

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2021**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on July 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:02 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Bob Dignan, Anna Janusz, Dale Ames (6:10 p.m.), and Steve Lambrechts (6:45 p.m.). Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators/supervisors, and three 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 Bob Dignan and seconded by Anna Janusz for the approval of the agenda and the amended agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Bob Dignan and seconded by Anna Janusz to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 regular board meeting with the correction of Bob Dignan being noted as absent only (not also present). Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

None.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Dignan made a motion to approve May 2021 payments in the amount of \$1,782,504.94 and receipts in the amount of \$334,630.76 as reflected on the financial statements. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staffing resignation(s): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the resignations of Adam Pittner and Jennifer Finch. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Staffing recommendation(s): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the hire of Katie Jeske as a second grade teacher. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bob

Dignan made a motion to approve the hire of Grace Christiansen as MS ELA teacher. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the hire of Abby Dionne as MS special education teacher. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ted Zess made a motion to approve the hire of Laura Feider as MS special education teacher. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of donation(s): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the donation from Robert Schooler in the amount of \$100 as a thank you for providing livestream service for the senior banquet. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Operational updates: 2021-22 school year re-entry operations, transportation department, state budget, district wide building projects, ESSER funds, and MS HVAC: Dr. Hibner updated the board on in-person, RVA full time virtual, and live-streaming educational options all day by trimester, for 21-22. He reiterated the structure and requirements of each of the programs. Dr. Hibner then described processes for COVID + cases, close contacts, and household close contacts. Transportation: Dr. Hibner explained the bus face mask requirement is a federal rule, currently through Sept 13. Dr. Hibner stressed the registration deadline of July 15. State budget approval: Dr. Hibner explained the freeze on revenue limits does not mean any additional money for the school. It means more state aid, and less property taxes, but the same total for the school from those sources. Since our budget was built on \$200 per pupil, the budget passed will fall short of projections. ESSER funds can be used but because a one-time source of funds this creates a cliff for on-going expenses without permanent revenue and these funds have specific stipulations for use. Furthermore, Dr. Hibner shared that Andy Daniels has currently taken on the role of Director of Transportation, as well as maintaining his Director of Building and Grounds and District-wide Safety Coordinator. In addition, Dr. Hibner discussed ESSER funds: we received clarification that HVAC upgrades that improve air flow would likely be eligible, whereas replacement of heat exchangers would not be eligible. Finally, Dr. Hibner covered that it is a prioritization of maintenance needs and deciding the prioritization level of the MS HVAC options. Andy Daniels explained projects that have been done this spring.
- E. Discussion and action, if appropriate, pertaining to energy efficiency; fundraising, student programming, and open enrollment transportation: Andy Daniels explained projects that have been done in the past for energy efficiency projects as well as projects for the future, as well as the benchmarking for utilities. Stacey Kuehn explained partnerships, transcribed courses, work experiences, youth apprenticeships, that students have had and will continue to have. Dr. Hibner explained we can't go into other school district boundaries to transport for open enrollment.

Open enrollment survey results in the packet was also discussed. Dr. Hibner discussed fund raising that we are looking for direction, considering time and return on investment.

- F. Discussion and action, if appropriate, regarding national vaping litigation and whether ETCSD wishes to participate in the lawsuit: Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the participation. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Seclusion /Restraint report per 2019 WI Act 118: Kate Harder gave the report.
- H. Bullying / Harassment report per board policy 411.1: Kate Harder gave the report.
- I. Annual declaration and parent notice of the District’s student academic standards pursuant to section 120.12(13) and section 118.30(1)(g)(a) of the state statutes: Dr. Hibner gave the notice. Ted Zess made a motion to approve the notice as presented. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Approval of overnight field trips: Anna Janusz made a motion to approve the dance camp field trip as presented to Peoria. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- K. Professional staff employment – from time to time, the board needs to adjourn to executive session to address specific personnel regarding budgetary implications for future years: Moved to executive session.
- L. Discussion related to any possible negotiations pertaining consideration of property adjacent to the Heritage: Moved to executive session.
- M. Negotiations related to the former site of Chester Byrnes building and any contract proposal: Moved to executive session.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: None
- B. Business Manager Report: None
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: None
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None
- E. School Board President’s Report: None

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. 1st Reading – Commencement (policy 345.72)
- B. 1st Reading – Retirement Benefits (policy 553)
- C. Discussion related to Donation Policy (Policy 840 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

Dale Ames asked to keep the trades, fund raising, and advertising to keep coming back to future meetings.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 10:18 for the purposes of discussion of professional staff employment, any possible negotiations pertaining consideration of property adjacent to the Heritage, and negotiations related to the former site of Chester Byrnes building and any contract proposal as provided under 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), and 19.85(1)(f). Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes; Bob Dignan – yes; Dale Ames – yes; Anna Janusz – yes; Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –

Bob Dignan made a motion to reconvene to open session at 11:19. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts