

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on February 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present were Dawn Buchholtz, Steve Lambrechts, and Martha Bresler. The student representative present was Julia Kostopoulos. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators, reporter, and ten 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 Steve Lambrechts for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the minutes from January 26, 2015. Motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tim Griffin spoke on recommending a past board member fill the vacant seat sooner rather than later. Mike Zei spoke on withdrawing his interest in being a board member for the vacant position.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report:
 - i. Recently attended WASB convention
 - ii. Referendum – making an informed decision
- B. Business Manager Report: None.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: None.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: None.
- E. Student Representative Report: Julia reported on wrestling, boys basketball, winter homecoming, play practices, and yearbook.
- F. School Board President's Report: None.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Process/timeline for current board vacancy: The board decided to allow statements from all school board candidates looking to fill the vacant seat. Ted Zess made a motion to discuss in a future possible closed session to develop questions and possibly discuss recommendations of a candidate, with deciding on February 23, 2015, Martha Bresler seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- B. Appointing Board Vacancy: Item not addressed.
- C. Approval of Middle School Washington D.C. trip for 2016: Ted Zess made a motion to approve trip as presented. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- D. Approval of Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) scholars: Martha Bresler made a motion to approve Amanda Mudlaff and Brandon Melichar as the HEAB scholars for 2014-15. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- E. Approval of donation: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the donation from the Women's Club. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Teacher salary schedule presentation: Kathy Zwirgzdas discussed the proposed teacher salary schedule with the Board.
- G. Preliminary staffing proposals – from time to time, the board needs to adjourn to executive session to address specific personnel regarding budgetary implications for future years:
Closed session.
- H. Staff member request leave of absence: Item not addressed.
- I. Open enrollment exception request: Closed session.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT:

New policy pertaining to defining “personalized learning”. The Board recommended this be brought back for a first reading.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ted Zess reported on the success of the robotics team this weekend.

XII. BOARD OF ED -- FUTURE ITEMS:

Ted Zess would like to begin evaluating site options for Byrnes/Doubek. Ted Zess also requested a change to the upcoming April 13th meeting to the 14th, due to the John McGivern presentation at Alpine Valley on the 13th.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to adjourn to executive session at 8:55 p.m. pursuant to the discussion of preliminary staffing proposals and open enrollment exception request as provided under 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(f) and 118.125. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes, Martha Bresler – yes, Dawn Buchholtz – yes, Ted Zess - yes. Motion carried.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to reconvene to open session at 10:02 p.m.. Roll call vote – all yes. A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the open enrollment exceptions. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts