

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2020**

The East Troy Community School District Board met for special session in closed session on November 23, 2020. The special meeting was called to order by President Ted Zess at 6:33 p.m. Board members also present were Tony Barrett, Bob Dignan, Jessica Fuchs, and Steve Lambrechts. Also present was Dr. Christopher Hibner, administrators/supervisors, student representative Sarah Scanlan, and seven 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 Bob Dignan for the approval of the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Current status of recent Walworth County Health Department communication and operational model for East Troy Community School District: Dr. Hibner reviewed the COVID related measures the East Troy School District has implemented since March 2020, for the conclusion of the last year, as well as the in-person and virtual for the 20-21 school year. He reviewed the current numbers of COVID student and staff cases. Dr. Hibner then read the letter from the Walworth County Health Department, recommending virtual learning related to the holidays. Three options were presented: continue current operational model; go to intermittent virtual and return to current operational model on December 7; or go to intermittent virtual and return to current operational model on December 14. Principals and nurse reported on staff absences and effect on the educational product in their buildings. Mr. Oldenberg reported on athletics and activities. Two student representatives spoke on the lack of quality and/or engagement of virtual education. Dr. Hibner stressed to families the importance of whatever decisions are made over the upcoming holidays, that families strongly discuss whether in-person or virtual for a week or two after the holidays should be considered based upon holiday decisions and overall comfort. Bob Dignan made a motion for option 2, three days of virtual learning Dec 2 – 4, with Dec 1 as a no school transition day, returning Dec 7. Tony Barrett seconded the motion. Aye -2, Nay – 3. Motion fails.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steve Lambrechts and seconded by Jessica Fuchs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lambrechts