

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on May 11, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Ted Zess at 7:18 p.m. Board members present were Steve Lambrechts, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators, thirty-eight guests, the district's attorney and one reporter. Additionally, student representative, Julia Kostopoulos, was in attendance.

II. APPOINT CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING

A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to appoint Ted Zess as tonight's chairperson for the meeting, with the understanding that subsequent meetings' chairpersons would rotate amongst the board members. Motion carried.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

IV. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for approval of the agenda and the amended agenda as posted. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON APRIL 27, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 regular Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY (187)

Ann Phillips spoke on the leadership of Dr. Hibner and on behalf of herself and other teachers shared the opinions of those being led – that he is supportive, allows risk-tasking, and is leading on the current needs of the district.

Jody Heimos recognized Mr. Rash with the Middle School Band and Mrs. Deutsch with the project based learning classroom.

Dr. Sue Griffin spoke on being a registered parliamentarian and spoke on being available as a resource.

Armin Nyffeler spoke on enjoying the others' presentations.

VIII. REORGANIZATION OF EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

- A. Appointing board vacancy – A motion was made by Martha Bresler to postpone this item until the next board meeting. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts – no, Martha Bresler – yes, Dawn Buchholtz- yes, Ted Zess – no. Motion did not carry.
- B. Election of Officers – Steve Lambrechts made a motion to retain the positions the board had until a 5th board member is placed. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes, Martha Bresler – no, Dawn Buchholtz- no, Ted Zess – yes. Motion did not carry.
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Clerk
 - iv. Treasurer
 - v. CESA Representative
 - vi. WASB Delegate
 - vii. WASB Alternate
- C. Committee Appointees
 - i. Operational Subcommittee
 - ii. Student Learning Subcommittee
 - iii. Negotiations Representatives

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. District Administrator Report:

- i. Designing and construction timeline – Matt Wolfert from Bray Architects presented. Current processes underway are land surveys, soil borings, staff input meetings at the Elementary (Doubek) and High School, and visits to other newly built schools and/or have structures that incorporate the district’s personalized learning vision. Mr. Wolfert also reviewed timelines.
- ii. Graduation Ceremony – Dr. Hibner relayed that June 7th is the senior awards banquet, with a 3:15 reception and a 4:00 ceremony. The graduation ceremony is on June 14th at 1:00. Julia Kostopoulos read a letter that the senior class would like to have principal Rick Penniston give out the diplomas.

B. Business Manager Report: Sue Petermann, Cesa #2 Food Service Consultant, presented a report on East Troy’s food service program changes.

C. Director of Instruction Report:

- i. Update of Summer School 2015: Amy Foszpanczyk presented on projected enrollment.
- ii. Update on Summer Academy Offerings for Staff: Amy Foszpanczyk updated the board on professional development options for teachers, including technology, reading, and project based learning.
- iii. Early literacy and community development partnership with East Troy library: Amy Foszpanczyk reported on a joint course taken with DPI and a mini-grant accepted with the library. The grant will provide for kits for parents with newborns, to be partnered with area doctors.
- iv. Community partnership meeting: Amy Foszpanczyk discussed a June 4th meeting where curriculum ideas will be shared by community.

D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator- Kate Harder presented an update on the Badger Exam – the window closes on May 29th. The assessment is untimed – some students are taking 1.5 hours, some up to 3 hours.

E. Student Representative Report – Julia Kostopoulos reported on Prom, Aspire Exams, and AP Exams.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staffing Recommendation- A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to approve the 1.0 science hire of Andrea Belka Van Buren. Motion carried.
- B. Life Insurance- A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to approve the change to the life insurance company, with the option for the 55-65 year old group to continue with coverage at this time that may end in the future, or a buy-out of previously paid premiums to date. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Commercial realtor- Kathy Zwirgzdas presented on two commercial realtor options regarding the Doubek/Byrnes properties. The Board elected to solicit formal proposals.
- D. MS Athletics - Fund 80 / Intramurals for 2015-2016 school year – Ted Zess made a motion to approve MS Athletics in Fund 80 for 15-16, Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- E. Revisit budget reductions if any per pupil revenue for districts has been altered within the Wisconsin Budget – no action.
- F. Open enrollment “in” for 2015-16 school year: Dawn Buchholtz made a motion to approve the open enrolled in students for 15-16. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. Professional staff employment – Moved to executive session.

XII. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. Personnel Policies (500's) – Second Reading
- B. MS students to receive HS credit – Second Reading
- C. STEP Program (883) – Second Reading

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (NONE)

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEM

Student Learning Committee Update.

XV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to adjourn to executive session for discussion of professional staff employment as provided under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c). Roll call: Steve Lambrechts, yes; Martha Bresler, yes; Dawn Buchholtz, yes; Ted Zess, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

XVI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Martha Bresler to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reconvened to open session at 10:38 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:39.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lambrechts