

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

November 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART MICHIGAN 49631

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry x, Todd Bruggema x arrived 7:21 PM, Kelly Whitman x, Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman x, Eric Schmidt x, Mark Moody x.

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

Guests present: Valerie Hopkins, Mari Lyon, Paul Dyer, Jeannie Dyer, Missy Morgan, Meri Rehkopf, Bre Grabill, Ryan Grinnell, Ashley Cass, Brandon Cass, Jenna Bissett, Zoe Babb, Jennie Duncan, Michelle Johnson, Josh Johnson, Ryan Douglas, Debbie Todd, Travis Douglas, Amber Payne, Jonnie Hebert, Breanna Green, Jennifer Joyce, Annette Walters, Doug Isanhart, Marci Cherry, Natalie Price, Dawn Rueffer, Jennifer Natale, Jordan Newman, Taylor Bryant, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Ben Bryant, Pepper Lockhart, John Scholton, Sherry Morgan, Tracy Gray, Rosie McKinstry, Marty Pattee, Brian Pearson, Molly Cataldo, Kevin Mills, Josiah Beard, Ayla Schmidt, Geoff Muma.

IV. SPECIAL PERFORMANCE/POINTS OF PRIDE:

The student performance was not able to perform this evening.

Ken Ranjel shared that our new Music Teacher- Natalie Price is a great fit for EPS. Natalie shared how she is making improvements and the students are responding well. She also shared a great video of the 4th graders playing their ukuleles..

V. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/ REC. OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment-Jennifer Joyce shared a thank you to our Special Education Staff.

B. Japan Trip- Sarah Johnson shared a proposal for an upcoming trip to Japan.(Summer 2025)
Consideration to approve the Japan trip for the summer of 2025.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE JAPAN TRIP FOR THE SUMMER OF 2025.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. EMS On The Road- Jason O'Dell presented the EMS on the Road Trip to Cleveland. This is a wonderful experience for our Middle School Students.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY MOODY, TO APPROVE THE emSON THE ROAD TRIP TO CLEVELAND IN JUNE 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS-SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The following 3 candidates listed below presented to the Board for their Superintendent Search.

- A. Michigan School Board Association- Brian Pearson
- B. Michigan Leader Institute- John Scholton
- C. Education Empowerment Solutions-John Searles

VII. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. FINANCIAL

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on September 30, 2023 and the regular meeting held on October 9, 2023.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B.Payment of Bills

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47884 through #49029 in the amount of \$342,905.01 and the October 13th and 27th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$669,618.21

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7973 through #7980 in the amount of \$67,238.05

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19072 through #19105 in the amount of \$16,591.70

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10287 through #10297 in the amount of \$7194.84.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the following coaches for Winter Coaches 2023-24
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball- Geoffrey Muma
 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball- Brian Koopman
 - MS Competitive Cheer- Amber Payne

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE LESIA LAUGAVITZ AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve the extension of the working agreement with Mary Ann Corey through June 30, 2024.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE WORKING AGREEMENT WITH MARY ANN COREY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- I. Recommendation to approve the following coaches for Spring Athletics:

High School Boys Track- Carrie Kunkle

High School Softball- Shaun Gray

High School Baseball- Josh Johnson

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COACHES FOR SPRING ATHLETICS:

High School Boys Track- Carrie Kunkle

High School Softball- Shaun Gray

High School Baseball- Josh Johnson

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Mary Little, Middle School RTC Coordinator/Behavior Coach, effective 10/20/2023.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARY LITTLE, MIDDLE SCHOOL RTC COORDINATOR/BEHAVIOR COACH, EFFECTIVE 10/20/23.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- K. Recommendation to approve Discipline Process for Evert Public Schools Transportation Department.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WITHDRAWN TO APPROVE THE DISCIPLINE PROCESS FOR EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

It was discussed that the Superintendent has the authority to approve this process, so board action was not necessary.

Ayes:

Nays:

Results:

- L. Consideration of approving Superintendent Search firm.

-The Board decided to make this an action item on the December Board Agenda.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Strategic Planning- half day met with Teachers, leadership team and administrators. The meeting went very well.

B. Enrollment- Shirley had an un audited total of 884.03 student count.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS THAT THE MEETING BE
ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.