open enrollment numbers of ins and outs before determining a positive or negative variance.

B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.

C. Director of Instruction Report:

- i. Amy Foszpanczyk introduced the new teaching staff for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ii. Amy Foszpanczyk reviewed the ACT Results for the Class of 2014.
- iii. Amy Foszpanczyk reviewed the 2014 AP Exam Results.

D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: No report submitted.

E. School Board President's Report: Ted Zess responded to the newspaper article regarding guns in schools. Mr. Zess shared the following clarifications: the request was brought forth by the police department not the District; the motion was made for the high school only at this time; the District does care about transparency and followed the police department's request for the proposal to be shared in closed session due to various reasons; and safety is a main concern for the District.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz for approval of July 2014 payments in the amount of \$1,027,192.54 and receipts in the amount of \$346,262.41 as reflected on the financial statements.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff recommendation(s): A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to accept the resignations of Kerry Doran and Traci Rabelhofer with liquidated damages as outlined in District Personnel Policies. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to approve Kathy Annis as a .66 FTE FACE teacher at the high school under a one-year emergency license. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to approve Maggie Pease as a .71 high school English teacher. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. National Board Certification Approval: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to extend the \$4000 stipend for NBCT for one more year with the understanding that this is looked at as a part of the compensation committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Open enrollment exception request: Item moved to executive session.
- D. Parent transportation exception request: Item moved to executive session.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT: NONE

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Chris Hibner thanked and expressed appreciation for the staff members that worked so hard to get the District ready for the upcoming school year.

The Board set public meeting dates for the upcoming referendum. These meeting will be held on the first and third Mondays in October beginning at 6:00 pm. – High School Library.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS:

Martha Bresler would like to add an informational/discussion item to the September 8, 2014 Board meeting. Mrs. Bresler will be sharing information about the character education group that has been meeting and presenting some ideas/opportunities to explore with the help of the Chamber of Commerce and the East Troy Area Foundation.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to adjourn to executive session for discussion of open enrollment exception request and parent transportation exception

request(s) as provided under 19.85(1)(c) and 118.125. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Chris Smith, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to reconvene to open session. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Chris Smith, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reconvened to open session at 8:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Dawn Buccholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the two transportation exception requests based upon the current known information. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dawn Buccholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrects to approve of the open enrollment exception requests. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris Smith and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Smith