

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2021**

The East Troy Community School District Board met in a special session on May 27, 2021. 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 Dale Ames, Bob Dignan, Anna Janusz, and Steve Lambrechts. Also present were Amy Foszpanczyk, Kate Harder, administrators/supervisors, and thirty-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 Bob Dignan and seconded by Steve Lambrechts for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PER BOARD POLICY

Ted Zess presented a letter from a staff member regarding the difficulties of teaching during the pandemic and maintaining the health and safety while providing in person learning as well as challenges should face covering requirement be removed.

15 community members spoke regarding face coverings and shared their input regarding the need to remove requirements and make face coverings optional and allow parents to make decisions for their children regarding face coverings themselves.

One person spoke to how the community should work together and teach children to have grit and overcome challenges and follow guidance from the science and shared that we all play a role in educating kids in the community.

One student spoke to a petition that he started today with 102 signatures from other students to end mandatory face coverings and allow personal choice.

VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Amy Foszpanczyk shared information with the board for their consideration in making a determination regarding the agenda items including information from the Department of Health Services

(DHS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), local data regarding COVID, survey of local districts, and surveys of staff and families.

(Moved item B up to be first due to a motion from Steve Lambrechts, seconded by Dale Ames)

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the indoor face coverings requirement as it relates to the remaining days of the 2020-2021 school year: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to make masks optional for the remainder of the school year beginning on June 1, 2021 and was seconded by Dale Ames. Role call vote Bob-no, Steve-yes, Dale-yes, Anna-no, Ted-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the indoor face coverings requirement as it relates to summer school: Steve Lambrechts made a motion to rescind current policy for face coverings in summer school and make face mask optional in summer school and was seconded by Dale Ames. Role call vote Bob-yes, Steve-yes, Dale-yes, Anna-yes, Ted-yes

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Bob Dignan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts