

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2013**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on February 25, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Wexler at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Murry Mitten, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, Mike Zei and Brian Wexler. Also present were Dr. Chris Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, three 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 11, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular Board meeting.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

No items submitted.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. District Administrator Report:

- i. Dr. Hibner explained that he believes that there will not be a revenue increase for schools next year due to the aid increase Governor Walker presented in his budget being directed only to property taxes instead of the revenue limit for schools.
- ii. Dr. Hibner explained that the East Troy School District is foreseeing a \$385,000 shortfall based on the revenue limit cap for the 2013-14 school year. The \$0 revenue limit increase would have been greater but due to a hold harmless clause, the shortfall will be larger in the following school year, 2014-15.
- iii. Dr. Hibner informed the Board that the District is now using HootSuite to manage Facebook and Twitter accounts, where updates on the FAQ's of the referendum are being posted. He also

stated that press releases and letters have been sent to the newspaper, posted on the District website and e-mailed to parents via Skyward message center. The Board also reviewed an informational display board that will be posted throughout the District buildings and local businesses. Dr. Hibner also gave the Board talking points to use a resource when discussing the referendum with its constituents.

- iv. Bill and Diane Garvens were recognized for their community outreach participation for allowing East Troy School District to use their forest land for educational purposes.
- B. Business Manager Report: No items submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: No items submitted.
- D. Student Representative Report:
 - i. Brett Harper recapped that Joey Dedick had one first place at individual State Wrestling and that the cheerleading took third place at State.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the January 2013 payments in the amount of \$1,464,401.84 and receipts in the amount of \$5,712,534.59 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Post-Retirement Benefit Change Option: Dr. Chris Hibner reviewed options for changing the post-retirement benefit program.
- B. Schedule of School Day for March 8th and March 15th as it Relates to Possible State Tournament:
A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to accept the previous motion to close high school while keeping open the middle school and elementary buildings, leaving to administration to decide on how many staff are able to go and still maintain an efficient and effective school day. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Transportation Policy: A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the transportation policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. School Visitor Policy: A motion was made by Brian Wexler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to table the School Visitor Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. 2013 Summer School Courses: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the 2013 Summer School courses as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Second Semester Overnight High School Field Trips: A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve second semester overnight high school field trips as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Preliminary Setting of Dates for Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Budget: A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Murry Mitten to approve April 8th at 7:00 p.m. and April 10th at 6:30 p.m. as preliminary dates for public hearings on the 2013-2014 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Code of Conduct Expectation for Clubs: The Board and administration discussed the differing codes of conduct and expectations that student clubs and organizations abide to.
- I. Open Enrollment Exception Request per New State Statute: Item moved to executive session.
- J. Administration and Supervisory Personnel/Configuration for the 2013-2014 School Year: Item moved to executive session.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT:

No items discussed.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Bresler congratulated the high school Pep Band on their hard work and stated that they “sound great”.

Brian Wexler congratulated the high school Cheering squad for achieving third place at State.

Dr. Chris Hibner stated that he will be attending the WASBO/WASB convention on March 12-13, 2013.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS:

None

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Murry Mitten to adjourn to executive session. Murry Mitten, aye; Martha Bresler, aye; Mike Zei, aye; Dawn Buchholtz, aye; Brian Wexler, aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Martha Bresler to reconvene into open session at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Murray Mitten and seconded by Mike Zei to accept the open enrollment exception request per new State Statute. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Murray Mitten to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Zei