

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on February 23, 2015. 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, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, ten guests and one reporter. Also present were student representatives, Julia Kostopoulos and Monica Zoellner. 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 Steve Lambrechts for approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 9, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Terry Dignan spoke about the upcoming referendum and the Board vacancy.

Patrick Evans spoke about the Special Board meeting held on January 7, 2015, the Board vacancy, Miron Construction and questioned a property purchase made by the Board President.

Gina Dingman spoke about the “Yes-erendum”, the district mailer regarding the referendum, the need to remain united and her campaign for the Board seat.

Tim Griffin spoke about the last Board meeting and the Board vacancy.

Tricia Harris spoke about the upcoming referendum, the need to remain positive and the need to move forward as a community.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report:
 - i. Recent State Budget Proposal for PK - 12 Education and the impact on East Troy – Dr. Hibner shared information regarding the recent state budget proposal and its effect on the District. He also shared a letter written by area superintendents to address the state legislators.
 - ii. Referendum Informational and Listening Sessions – Informational and listening sessions will be held at Doubek on March 2nd and at East Troy High School on March 16th. Both sessions begin at 6:00 pm.
- B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: The District is planning two parent outreach events. Reading and Math Games for Family Fun will be held on Tuesday, February 24 from 3:15 – 6:30 in Room 102 at Doubek. This event will reinforce the development of math and literacy skills. (Co)Operation Learn will be held on March 12th from 5:00 – 7:30 at Prairie View. This event will include a spaghetti dinner and fun family activities.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator- Mrs. Harder provided an update regarding the recently administered assessments and upcoming assessments.
- E. Student Representative Report – Four students are going to State for wrestling, three of the Forensics team members earned a medal in the last meet and the girls’ basketball regional game is at Lake Mills on February 24th.
- F. School Board President’s Report- No report submitted

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz for approval of January 2015 payments in the amount of \$1,435,647.40 and receipts in the amount of \$7,296,200.97 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Q and A with declared candidates pertaining to current board vacancy- Questions were posed by Board members to the candidates for the current vacancy.
- B. Appointing Board Vacancy- Board members voted by ballot: Vote #1 – no majority, Vote #2 – no majority. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to allow

motions for appointing a member to the vacant Board seat. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to appoint Jody Heimos to fill the Board vacancy. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Martha Bresler, no; Dawn Buchholtz, no; Ted Zess, yes. Motion does not carry. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to appoint Brian Wexler to fill the Board vacancy. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, no; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, no. Motion does not carry. Ted Zess called a ten minute recess. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to appoint Brian Wexler to fill the Board vacancy. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, no; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carries. Brian Wexler was sworn in by President Ted Zess.

- C. Approval of High School overnight field trips- A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the overnight field trips as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Youth Options requests - A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler to approve the Youth Options requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of proposed East Troy Community School District Summer School Courses - A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler to approve the summer school courses as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Notice of Election for School Board – Dr. Hibner read the Notice of Election for School Board
- G. Candidate Forum on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – A Candidate Forum will be held at East Troy Middle School on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- H. Preliminary staffing proposals –Moved to executive session.
- I. Update pertaining student(s) current educational services – Moved to executive session.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT -

First Reading - New policy pertaining to defining “personalized learning”

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hibner congratulated the State-bound Wrestlers, Varsity Cheer team and Large Co-Ed Cheer team. He also congratulated students who participated in the Solo Ensemble, the Patronum Bots and the Girls’ Basketball Team. Dr. Hibner thanked the Board and described how difficult it is to serve in this role especially when having to work through complex and challenging issues. He stressed that conflict is

healthy even if it makes others feel uncomfortable. As long as the healthy conflict is done in a respectful manner and that when one does make a mistake with their actions having the character to state sorry and to acknowledge. Finally, he commented how grateful he has been to serve with past Board of Education Presidents. He thanked Mr. Ted Zess for staying focused on solutions, turning a deaf ear when receiving any undue personal attack, and for his continuous leadership while navigating through rough waters by maintaining integrity and a commitment to the district and community.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

Exploration of seven member Board of Education.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to adjourn to executive session for discussion of preliminary staffing proposals and update pertaining to student(s) current educational services as provided under 19.85(1) (c), 19.85 (1) (f) and 118.125. Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Brian Wexler, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reconvened to open session at 10:48 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lambrechts

Pending approval at the March 8, 2015 Board Meeting