

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2013**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on August 26, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Buchholtz at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Ted Zess, Martha Bresler, Mike Zei and Dawn Buchholtz. Also present were Dr. Chris Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators and 18 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***

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A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Martha Bresler for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

***V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON AUGUST 12, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING***

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A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

***VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY***

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No items submitted.

***VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS***

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**A. District Administrator Report:**

- i. Dr. Hibner recapped the status of the upcoming school year stating that the District is set for new hires with the exception of the .5 psychologist that will be hired soon. He also explained how the District initiatives are currently aligned with District goals. Dr. Hibner recommended the public to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting. He also stated that District safety and security updates are on schedule and briefly recapped a recent District Safe Schools training exercise that focused on assessing vulnerabilities. Dr. Hibner complimented Mr. Bob Ellis, East Troy Director of Buildings and Grounds and Safety Coordinator for organizing the Safe Schools training exercise and thanked the East Troy Village Police Department, Fire Department and all other parties for their involvement in the training.

- ii. Dr. Hibner announced that the Annual Meeting will be held on September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- iii. Dr. Hibner explained that he is hopeful that there will not be declining enrollment for 2013-2014 school year. Building administrators presented current enrollment numbers and explained that enrollment is likely to fluctuate in the first few weeks of school.
- B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: Amy Foszpanczyk introduced new teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year.
- D. School Board President's Report: No report submitted.

***IX. FINANCIAL REPORT***

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A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the July 2013 payments in the amount of \$1,181,731.06 and receipts in the amount of \$248,010.34 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

***X. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS***

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- A. Staffing Recommendations: A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Ted Zess to approve Justin Modrak for the District Technology Coordinator. Three ayes; Martha Bresler abstained. Motion carried. Dr. Hibner thanked the Elkhorn School District for their cooperation in Mr. Modrak's transition between districts.
- B. What's Next Pertaining to the Process at to Relates to Any Future Referendum for the East Troy Community School District (specifically, sharing a timeline): The Board and administration discussed potential timeline options pertaining to any future referendum for the East Troy Community School District. A tentative referendum working session meeting was set for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Dr. Hibner reiterated that it is important for the Board of Education to develop objectives and to begin with full scale support objectives and move toward varying opinions/options. He provide examples and he stressed examples from: 60% support prior of any vote, the need to move forward immediately, that the 41 million identified by the facilities ad-hoc is non-negotiable, and that accomplishing something with strong support should be a high priority.
- C. Acceptance of Donations: A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Ted Zess to accept a donation from Milwaukee School of Engineering in the amount of \$2,000 towards the purchase of startup materials for the robotics classes. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by

Ted Zess and seconded by Mike Zei to accept a donation from the Beulah T. Wolline Trust in the amount of \$10,000 to start new scholarship(s). Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Tickets to be Used at Extra-Curricular Events for 2013-2014 School Year: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Mike Zei to table this item. Motion carried unanimously. Item tabled.
- E. Elimination of Policy 443.5 (Use of Two Way Communication Devices) Because of Current 443.7 Policy and 443.7 Rule (Student Use of Information Technology and Communication): A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the elimination of Policy 443.5 due to repetition of current 443.7 policy and 443.7 Rule. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Open Enrollment Exception Request per new State Statute: Item moved to executive session.
- G. Update Regarding Parent Complaint Pertaining to Programming for Child: Item moved to executive session.

#### ***XI. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT:***

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No items submitted.

#### ***XII. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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Dr. Chris Hibner congratulated the *entire* District for the ACT accomplishment of the 2013 graduating class; 74.6% of the graduated class completed the ACT exam with an overall average composite score of 22. 6.

Martha Bresler requested that building principals introduce new staff, (including individuals in different positions than the previous year) to the rest of the building.

Dawn Buchholtz thanked the Wellness Committee for the “welcome back” water bottles.

Dr. Chris Hibner introduced Katherine Harder, the 2013-14 Director of Special Education and District Assessment Coordinator, to the Board.

#### ***XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS:***

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No items submitted.

#### ***XIV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Mike Zei to adjourn. Ted Zess, aye; Martha Bresler, aye; Mike Zei, aye; Dawn Buchholtz, aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

***XV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION***

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A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Martha Bresler to reconvene to open session at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Martha Bresler to accept the open enrollment exception requests. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Mike Zei to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Zei