

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2014**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in special session on July 28, 2014. 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, Chris Smith, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, administrators, reporter, consultants, 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 Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Staffing resignations – A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the resignation of Anne Marie Miller (part-time HS English). Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Chris Smith to approve the resignation of Joanna Boey (part-time psychologist). Motion carried unanimously.

B. Staffing recommendation(s) – A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve hire of Mark Weerts as Prairie View Principal. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. WORKING REFERENDUM SESSION – informational/discussion/action

- A. Review recent motion and approval to develop a referendum question that equates to \$20.8 million or less for a zero dollar tax impact: Business Manager Kathy Zwirgzdas recapped the current debt structure and why a new project at \$20.8 million could be layered in to the expiring debt to create a \$0 tax impact. She also explained a graph showing further layering of an operational referendum creates a proportionally greater decrease in the capital levy authority than expected.
- B. Administration and contractors provide updates: Miron Consultants began explaining the costing of an option they were asked at the last meeting to develop further: Referendum

Option B, which involved a renovation of Chester Byrnes. Bray Architects next revisited the High School, revised after discussion with Rick Penniston, High School Principal to most efficiently improve the High School. The consultants then explained the costing of an option “C” from previous meetings, involving a renovation and addition of Leona Doubek. With changes discussed at the Board meeting, Option B was re-evaluated roughly by the consultants to be \$4-\$5 million. Further discussion on the pros and cons of each option continued. Chris Smith made a motion to pursue Option C with reducing costs to an affordable level for the community of 20.8 million or less. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes, Chris Smith – yes, Martha Bresler – no, Dawn Buchholtz, - no, Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried.

- C. Motion(s) for any areas that should be removed from further discussion: Bray Architects listed and explained nine suggested areas of reductions for consideration toward reducing the scope of the project toward attempts at providing a resolution of 20.8 million or less. Ted Zess suggested possibly reducing square footage at Doubek as well with discussions with the Doubek Principal.
- D. Motion(s) to provide contractors further guidance toward the development of a plan: No additional motions other than already listed.
- E. Set next working session: Tuesday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Smith