EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes January 8, 2024 7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SHIRLEY HOWARD, SUPERINTENDENT AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK, EVART, MI 49631.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry <u>x</u>, Todd Bruggema <u>x</u>, Mark Moody <u>A</u>, Gerald Nichols <u>x</u>, Karen Pylman <u>x</u>, Eric Schmidt <u>x</u>, Kelly Whitman <u>x</u>.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guest present: Natalie Price, Jordan Newman, Amber Payne, Ashley Cass, Valerie Hopkins, Katie Nostrant, Bre Grabill, Meri Rehkopf, Trina Thomas, Santana Scott, Kaylee Nelson, Zoe Babb, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Dawn Rueffer, John Scholten, Lisa Kevonian Sherry Morgan, Jennifer Joyce, Kara Heydenberk, Rosie Mckinstry, Marie Wilkerson, Tracy Gray, Jennifer Natale, Blair Parcell, Pepper Lockhart, Olivia Fellows.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President – Alan Bengry. The elected president presides from this point MOVED BY <u>PYLMAN</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> TO NOMINATE ALAN BENGRY AS PRESIDENT.

	Ayes: 6	Nays: 0	Results: Carried
B.	Vice President – Todd Bruggema MOVED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> , SUPPORTED BY <u>SCHMIDT</u> TO NOMINATE TODD BRUGGEMA AS VICE PRESIDENT.		
	Ayes: 6	Nays: 0	Results: Carried
C.	Secretary – Karen Pylman MOVED BY <u>WHITMAN</u> , SUPPOI PYLMAN AS SECRETARY. Ayes: 6	RTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> TO NOMI Nays: 0	NATE KAREN Results: Carried

D. Treasurer – Eric Schmidt MOVED BY <u>WHITMAN</u> SUPPORTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> TO NOMINATE ERIC SCHMIDT AS TREASURER.

IV. REORGANIZATION ACTION ITEMS

A. Reorganization Action Items

- 1. Reorganization Action Items Establish a day, place and time for regular board meetings 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm, at the Evart Middle School.
- 2. Authorize the President of the Board to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees. The current committees include: Policy, Finance, Negotiations, Building and Grounds, Fair Board, City/School
- 3. Designation of depositories of school funds
 - a. Huntington
 - b. Lake Osceola State Bank
 - c. U.S. Bank
- 4. The designation of persons authorized to sign the following documents
 - a. Checks President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - b. Contracts Superintendent, Board President
 - c. Agreements Superintendent
 - d. Purchase Orders Superintendent, Building Principals
- 5. Authorize Dawn Rueffer 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 UHY P.C.

MOVED BY <u>BRUGGEMA</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>SCHMIDT</u> TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT A. John Scholten- Superintendent Search- John shared with us his process in moving forward in the search for the Superintendent. He handed out information and asked the board to fill out a survey.
 - B. Points of Pride- Jason O'Dell- shared that the Middle School has a character trait every month that they observe. He shared about Mrs. Morgan's class. They adopted 2 seniors from the Evart Housing Commission. The students made cards, collected money and gave gift. # Go Cats. He also shared about the HIL High Impact leadership grant through through Western Michigan University. He ended with # GOBLUE

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- VI. FINANCIAL
- VII. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2023.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

MOVED BY <u>PYLMAN</u> SUPPORTED BY <u>WHITMAN</u> THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AND PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #49161through #49197 in the amount of \$355,128.24 and the December 8th and 22rd payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$692,033.41

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7984 through #7999 in the amount of \$61,374.82

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19135 through #19171 in the amount of \$19,608.37 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10307 through #10315 in the amount of \$5074.00

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Consideration of adding twenty-five (25) additional days to Myra Munroe's current contract as Special Education Coordinator with no additional compensation.

MOVED BY <u>BRUGGEMA</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> TO APPROVE ADDING TWENTY FIVE (25) ADDITIONAL DAYS TO MYRA MUNROE'S CURRENT CONTRACT AS SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

Ayes: 6Nays: 0Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve Lisa Kevonian as Elementary Social Worker, effective January 8, 2024.

MOVED BY <u>PYLMAN</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>SCHMIDT</u> TO APPROVE LISA KEVONIAN AS ELEMENTARY SOCIAL WORKER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 2024.

Ayes: 6Nays: 0Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve Blair Parcell as Elementary Enrichment Teacher (Physical Health and Wellness) effective January 8, 2024.

MOVED BY <u>BRUGGEMA,</u> SUPPORTED BY <u>PYLMAN</u> TO APPROVE BLAIR PARCELL AS ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT TEACHER, (PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 2024.

Ayes: 6Nays: 0Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Kara Heydenberk as Middle School RTC Coordinator/Behavior Coach effective January 3, 2024.

MOVED BY <u>PYLMAN</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u> TO APPROVE KARA HEYDENBERK AS MIDDLE SCHOOL RTC COORDINATOR/BEHAVIOR COACH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2024. G. Recommendation to approve Blake Werner as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year.

MOVED BY <u>SCHMIDT</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>WHITMAN</u> TO APPROVE BLAKE WERNER AS VARSITY BASEBALL ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6Nays: 0Results: Carried

H. Recommendation to approve Riley Ransom as Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year.

MOVED BY <u>NICHOLS</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>PYLMAN</u> TO APPROVE RILEY RANSOM AS MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

I. Recommendation to approve purchase of new volleyball nets at a cost of \$4159.00, Sports Boosters will reimburse one half of the total cost.

MOVED BY <u>PYLMAN</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>NICHOLS</u>TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW VOLEYBALL NETS AT A COST OF \$4159.00, SPORTS BOOSTERS WILL REIMBURSE ONE HALF OF THE TOTAL COST.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Health Center Contract

B. Special Board Meeting- we will finish Investigation at next Board Meeting- February 12, 2024. A scheduled special meeting will be on 1/29/24 at 6:30 PM to discuss Health Center Contract, Student Transportation, Thrun Policy and Superintendent compensation.

- IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT A. Professional Development will be on 1/15/2024.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
 - A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY <u>WHITMAN</u>, SUPPORTED BY <u>BRUGGEMA</u> THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.