

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

The East Troy Community School District Board met for regular session on March 15, 2021. The regular meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:02 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Tony Barrett, Bob Dignan, and Steve Lambrechts and Jessica Fuchs. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, administrators/supervisors, five guests, and Sarah Scanlan, student representative. 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 Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for the approval of the agenda and amended agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Tony Barrett to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular board meeting and March 11, 2021 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

None.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the February 2021 payments in the amount of \$1,586,474.73 and receipts in the amount of \$5,440,162.33 as reflected on the financial statements. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of donation(s): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the donation of \$500 to Little Prairie STEM from Generac. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. COVID-19 Update: Dr. Hibner provided an update of COVID-19 numbers since the beginning of the school year and since the prior board update. Dr. Hibner also reported out on leave

requests that have been received to date over the course of the year as well as virtual learning numbers over the course of the year thus far and transportation updates. Reid Oldenburg provided an update regarding athletics related to COVID-19 from winter sports which was recently completed and information for the upcoming fall alternative and spring seasons. Bob Dignan asked about an update related to federal funds that the district might receive related to ESSER. Dr. Hibner shared that the FAQ's have been updated to include information related to how any additional funding related to ESSER II and III could impact referendum funds. Dr. Hibner read the information from the FAQ to share the information related to COVID-19 funding under ESSER I, II and III and shared how specific stipulations if present, may prevent the district from using such funds towards the general budget (may be specifically COVID related).

- C. Update pertaining to staff vaccinations related to school calendar. Dr. Hibner presented information regarding staff vaccinations and the number of staff who are scheduled to receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. The board discussed several options related to the operations of the school district should there be many staff who are feeling unwell following a 24-48 hour window after administration of the second dose of the vaccination. Tony Barrett made a motion to cancel school on April 1, 2021 and Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Student Representative Report: Sarah Scanlan talked about several recently completed events and activities at the High School including Senior Prom, Junior ACT and the FFA Blood Drive. Ongoing and upcoming events also include the Districtwide book drive for Malawi Africa, sports, solo ensemble and FFA leadership development event. Planning for Junior Prom and spring sports are underway.
- E. Middle School update related to assessment results, review of practices and recommendations update: Amy Foszpanczyk reviewed information related to the state report card and the Wisconsin Forward assessments from December 2019. Krista Iserloth, Pete Syens and Stephanie Iodence presented updated information regarding the Middle School achievement, assessments and additional recommendations including celebrations and other highlights.
- F. Staffing resignation(s): Stacey Kuehn presented a staffing resignation from Kathy Glusick at the High School. Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the resignation and Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Start College Now and Early College Credit applications: Amy Foszpanczyk provided a summary of the applications and courses that have been submitted Ted Zess made a motion to approve all applications. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Choose Board of Canvassers for election in April: Dr. Hibner read the notice of elections. Three reputable citizens were selected. Bob Dignan made a motion to accept Ted Zess, Stacey Kuehn and Steve Lambrechts as the board of canvassers. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. East Troy Summer School course offerings: Amy Foszpanczyk provided an update on summer school course offerings and a draft course booklet to the board. The goal is to have the course booklet out to families on March 29th to families with online registration opening on April 12, 2021.
- J. Discussion and action, if appropriate, related to professional staff employment leave of absence request for consideration: Moved to executive session.
- K. Discussion and action, if appropriate related to professional staff employment retirement request for consideration: Moved to executive session.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report:
 - i. Upcoming referendum questions on April 6, 2021: Dr. Hibner provided an update on the questions and additional information that has been included on the FAQ document including the age of East Troy buildings, need for a secure entrance at the Middle School, regarding the question of whether referendum funds would be used for raises to staff, whether the referendum aligns to the District goals, what extended learning opportunities are present at the High School level, COVID related expenditures and increased staffing while enrollment has been declining. Dr. Hibner encouraged everyone to review the information on the webpage for current information about the happenings in the District.
 - ii. Clarifying home site visits: Dr. Hibner provided information and clarification regarding when school staff might visit students and families at their homes.
- B. Business Manager Report: None
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report:
 - i. State assessment update: Amy Foszpanczyk provided information from the state regarding the requirement for all learners to take the state assessments in person

regardless of their method of instruction. These assessments include the ACCESS, ACT, Wisconsin Forward Exam, and Aspire.

- ii. Accountability preview reports: Amy Foszpanczyk provided information regarding the preview report template for the future reports that will be released in the fall including updated weighting information, district comparisons, growth bands and target group outcomes.
- iii. Student Learning Subcommittee update from February meeting: Amy Foszpanczyk shared information and minutes from the February meeting including upcoming draft policy for board review.

D. Director of Pupil Services: None

E. School Board President's Report: None

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

A. *2nd Reading*—Policy 345. 1—Grading Systems

B. *2nd Reading* – Policy 345.2—District Grading Policy

C. *1st Reading*—Policy 110—Educational Philosophy

D. *1st Reading*—Policy 345.71—Early Graduation

E. *1st Reading*—Policy 461—Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

None.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:08 for discussion of professional staff leave of absence request for consideration and professional staff retirement request for consideration as provided under 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c). Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tony Barrett—yes, Bob Dignan– yes, Jessica Fuchs – yes, Steve Lambrechts—yes and Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –

A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Tony Barrett to reconvene to open session at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Jessica Fuchs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts