

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2015**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on November 16, 2015. 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, Martha Bresler, Dawn Buchholtz, Mike Zei, and Ted Zess. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Daphne Kohnke, administrators, forty-two guests and one reporter. 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***

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

***V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON OCTOBER 26, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING***

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A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

***VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY***

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- Carrie Luedtke: spoke on asking for a space if the Byrnes building was reopened for cheer and dance and a community center.
- Matt Wolfert of Bray Architects: spoke on recognizing Bob Ellis as an excellent Building and Grounds Manager state-wide.
- Eileen Kostopoulos: Would like to know what the heating costs are of refurbishing the heating plant at Chester Byrnes. Would like to know what each board member's position was on the meaning of "possible demolition of Chester Byrnes" in the referendum.
- Jody Heimos: would like to know if the discussion regarding keeping Byrnes goes against the original referendum purpose.
- Scott Seager: abating asbestos at Byrnes will also be unaffordable (besides the heat), need to recognize the vote that occurred. Added that there is a scare that low income housing will come in – that would be decided by planning commission.

- Armon Nyffeler: had to find uses for Byrnes when he was on the Board, due to public sentiment. Concerned that the financing will fall back on the taxpayer. Refurbishing the school –find another problem and another problem – such as mold. Having enough trouble balancing the budget without this.
- Gina Dingman: sold the plan to the public as trying to sell the building. Also added safety issues of the building. Added addressing salaries of teachers, STEM, lunch program - dollars should be for that not Byrnes. Also asked about the number of schools that would be operated, and the two campuses theory. The voters voted.
- Mike Felske: If we were a rich district, then maybe save Byrnes, but the State Legislature is not giving money to schools, and the voters approved the referendum with the direction to not utilize Byrnes.
- Tim Griffin: In favor of looking into Byrnes for administration, storage, classrooms, via a facility feasibility study. The library may want Doubek.
- Tricia Harris: Would like to reiterate that Chester Byrnes is a money pit and added concerns about sewer. Stated the community voted. There is a new gym to be used in the new school or Doubek for cheer once the referendum approved spaces are built. If someone wants to buy it, great.
- Marge Fornier: There are assumptions that people are stating, and a complete review of the building would be important. Asked if the original referendum information was still on the website.
- Linda Mitchell: supportive of any space for cheer/dance

## ***VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS***

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*(Items VIII. D. and E. were moved up for this meeting)*

- D. Heating of Chester Byrnes: A motion was made by Dawn Buchholtz and seconded by Mike Zei to discuss the heating of Chester Byrnes. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mike Zei to move forward with proposals from the community for purchasing Chester Byrnes and in the meantime gather information for heating proposal costs. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. The motion did not carry. A motion was made by Mike Zei to table the topic tonight and for himself and Martha to gather information for heating proposal costs at the next meeting. Dawn Buchholtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Chester Byrnes / Doubek property: A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Dawn Buchholtz to gather proposals from the community for the Byrnes and/or Doubek sites to

include financial capability of the proposer by 3:00 on December 11th. Motion carried unanimously.

***VII. FINANCIAL REPORT (Back to the agenda's order; Dawn Buchholtz due to a prior commitment was no longer available for the remainder of the meeting.)***

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Martha Bresler made a motion to approve the October 2015 payments in the amount of \$1,699,434.36 and receipts in the amount of \$150,318.00 as reflected on the financial statements. Mike Zei seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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- A. Approval of 2016-2017 District School Year Calendar: A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Mike Zei to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of Donations: Martha Bresler made a motion to accept with gratitude the donations from Runzheimer, Pickwick Inn, and Tapco. Mike Zei seconded the motion and the motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Course Proposal(s) for 2016-2017 school year: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the course proposal requests. Mike Zei seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. Policy 430 and 431 – Attendance and Student Attendance Policy: Martha Bresler made a motion to approve the policies. Mike Zei seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Petition for Election filed with WERC: Dr. Hibner communicated the correspondence from the WERC regarding the vote for teacher recertification of the union for the 2016-17 school year.
- H. Notice of Election for School Board: Dr. Hibner reminder the Board of the upcoming election and processes. No motion.
- I. Potential purchase of additional property at Prairie View site: Moved to executive session.
- J. Update regarding parent complaint as it relates to services for child: Moved to executive session.

***IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS***

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- A. District Administrator Report: Dr. Hibner reported on SmartLabs – engaging every learner, every day.
- B. Business Manager Report: No report submitted.
- C. Director of Instruction Report: No report submitted.
- D. Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator: No report submitted.
- E. School Board President's Report: No report submitted.

***X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT***

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- A. First Reading: 443.4 Drug/Alcohol/Inhalant Policy
- B. First Reading: District Mission Statement and District Goals

***XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS -***

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Dr. Hibner relayed an award Business Manager Kathy Zwirgzdas will be receiving.

***XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS***

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Mike Zei - are there consultants re: open enrollment who would tour our buildings and make recommendations?

***XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION –***

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Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of potential purchase of additional property at Prairie View site and updated/discussion regarding parent complaint as it relates to services for child as provided under 19.85 (1) (c) and 19.85(1)(e). Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion and the motion carried. Roll call vote – all yes.

***XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION -***

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Ted Zess made a motion to reconvene to open session at 9:50pm. Mike Zei seconded the motion and the motion carried.

***XV. ADJOURNMENT***

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A motion was made by Martha Bresler and seconded by Mike Zei to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Lambrechts