

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 23 , 2024**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in regular session on September 23, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Ted Zess at 7:56 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members also present were Anna Janusz, Adam Witkiewicz, and Kevin Bong.. Also present were Dr. Christopher Hibner, Amy Jenquin, Amanda Jones, 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***

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A motion was made by Anna Janusz and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

***V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

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A motion was made by Anna Janusz and seconded by Kevin Bong for the approval of the regular board meeting minutes from August 19, 2024 and special board meeting minutes from August 21, 2024 and September 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Gene Rozmarynowski, a resident in the village of East Troy and a member of the Community Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC), began with stating that he was making some assumptions in his speech, and encouraged correction if warranted. He went on to state that based upon conversations he has had, as well as comments on the internet, he feels that the public is getting tired of constant referendums. He feels this could be remedied if our enrollment increased by 100 students, and in doing so, this would help to resolve budget issues. He went on to state that the District should concentrate more on improving students' basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. It should focus less on Social Emotional Learning, as well as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and other things promoted or required by the Department of Public Instruction.

Additionally, Mr. Rozmarynowski believes we have not heard as to why parents are choosing to unenroll and leave the school district. He indicated that he believes that the district should find out why parents are making these decisions.

## **VII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Adam Witkiewicz and seconded by Anna Janusz for the approval of August 2024 payments in the amount of \$1,110,899.21 and receipts in the amount of \$4,953,183.68 as reflected on the financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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- A. Approval of donation(s): A motion was made by Tez Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz to approve \$750 donations each for signage from Southern Lakes Plumbing and Heating (football field) and Camp Timberlee (baseball field). Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Choose Board of Canvassers for referendum vote in November : A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz to approve Stacey Kuehn, Jake Hernandez and Anna Janusz as Canvassers for referendum vote in November. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Capital Referendum presentation/overview: Dr. Hibner presented the facilities challenge and information pertaining the upcoming capital referendum. He outlined the steps that have been taken to help identify the facility needs in a timeline from spring of 2022 through August 2024. The referendum question was reviewed, along with the identified areas of safety & security, critical maintenance items, and academic spaces. Dr. Hibner outlined the financial tax impact, and why the \$19.4 million capital referendum is essential at this time. Resources were shared, including the 2024 capital referendum homepage, press release, capital referendum FAQs, project list and tax impact chart.
- D. Athletic Hall of Fame:. Judge Michael Cotter, East Troy resident and parent, explained he is a Member of East Troy Athletic Hall of Fame committee that is looking to bring forth an Athletic Hall of Fame. They would like to request access to the exterior west wall of the school (between the office window and the band room), with half being utilized for athletic hall of fame, and the other half for a general East Troy High School hall of fame. Bricks would be purchased by the committee. Potential cost to the district would be lighting if the district would want the wall lit at night; otherwise the committee is completely self-funded. This will be brought forth as an action item at the October regular meeting.
- E. Approve Policy 345.1 Administrative Rule: High School Grading System, Policy 345.7 Graduation, and Policy 363.5 Administrative Rule: Online Learning Policy : A motion was made by Anna Janusz and seconded by Adam Witkiewicz for the approval of Policy 345.1

Administrative Rule, Policy 345.7 Graduation, and Policy 363.5 Administrative Rule: Online Learning Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Professional staff employment (personnel): Moved to executive session.

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

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- A. District Administrator Report: None
- 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***

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None

#### ***XI. COMMUNICATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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Homecoming is October 11th, with many activities planned.

#### ***XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION – FUTURE ITEMS***

None

#### ***XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz to adjourn to executive session for discussion pertaining to professional staff employment related to coaching assignment and employee licensure as provided under s.s.19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), and 19.85(1)(f). Roll call vote to adjourn to executive session: Adam Witkiewicz - Yes, Kevin Bong – yes, Anna Janusz - Yes, and Ted Zess - Yes. Motion carried unanimously and the Board moved to executive session at 8:45 p.m.

#### ***XIV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION***

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At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz to resume to open session as per s.s. 19.85(1)(b), 19.85(1)(c), and 19.85 (1)(f). Motion carried unanimously.

#### ***XV. ADJOURNMENT***

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A motion was made by Ted Zess and seconded by Anna Janusz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Zess