

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2019**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on October 21, 2019. 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, administrators/supervisors, Silas Heimos student representative, and two 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 Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Bob Dignan to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Tim Griffin spoke on the potential referendum, stating we need to pass an operational referendum, need to do more with teacher salaries, and we need to get it on the ballot to give voters the opportunity to be involved.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the September 2019 payments in the amount of \$1,847,752.75 and receipts in the amount of \$860,190.50 as reflected on the financial statements. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Setting of the 2019 Tax Levy and 2019-2020 District Budget: Ted Zess made a motion to set the tax levy of Fund 10 \$13,232,666, the Fund 39 \$1,746,175, and the Fund 80 \$254,239 and prior year levy chargeback for uncollectible taxes of \$11,600 for a total tax levy of \$15,244,680, and

approve the 19-20 original budget as presented. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Referenda planning toward development of possible referendum question: The Board asked for a few questions to be drafted, roughly between \$98 - \$126 tax impacts, and outline what could be addressed with the funding: safety and security, maintenance projects, structural deficits, enhanced educational opportunities to encourage enrollment, or other.
- C. Staffing recommendations: Ted Zess made a motion to approve the replacement hire of Michelle Sievers for the diagnostic position. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Health, Safety, and Nutritional course proposal: Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the course. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Curriculum change proposal related to Foundations of Early Childhood Education (dual credit program): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the change. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Start College Now/Early College Credit Program requests – 2nd semester for 2019-20 school year: Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the requests. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Overnight Field Trip(s): Ted Zess made a motion to approve the dance team request. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. 2019 Summer School update: Jodi Didenko presented a 3 year comparison of summer school.
- I. Notice of School Board election:
- J. Early Graduation request:
- K. Discussion of school district reorganization related to possible Palmyra-Eagle dissolution pursuant to Wis. Ch. 117 and Wis. Stat. .19.85(1)(e): Moved to executive session.
- L. Update related to professional staff employment issues:

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: None
- B. Business Manager Report:
 - i. 3rd Friday Enrollment / Membership Count
 - ii. Update from Village Planning meeting on 10/14 regarding Byrnes land CSM process
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: None
- D. Director of Special Education and Pupil Service: None

E. Student Representative Report: Silas Heimos reported the football team is headed to playoffs. Also, volleyball is headed to regionals, reported on tennis results, and that winter sports are starting. The choir, musical, and jazz ensemble. Halloween Bash this Wednesday run by club volunteers. Homecoming was a success. The HS students went to an area meeting fostering positive school relations.

F. School Board President's Report: None

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

A. 2nd reading: 346 District Assessment Policy

B. 2nd reading: 551 Leaves Policy (Personal Leave)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

None.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jessica Fuchs made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:58 for discussion of early graduation request, school district reorganization related to possible Palmyra-Eagle dissolution, and update related to professional staff employment issues as provided under Wis. Ch. 117, 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e), and 118.125. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Lambrechts – yes, Bob Dignan – yes, Tony Barrett – yes, Jessica Fuchs – 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 9:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Jessica Fuchs to approve the early graduation request as presented by administration. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Tony Barrett to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts