

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2021**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on May 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:00 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Dale Ames, Bob Dignan, Anna Janusz, and Steve Lambrechts. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Foszpanczyk, Kathy Zwirgzdas, 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 Bob Dignan for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Steve Lambrechts to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Anna Janusz spoke on thanking the health services team.

Dr. Hibner asked Janet Kmiecik, District Nurse, to speak now on the topic he asked her to report on tonight, seeing that soon the Board will be moving into closed session. Janet spoke on recent changes in the news, including vaccine availability coming for younger children (12-16 today), no longer quarantining if vaccinated, new masking options, 6 ft apart is down to 3 ft but the definition of close contact hasn't changed. Universal face coverings are still be recommending by the organizations we follow (CDC, Walworth County Health Department, etc.). Summer school less volume, utilizing space, ventilation system, outdoor spaces – may have opportunities for utilizing this to help distancing and barriers. Federal law currently indicates public transportation, which includes school buses, requires face masks.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

(Moved item Q up to be first due to presence of individuals associated with the agenda item)

Negotiations related to the former site of Chester Byrnes building and any contract proposal: Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of negotiation related to the former site of the Chester Byrnes building and any contract proposal as provided under 19.85(1)(e). Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes; Bob Dignan – yes; Dale Ames – yes; Anna Janusz – yes; Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ted Zess made a motion to reconvene to open session at 7:17 p.m.. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Staffing retirement(s): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the retirement of Jill Douglas. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Staffing recommendation: Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the hire of Debra Bednarek as the shared physical therapist with Whitewater School District. Ted Zess seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Student representative report: None.
- D. COVID 19 Update: Dr. Hibner reported on COVID current numbers.
- E. Discussion and action, if appropriate, related to revisiting the face covering requirement for summer school: Amy Foszpanczyk relayed information, including staff survey information.
- F. Designation of ESSER II funds: Bob Dignan made a motion to authorize administration to apply ESSER II funds for current special education expenses, as needed. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. WIAA membership renewal: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the renewal. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. 500's Policies (Annual updates to Personnel Policies): Anna Janusz made a motion to approve the policies. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. 451 Policy (District Wellness): Anna Janusz made a motion to approve the policy. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. 851 Policy (Advertising in the Schools): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the policy. Anna Janusz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- K. Approval of East Troy School Board meeting dates for 2021-2022 school year: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the dates. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- L. 2021 Summer School update: Was combined with item E.
- M. Professional staff employment: Moved to executive session.
- N. Update regarding personnel employment issue: Moved to executive session.
- O. Update pertaining student disciplinary matters: Moved to executive session.
- P. Discussion related to strategies of any possible negotiations pertaining consideration of property adjacent to the Heritage: Moved to executive session.
- Q. Negotiations related to the former site of Chester Byrnes building and any contract proposal: Moved to executive session earlier in the evening (before item A).

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: High School Graduation Ceremony - Stacey Kuehn reported on dates and numbers of visitors.
- B. Business Manager Report: None.
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: None.
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None.
- E. School Board President's Report: None.

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

Discussion related to Donation Policy (Policy 840 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

Anna asked about the MS HVAC – Dr. Hibner stated June 7th it is coming back. Dale asked about energy conservation at this meeting. Dr. Hibner stated the signs have been programmed and reminders were sent to staff about lights, energy usage, blinds, etc.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ted Zess made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:25 for the purposes of discussion of professional staff employment - contract renewal / nonrenewal, update regarding personnel staffing issue, update pertaining to student disciplinary matters, and discussion related to strategies of any possible negotiations pertaining consideration of property adjacent to the Heritage as provided under 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(f), 19.85(1)(e), and 118.125. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Roll

Call Vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes; Bob Dignan – yes; Dale Ames – yes; Anna Janusz – yes; Ted Zess – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –

Bob Dignan made a motion to reconvene to open session at 10:30 p.m. Dale Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Steve Lambrechts made a motion to approve of all final non-renewals as presented. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Ted Zess to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts