EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes January 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERINTENDENT SHIRLEY HOWARD AT 7:00 PM IN THE BOARDROOM LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART, MICHIGAN 49631.

The Board observed a moment of silence.

II. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry \underline{x} , Rosie McKinstry \underline{x} -virt, Kelly Millen \underline{x} -virt, Gerald Nichols \underline{x} -virt, Karen Pylman \underline{x} -virt, Eric Schmidt \underline{x} -virt, Kelly Whitman \underline{x} -virt.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent

Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal - Virtual

Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal

Ed Dickenson, Elementary School Principal - Virtual

Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guests Virtually: Sherry Morgan, Bre Grabill, Catherine Sweeney, Shane Helmer

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President- The elected president presides from this point - Alan Bengry

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO NOMINATE ALAN BENGRY AS PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Vice President – Gerald Nichols

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO NOMINATE GERALD NICHOLS AS VICE PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

C. Secretary – Kelly Millen

MOVED BY WHITMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO NOMINATE KELLY MILLEN AS SECRETARY.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

D. Treasurer – Rosie McKinstry

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO NOMINATE ROSIE MCKINSTRY AS TREASURER.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

IV. REORGANIZATION ACTION ITEMS

- A. Reorganization Action Items
 - 1. Establish a day, place, and time for regular board meetings Second Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, in the Board Room.

- 2. Authorize the President of the Board to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees. The current committees include: Policy (Bengry, Nichols, Pylman), Finance (Millen, Pylman, Bengry), Negotiations (Bengry, McKinstry, Whitman), Building and Grounds (McKinstry, Whitman), Fair Board City/School (Millen)
- 3. Designation of depositories of school funds
 - a) Huntington
 - b) TCF Bank
 - c) U.S. Bank
- 4. The designation of persons authorized to sign checks:
 - a) Checks- President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - b) Contracts- Superintendent, Board President
 - c) Agreements- Superintendent
 - d) Purchase Orders- Superintendent, Building Principals
- 5. Authorize Zoe Babb and MaryAnn Corey to use the safe deposit box.
- 6. The appointment of Superintendent as the executive secretary for election purposes.
- 7. Approval of the annual retainer contracts: Thrun Law Firm, P.C., and Baird, Cotter & Bishop P.C.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. FINANCIAL

V.

- IX. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 14, 2020.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2020.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45721 through #45808 in the amount of \$452,161.97 and the December 11th and 25th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$588,330.74.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7102 through #7116 in the amount of \$28,149.27.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18006 through #18012 in the amount of \$1,700.05.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #9399 in the amount of \$312.00.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve Mary Grein, Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional, effective December 11, 2020.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE MARY GREIN, MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA-PROFESSIONAL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 11, 2020.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve the Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for January 2021.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN FOR JANUARY 2021.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Review District Goal 2 Improved student achievement was the focus of this goal using state assessments to measure progress. Because no state assessments were given in the 2019-20 school year due to the pandemic, the district will use NWEA and STAR assessments when looking at student growth.
- B. 6th 8th Grade Band Band will be offered second semester. In order to make this possible we will be adding a teacher for two class periods to cover the students who are not in the band. The numbers for band are small enough that social distancing can be maintained.
- C. DC Trip Would like board approval for those graduating this year, 2021, to be able to go on the postponed trip in 2022.
 - There were no objections to 2021 graduates participating in the DC trip in 2022.
- D. Vaccinations Open to staff, subs, coaches and board members. It may be February before we are able to get them here at the school.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.