

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2021**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on January 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:03 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Tony Barrett, Bob Dignan, Jessica Fuchs, and 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 as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

***V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

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A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Tony Barrett to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular board meeting, and December 23, 2020 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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None.

***VII. FINANCIAL REPORT***

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Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve December 2020 payments in the amount of \$1,668,140.23 and receipts in the amount of \$1,810,835.47 as reflected on the financial statements. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Student Representative report: Moved to the top – Sarah Scanlan reported on No Name Calling Week, winter sports, choir and band preparing for solo and ensemble, and a student collection for Lakeland Animal Shelter.

- A. COVID-19 update: Dr. Hibner discussed the current COVID dashboard numbers and numbers utilizing virtual learning. 4K and EC shifted to temporary virtual for two weeks; transportation has remained about the same; boys basketball had a temporary pause due to close contacts, and outside facility use for youth local sports has begun.
- B. November Family Survey Responses: Dr. Hibner discussed the very positive recent survey results of the District learning options during COVID and high amount of support pertaining mitigation measures and learning for in-person learner and virtual learner. He also explained how the administration is addressing areas parents noted could be approved. He and board members praised the staff and students for their resiliency during this trying time.
- C. Referendum Update: Dr. Hibner talked about when looking for information, while there will be mailings, the website will have the most complete information. He recapped the upcoming referendum questions to be 1.) school district budget to exceed revenue limit for five years for non-recurring purposes and 2.) the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for long-term maintenance needs. He recapped the projections of budget deficits to maintain current programming and services, and explained the investment to community, students, and individual property values. The Board commented on sustainable growth needed to maintain strengthening our community and district.
- D. Open enrollment space calculation / determination (see policy 425): Ted Zess made a motion to approve no spaces available for special education open enrollment, and no waitlist created as again there are no spaces. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of donation: Bob Dignan made a motion to approve with extreme gratitude the generous anonymous donations, \$22,000 for COVID related costs and \$8,000 for Battle Bags. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Tony Barrett also thanked the community members for taking out the Thank You full page ad in the paper.
- F. 2021 Summer School: Amy Foszpanczyk updated the board on upcoming summer school dates and information.
- G. Review of 2021 WASB resolutions per Delegate Assembly: Bob Dignan reviewed 10 different resolutions on the WASB virtual conference agenda this week.
- H. School Board candidacy for April 6, 2021 election: Dr. Hibner reviewed the openings and candidates for the upcoming election. He read the description of the positions/roles of a school board member from WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) regarding student learning and student achievement.

- 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. Administrative and Supervisory contracts per Statute 118.24(6): Moved to executive session.
- K. Update pertaining specific student learning services: Moved to executive session.
- L. Request of homeowner for board to consider property lot line inquiry: Tabled.
- M. Evaluation of District Administrator: Moved to executive session.

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

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- A. District Administrator Report:
  - i. ESSER – Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund
  - ii. State Academic Assessment / Testing this school year
  - iii. Vaccine update for schools
- B. Business Manager Report: OPEB report
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: None
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None
- E. Student Representative Report: Moved to the top (before A)
- F. School Board President’s Report: None

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Public Participation at Board Meetings (187)

## ***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 7:53 for the purposes of discussion of preliminary staffing proposals, administration and supervisory contracts, update pertaining specific student learning services, request of homeowner for board to consider property lot line inquiry, and evaluation of District Administrator as provided under 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e), and

118.125. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes; 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 9:30 p.m. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Dignan made a motion to approve to stop administration contracts from running on an automatic and continuous basis. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

***XV. ADJOURNMENT***

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A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Tony Barrett to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts