

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on December 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President, Ted Zess at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Steve Lambrechts, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, Mike Zei, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Daphne Kohnke, administrators, fifteen guests and one reporter. 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 Mike Zei for approval of the agenda and the amended agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON NOVEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

- **Scott Seager** thanked Mike Zei and Dawn Buchholtz for the walkthrough of Chester Byrnes and allowing him to see the heating needs reports. He stated he saw the vision of some of the board members, but is still concerned with upgrades that will be needed for plumbing and ADA requirements. He later added he'd like to know more about what community organizations would like to do with school buildings.
 - **Gina Dingman** stated she has concerns with the funds that would be spent on the upgrades. She wanted to know why the RFPs weren't addressed earlier in the year.
 - **Armon Nyffeler** recommends that the board stop pursuing the Byrnes building issue.
 - **Austin Hannah, Student Representative** spoke on behalf of the students of East Troy High School stating the student council met and discussed the referendum question and the idea of using Chester Byrnes and the end result was students support using Doubek as the site for Administrators.
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VII. FINANCIAL REPORT (this item was addressed after item B. in VIII.)

Martha Bresler made a motion to approve the November 2015 payments in the amount of \$1,527,453.44 and receipts in the amount of \$244,476.09 as reflected on the financial statements. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. PBL (Project Based Learning) Presentation- (informational/discussion) Dr. Hibner introduced Melissa Deutsch to the board and talked about how PBL isn't just in one grade or school, but how we are moving the initiative throughout the district at all grades. Melissa has been in the ETCS district for 11 years and teaching PBL for the past 4 years. Melissa shared pictures, videos (from BIE) and talked about PBL and Smart Labs.
- B. Discussion and action, if appropriate, regarding offers to purchase Chester Byrnes and/or Doubek properties- (discussion/action) Mike Zei made a motion to go into closed session. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion to discuss the offer to purchase Chester Byrnes and/or Doubek properties as provided under 19.85 (1) (e). The motion passed with a roll call for a vote by Ted Zess, each Board Member voted in favor of going into closed session. The board went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION -

- Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:45pm. Ted Zess seconded the motion and the motion carried. There was a motion made by Dawn Buchholtz to approve of the request by an individual interested in Byrnes for a feasibility study to be completed by this individual for a Special School Board Meeting on February 8th based upon discussion held in executive session as per s.s.19.85 (1) (e). Mike Zei seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- C. Heating of Chester Byrnes: There was a motion by Mike Zei to table the discussion about the heating due to the interest in the purchase of Chester Byrnes. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- D. Budget Revisions for 2015-2016 school year-(discussion/action). Ted Zess motioned to accept the budget revisions, Dawn Buchholtz seconded to the motion. The motion carried.
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Issuances and Sale of \$4,700,000 Bond Anticipation Notes Pursuant to Section 67.12 (1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes- (discussion/action) Ted Zess motioned to accept the

Resolution Authorizing the Issuances and Sale of \$4,700,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Dawn Buchholtz seconded to the motion. The motion carried.

- F. Approval of Donations-(discussion/actions) Ted Zess motioned to accept the donation from ASM Milwaukee for \$704.28, Dawn Buchholtz seconded to the motion. The motion carried.
- G. Staffing Recommendation(s)- (discussion/actions) Ted Zess motioned to accept Alexandra Kitten for the .36 position, Dawn Buchholtz seconded to the motion. The motion carried.
- H. Notice of Election for School Board- (informational) Dr. Hibner restated the notice of election with the deadline dates.
- I. Results of Petition for Election filed with WERC pertaining teaching staff- (informational/discussion) Dr. Hibner read the notice sent out to the teaching staff for the recertification of the Teacher's Union.
- J. Open enrollment exception request-(discussion/action) Ted Zess made a motion to table the discussion, Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: None
- B. Business Manager Report: Update of ACA (Affordable Care Act) Reporting
Kathy Zwirgzdas explained that staff will receive a second form along with W-2's in January due to ACA.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: None
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: None
- E. Student Representative Report: (Had excused himself by this point of the meeting)
- F. School Board President's Report: Nothing to report

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

- First Reading: 443.3 Tobacco and Nicotine Policy
- First Reading: District Goals and District Initiatives
- First Reading: 425 Open Enrollment Policy (amendments due to recent law changes)
- First Reading: 829 Naming School Facilities (amendments)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

- A. Mike Zei wants to know if the district had considered utilizing ACT 32 for borrowing money to upgrade heating and electricity.
- B. Mike Zei wants to know if the district provides a health saving account to the employees.
- C. Martha Besler wants to know if the board can get together to discuss other uses for the other half of Doubek not being used by the administration.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lambrechts