

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2021**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on February 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:01 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Tony Barrett, Bob Dignan, and Jessica Fuchs. Absent was Steve Lambrechts. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, Kathy Zwirgzdas, Sarah Scanlan student representative, three guest(s), and administrators/supervisors. 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 Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Bob Dignan for the approval of the agenda and the amended agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

***V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

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A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Bob Dignan to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2020 regular board meeting, and January 18 and January 25, 2020 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Jody Heimos commended the school district, especially the teachers, for in-person learning.

***VII. FINANCIAL REPORT***

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Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve January 2021 payments in the amount of \$1,713,368.07 and receipts in the amount of \$6,869,164.39 as reflected on the financial statements. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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- A. COVID-19 update: Dr. Hibner discussed the current COVID dashboard numbers, local numbers, and numbers utilizing virtual learning – which are all lower than previous reports. Transportation has increased and Dr. Hibner highly encouraged if possible to utilize any other form of transportation to avoid close contact situations as much as possible, in which exposures

require quarantine and at-home learning for students. Dr. Hibner recapped athletics and facility use. Stacey Kuehn reported on senior prom (since last year was canceled.) Prom will be different, cohorted dinner and no dancing for example, but offering the opportunity was of the utmost need for providing things for students, supporting the psychological needs of the students. Junior prom will be later in the spring.

- B. Student Representative Report: Sarah Scanlan reported on sports seasons, the music program Brunch on Broadway, solo and ensemble, ag department successes, ACT prep lessons, Lakeland supply drive, and Key Club Valentine's for the Heritage.
- C. Referendum update: Dr. Hibner showed various information on the website. He showed a link to other districts' referenda on the right hand side bar that are coming up as well as those in the past. He showed the history of reduction totals and emphasized that while positions have been cut, (impact needs column on the website) that have also been added to remain competitive with new programs and also positions for new student needs. He also proposed a virtual information session where people could submit 1 -2 questions and then it would be answered in a week with another session.
- D. Approval of Public Participation at Board Meetings policy (187): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the policy. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. VANGUARD Courses: Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the Vanguard courses. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Middle School Planning Guide: Amy Foszpanczyk presented updates on the guide.
- G. 2021 Summer School Update: Amy Foszpanczyk updated the board on upcoming summer classes and many open vacancies at our district as well as other districts. Course offerings are being considered / may not be offered.
- H. Update on handwriting program: Amy Foszpanczyk presented on the motor skill emphasis of handwriting.
- I. Preliminary staffing proposals – from time to time, the board needs to adjourn to executive session to address specific personnel regarding budgetary implications for future years: Moved to executive session.
- J. Evaluation of District Administrator: Moved to executive session.

## ***IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS***

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- A. District Administrator Report: None
- B. Business Manager Report:

- i. January pupil count
- ii. Update on architect / engineering management services selection process
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: Update pertaining to the January 18, 2021 Student Learning Subcommittee meeting
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None
- E. School Board President’s Report: None

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

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Grading Systems (345.1)

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***XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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None.

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

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None.

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

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Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:29 for the purposes of discussion of preliminary staffing proposals, and evaluation of District Administrator as provided under 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c). Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Jessica Fuchs – yes; Tony Barrett – yes; Bob Dignan – yes; Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

***XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –***

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Jessica Fuchs made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:23. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

***XV. ADJOURNMENT***

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A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Tony Barrett to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Fuchs