

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2014**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on March 24, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Buchholtz at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Ted Zess, Murry Mitten, Martha Bresler, Mike Zei and Dawn Buchholtz. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, ten guests and one reporter.

Dawn Buchholtz 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 Mike Zei and seconded by Murry Mitten for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON MARCH 10, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Tim Griffin presented samples of robotics and a headband with LED programming. He further explained he believes that students should become more producers than consumers and that the District should integrate processing into the classroom. He presented a course curriculum sample to the Board.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. District Administrator Report:

- i. Dr. Chris Hibner encouraged the public to visit the District website for more information regarding referendum information and also explained that there will be information mailed to the community in the future. He also explained that the Board will be receiving feedback from District staff and that Donovan Group recently video recorded administration and District staff and are putting together a District update video to be released soon.

- ii. Dr. Chris Hibner discussed the need to make East Troy Community School District the district of choice and explained the impact of scheduling and transportation conflicts. He further explained that education and school of choice is becoming very competitive and the District needs to reflect on, “Why are we the one to be selected?” and stressed the importance of breaking the enrollment cycle the District currently is in.
- B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: Amy Foszpanczyk explained Act 138: the State now grants School Boards the option to allow 7th and 8th grade students to receive high school credit for courses that are equivalent to the high school course and that meet certain requirements.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: No report submitted.
- E. Student Representative Report: Lilium Haskins reported that third quarter is done, students have completed scheduling for next year, AP and ACT exams are coming up and spring sports have started.
- F. School Board President’s Report: No report submitted.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the February 2014 payments in the amount of \$1,593,378.73 and receipts in the amount of \$4,037,231.94 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Technology Committee Presentation and Recommendation: The Library, Media, and Technology Committee presented on District Goals, the importance of personalized learning and technology integration in the classroom and how several classrooms throughout the District have begun to develop in those areas. The Committee elaborated on Dr. Hibner’s challenge, “To ensure our classrooms, teachers and students are equipped to attain our personalized learning environment. To strengthen and expand the integration of technology into instruction, curriculum, and assessment that will support and enhance authentic learning, customized learning, acceleration and intervention, increased collaboration and communication, access 24/7 to learning opportunities, creating producers; rather than just consumers, and expand quality programming and teaching to students inside and outside of district.” The Committee had made Action Teams that created an inventory of technology available throughout the entire District and how it’s being used, assisted with identifying technology benchmarks for both staff and

students, identified assistive technology tools currently used throughout the district and tools that could be used to further support students and studied surrounding districts that have a personalized learning focus and the role that technology has played and the access and opportunities it provides for students. The Committee presented that 90% of teachers report using technology but the use is minimal, due to limited access for students, 80.6% of high school students report technology makes learning more fun, 76% of 8th graders and 89% of 5th graders report technology helped them learn more and 74% of the community stated access to the latest technology was important or extremely important. The Committee presented that over 15 surrounding school districts are currently either 1:1 (each student has their own electronic device to ensure technology availability), going to 1:1 in 2014-15 or who have implemented a different technology availability program. The Library, Media, and Technology Committee's recommendation for East Troy as presented:

- 4K-2nd grade (2:1 environment of tablets). All classrooms and special education rooms outfitted with interactive whiteboards.
- 3rd grade (1:1 environment, half of devices would be tablets and half would be Chromebooks). All classrooms and special education rooms outfitted with interactive whiteboards.
- 4th and 5th grade (1:1 environment of Chromebooks). All classrooms outfitted with interactive whiteboards.
- 6th-12th grade (1:1 environment of Chromebooks). All special education rooms outfitted with interactive whiteboards.

The Committee's recommendation was to implement the technology integration in two phases:

- Year One (Summer 2014): Installing access points throughout the District, purchasing the License Pack for the devices and purchasing tablets and Chromebooks for teachers and staff.
- Year Two (Summer 2015): Purchasing tablets or Chromebooks for 4K-12th grade students and installing interactive whiteboards throughout the District.

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the Technology Committee's recommendation and hopefully use positive variance from the 2013-14 school year to pay for the first phase in the amount of \$92, 460 and later pursue funding of the second phase. Roll call: Ted Zess, aye; Murry Mitten, aye; Martha Bresler, abstained, Mike Zei, aye; Dawn Buchholtz, aye. Motion carried.

- B. Administration Budget Proposals/Programming Proposals for the 2014-2015 School Year: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the budget and programming proposals as presented, including base wage CPI, percent based for support staff and a flat rate for teaching staff. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Choose Board of Canvassers for Election in April: A motion was made by Murry Mitten and seconded by Mike Zei to approve Tim Griffin and Rick Penniston to be on the Board of Canvassers for the 2014 April Election. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Acceptance of Donation-High School Art Department: A motion was made by Mike Zei and seconded by Murry Mitten to approve the donation of a Sitter Kiln Model “K” including kiln shelves with stilts and accessories, of a total estimated value of \$450.00 . Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Move East Troy Board of Education Regular Meeting from April 7, 2014 to April 14, 2014: There will be a Board meeting on April 7, 2014 at 7:00pm with a referendum working session at 5:00pm.
- F. Preliminary Staffing Proposals: No items submitted.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Board Policy 661 – Fund Balance (Second Reading): Kathy Zwirgzdas presented the current policy and recommended changes and the Board briefly discussed.
- B. Policy 443.4 – Drug/Alcohol/Inhalent (First Reading): Stacey Kuehn presented the current policy and recommended changes and the Board briefly discussed.
- C. Naming School Facilities (First Reading): The Board briefly discussed having community involvement in the Naming of School Facilities proposed policy as well as having a lapse of time after an individual’s death prior to submitting an application for Naming School Facilities.
- D. Policy 443.41(First Reading): Head Lice Procedure was briefly discussed.
- E. Works for Hire (First Reading): The Board briefly discussed.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Zei recognized Candace Porter for being a wonderful lady and hosting six adults for the recent concert by a youth choir from Mexico City named "Schola Cantorum de Mexico".

Martha Bresler commented that the “Schola Cantorum de Mexico” was an incredible concert.

Dawn Buchholtz thanked the music department and Cathy and Rodger Trader for their efforts of bringing “Schola Cantorum de Mexico” to East Troy.

Dr. Chris Hibner elaborated on statistics done by the tax payers alliance pertaining to referendum information and enrollment.

Dawn Buchholtz reminded the public that the high school musical is coming up.

Kathy Zwirgzdas encouraged the public to visit the East Troy Expo on Saturday March 29, 2014.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS:

No items submitted.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No motion was made.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

No motion was made.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Murry Mitten to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Zei