

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 21 , 2024**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on October 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Ted Zess at 6:00 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Adam Witkiewicz, Kevin Bong and Steve Lambrechts. Anna Janusz arrived during the first discussion/action item. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Jenquin, Amy Foszpanczyk, Taylor Baumeister, Kirstin Kanoff, administrators/supervisors, 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 Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Kevin Bong for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Adam Witkiewicz and seconded by Kevin Bong for the approval of the regular board meeting minutes from September 23, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

None.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Adam Witkiewicz and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for the approval of September 2024 payments in the amount of \$2,103,857.27 and receipts in the amount of \$1,144,863.64 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Setting of the 2024-2025 Tax Levy and the 2024-2025 District Budget: A motion was made by Adam Witkiewicz and seconded by Kevin Bong to approve the total tax levy of Fund 10, \$16,632,432 the Fund 39, \$1,741,925 and the Fund 80, \$303,312 for a total tax levy of \$18,677,669, and approve the 24-25 original budget as presented . Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Early College Credit (ECC) and Start College Now (SCN) applications for the 2024-2025 school year: A motion was made by Anna Janusz and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of Rural Virtual Academy (RVA): A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the Five-Year Commitment for Rural Virtual Academy. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip Request: A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz for approval of the overnight field trips as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. East Troy High School and East Troy Fire and Rescue Cadet Partnership: Jinnesa Pluess, the YA Coordinator, presented the East Troy High School and East Troy Fire and Rescue Cadet Partnership. The goal of the ETHS/ETFD partnership is to provide students with an opportunity to begin a career in emergency services while in high school. Students may join as a junior or a senior in high school. Students who enroll will participate in: the ETFD Cadet Program for on-the-job training and mentorship, ETHS Youth Apprenticeship Program to earn credit toward graduation, and Start College Now coursework for Fire 1 or EMT Basic Certification.
- F. Early Graduation Requests for the 2024-2025 school year: Moved to executive session.
- G. Administration and Supervisory Contracts per Statute 118.24(6): - Moved to executive session.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: A capital referendum is on the ballot this November. Dr. Hibner encouraged all community members to understand the question and come out to vote on November 5th. The \$19.4 million referendum will address safety and security, critical maintenance projects, and academic spaces. The estimated tax impact is \$21 per year on a \$100,000 property. Those looking for additional information should visit the district website or reach out to any administrator. The existing needs will not go away. If the referendum were not to pass, it would be a challenge and a dilemma. The district's fund balance will not be sufficient to address these needs. Additionally, as time passes, facility needs will only become more critical.

Also, in honor of National Principals Month, Dr. Hibner recognized each of the district's building principals and the difficult work they do to support our students, staff, and families.
- B. Business Manager Report: Amy Jenquin presented the Third Friday count which took place on September 20, 2024. This year's headcount was down 74 students. This count includes 7 fewer

students who have open enrolled in and 17 more students who have open enrolled out. These calculations resulted in a resident FTE membership of 1,520 students. Mrs. Jenquin also indicated that surveys have been sent to all families who open enroll out.

C. Director(s) of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report:

- i. Summer School 2024 Update - Amy Foszpanczyk presented enrollment numbers for Summer School 2024. During the summer session, the district offered 26 elementary courses, 8 middle school courses, and 8 high school courses. 408 resident students and 33 non-resident students participated in the summer programming. This resulted in a total FTE count of 21. It should be noted that this count is up 3 from Summer School 2023.
- ii. Act 20 Update - Amy Foszpanczyk provided an update regarding the three components included within Act 20: assessment, professional development, and curriculum. The state has adopted aimswebPLUS as the assessment platform. Due to the late adoption, the fall testing window was not required. As a result, this assessment will first be administered during the winter assessment window in January. Data from this assessment will be used to identify students identified as ‘at risk’ A personal reading plan will be developed for all students who score below the 25th percentile. The district is using the AIM Institute Pathway to Proficient Reading course for the professional development requirement. General and special education teachers serving grades 4K - 5th grade started the course over the summer. Inservice days for the remainder of the 24-25 school year will provide the time needed to complete the course. Lastly, a group of general and special education teachers serving students in grades Kindergarten - 12th grade are meeting to engage in an audit of ELA resources. The process includes a review of state standards, research based practices, and district achievement data. Using this information, the committee will identify needs and review materials available to meet these needs.

D. Director of Pupil Services: None

E. School Board President’s Report: None.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

1st Reading of Neola Policies - 000 Bylaws / Codes 0111 - 0175.1

XI. COMMUNICATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information regarding the Athletic Hall of Fame will be brought forth to the Board of Education in the coming months.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

None.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz to adjourn to executive session for discussion pertaining to early graduation requests and administration / supervisory contracts as provided under s.s.118.125, 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), and 118.24(6). Roll call vote to adjourn to executive session: Steve Lambrechts-Yes, Adam Witkiewicz - Yes, Kevin Bong - Yes, Anna Janusz - Yes, and Ted Zess - Yes. Motion carried unanimously and the Board moved to executive session at 7:02 p.m.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:32 p.m., a motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz to resume to open session as per s.s. 118.125, 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), and 118.24(6). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Adam Witkiewica and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve all early graduation requests as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz to approve of all administration and supervisory contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts