

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2020**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on September 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order immediately after the annual meeting by President Ted Zess at 7:46 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, four guests, 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

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

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Jessica Fuchs to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Jennifer Marcinkevic spoke about making sure the mask mandate is being followed.

Alec Marcinkevic spoke about students not wearing masks.

Micah Roberts spoke about creating an excellent product to help the budget, and stating opposition to the more progressive student model. He also spoke on consolidating and eliminating waste and cutting spending. He asked that the district learn from other districts about educational opportunities that can be developed, such as trades. He also spoke on masks and that public freedoms are being stripped away.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve August 2020 payments in the amount of \$714,463.91 and receipts in the amount of \$4,294,822.77 as reflected on the financial statements. Steve Lambrechts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staffing recommendation(s): Bob Dignan made a motion to approve the hire of Paula Woodring for a MS math position. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the hire of Julie Lewis for a MS special education position. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jessica Fuchs made a motion to approve the hire of Joseph Jenna for a HS special education position. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of donations: Jessica Fuchs made a motion to gratefully approve the donation of \$2,500 from the Kara Foundation for web cameras. Bob Dignan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. COVID-19 update and review re-entry plan {face coverings}: Areas reported on how the year is going: transportation, athletics, nursing, food service, building and grounds, Elementary, Middle and High School. Dr. Hibner reported on the district communicative efforts and being transparent pertaining updates, but that confidentiality requirements of absences and cases within FERPA, pupil records, ADA and HIPPA will always take precedent while communicating. In addition, how fluid things are changing in language, handbooks, and practices. Dr. Hibner asked the board to consider removing the end date on the face mask covering language that correlates to Emergency Order #1 and the new extension of November 21, stating that will be followed per the mandate, but would prefer to have district language with the Board revisiting monthly or as the Board desires. Bob Dignan made a motion to accept administration's recommendation to amend the language with the caveat of adding the topic onto the regular agendas. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Short term borrowing – Approval of Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Stats: Bob Dignan made a motion, pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Statutes, authorizing temporary borrowing for the East Troy Community School District, the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,600,000, with the winning bid/lowest cost being Bankers' Bank in conjunction with First Citizen's Bank of Whitewater. Jessica Fuchs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Update pertaining fall activities and athletics: Covered in C.
- F. Update regarding homecoming for 2020-21 school year: Stacey Kuehn reported on activities this week.

- G. Introduction of new teaching staff: Amy Foszpanczyk introduced new staff since the last board meeting.
- H. Parents/Students requests for early graduation consideration during the 2020-21 school year:
Moved to executive session.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. District Administrator Report: None.
- B. Business Manager Report: Update on new waivers for Food Service; covered in part C.
- C. Director of Teaching and Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Report: Amy Foszpanczyk reported that a process is being developed for curricular resource review and will be shared at the October meeting.
- D. Director of Pupil Services: None
- E. School Board President's Report: None

X. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. 2nd Reading – Equal Educational Opportunities (policy 411) - Tabled
- B. 2nd Reading – Student Bullying/Harassment/Hazing (policy 411.1) - Tabled
- C. 2nd Reading – Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence by or toward students (new policy) - Tabled
- D. 2nd Reading – Harassment (policy 512) - Tabled

XI. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hibner commended the staff for their work during these difficult times and asked parents to stay vigilant with their children's health.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS

Tony Barrett – referendum discussions.

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Bob Dignan and seconded by Jessica Fuchs, to adjourn to executive session at 10:03 for the discussion of early graduation request(s) during the 2020-21 school year as provided under 19.85(1)(a), 19.85(1)(f), and 118.125. Roll call vote – Steve Lambrechts – yes, Tony Barrett – yes, Bob Dignan – 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 Ted Zess to reconvene to open session at 10:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Jessica Fuchs and seconded by Bob Dignan to approve the early graduation requests as presented by administration. 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 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts