

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

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on March 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Steve Lambrechts, Brian Wexler, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, seven guests and one reporter. Also present were student representatives, Julia Kostopoulos and Monica Zoellner. 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 23, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY - None

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. District Administrator Report:

- i. East Troy Chamber of Commerce Brochure (ETCSD publication) – Dr. Hibner shared a print with school messages that will be in the chamber brochure.
- ii. Referendum Informational and Listening Sessions – An Informational and listening session will be held at East Troy High School on March 16th at 6:00 p.m.

B. Business Manager Report: Review of 2015 OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Report – Kathy Zwirgzdas reported on the bi-annual OPEB report recently completed by Key Benefit Concepts.

C. Director of Instruction Report: Amy Foszpanczyk reported on allowing credit for Middle School students taking High School credit.

- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator- No report submitted
- E. Student Representative Report – Julia Kostopoulos reported on wrestling results at the State level, boys basketball regional champs, jazz ensemble, Brunch on Broadway, and the start of track practice.
- F. School Board President’s Report- No report submitted.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT: NONE

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Technology Handbook- Ted Zess made a motion to approve the technology handbook, Dawn Buchholtz seconded, and the motion carried.
- B. Staffing Resignation- Ted Zess made a motion to approve the resignation of Amy Foszpanczyk, Director of Curriculum. Dawn Buchholyz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- C. Teacher Salary Schedule Presentation- Kathy Zwirgzdas related feedback and questions from the recent teacher meetings.
- D. Notice of Election for School Board – Dr. Hibner reminded the community of the upcoming election.
- E. Candidate Forum on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – A Candidate Forum will be held at East Troy Middle School on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- F. Bargaining Strategy and Parameters of Upcoming Negotiations as it Relates to Salary – Will be in executive session.
- G. Leave of Absence Request – Will be in executive session.
- H. Preliminary staffing proposals – Will be in executive session.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT -

- A. *Second Reading* - New policy pertaining to defining “personalized learning”
- B. *First Reading* – Revisions to technology policies (363.1, 363.2 and 523)
- C. *First Reading* – Revisions to drug/alcohol/inhalant policy (443.4)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hibner congratulated the teams Julia reported in the student representative report, and added the success of the robotics team in Iowa. A spectator bus to boys basketball sectionals was also mentioned.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS - none

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to adjourn to executive session for discussion of bargaining strategy and parameters of upcoming negotiations as it relates to salary, leave of absence request, and preliminary staffing proposals as provided under 19.85(1) (c), 19.85 (1) (f) and 19.85 (1) (e). Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Brian Wexler, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Brian Wexler to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reconvened to open session at 10:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Brian Wexler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve a staff member's leave of absence as presented, if a suitable replacement can be found. In addition, should the leave be needed into the 15-16 school year, the employee is to notify the district of the intent not to return by August 1.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lambrechts