

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
October 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Our Mission: Provide the tools to succeed
Our Vision: Equipping All to reach their highest potential

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BENGRY AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART, MICHIGAN 49631.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry X, Todd Bruggema X Mark Moody 7:30 PM, Gerald Nichols X,
Bre Grabill X, Eric Schmidt X, Kelly Whitman X

Present: Ashley Cass, Valerie Hopkins, Bart Gallinger, Zoe Babb, Debbie Todd, Ken Wirth, Sherry Morgan, Dawn Rueffer, Pepper Lockhart, Brenda Henry Ben Bryant, Jennifer Joyce, Zach Fredrickson, Patrick Tiedt, Rosie McKinstry, Marie Wilkerson, Dylan Schwartz, Debbie Stair, Alyssa Larner, Jamie Hulliberger, Maylee Swears.

Also Present: Dan Boyer- Superintendent
Jessica Kolenda- High School Principal
Jason O'Dell- Middle School Principal
Susan Parcell- Elementary Principal
Amy Booher- Recording Secretary

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. The following people spoke during Public Comment-Debbie Todd, Jason O'Dell and Marie Wilkerson.

B. Points of Pride- Jessica Kolenda- Shared great things happening at the High School.

C. UHY- Zach Frederickson- Auditor – Zach shared our audit information with the Board.

D. Strategic Plan- Debbie Stair MASB- She will be returning to the district to finalize the Strategic Plan.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

(Pages 5-25)

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 8, 2024. (Pages 31-35)

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- B. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, September 27, 2024. **(Page 36)**

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- C. Payment of Bills **(Pages 26-30)**

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #49938 through #49967 in the amount of \$180,542.35 and the September 13th, and September 27th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$505,998.81.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8071 through #8081 in the amount of \$33,096.87.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19387 through #19398 in the amount of \$7433.89.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10382 through #10388 in the amount of \$8081.84

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- D. Recommendation to approve the following for the Elementary Schedule B:

Mentor Teachers:

Lisa Gerbracht for Melanie Morford (1st year)

Joyce Vanderhoef for Kris Walker (1st Year)

Valerie Hopkins for Missy Morgan (3rd Year)

Natalie Price- Elementary Chorus

Leadership Team:

Deanna Salisbury- K

Sara Ladd- 1st

Joyce Vanderhoef- 2nd

Valerie Hopkins-3rd

Melissa Griffith-4th

MiCIP Team- Valerie Hopkins, Jenni Decker

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE B:

MENTOR TEACHERS:

LISA GERBRACHT FOR MELANIE MORFORD (1ST YEAR)

JOYCE VANDERHOEF FOR KRIS WALKER (1ST YEAR)

VALERIE HOPKINS FOR MISSY MORGAN (3RD YEAR)

NATALIE PRICE- ELEMENTARY CHORUS

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

DEANNA SALISBURY- K

SARA LADD- 1ST

JOYCE VANDERHOEF- 2ND

VALERIE HOPKINS-3RD

MELISSA GRIFFITH-4TH

MICIP TEAM- VALERIE HOPKINS, JENNI DECKER

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- E. Recommendation to approve the Class Offerings at Evert Middle School and Evert High School for 2024-2025.

(Pages 37-38)

MOVED BY SCHMIDT, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE CLASS OFFERINGS AT EVART MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EVART HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2024-2025.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- F. Recommendation to approve Barry Gilmer as a Full Time Bus Driver

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MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY BRIGGEMA TO APPROVE BARRY GILMER AS A FULL TIME BUS DRIVER.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- G. Recommendation to approve Kris Morgan as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 40)**

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE KRIS MORGAN AS THE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Results: CARRIED

- H. Recommendation to approve Aaron Anderson as the JV Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 41)**

MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE AARON ANDERSON AS THE JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- I. Recommendation to approve Taylor Bryant as the Varsity Competitive Cheer Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 40)**

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE TAYLOR BRYANT AS THE VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- J. Recommendation to approve Amber Payne as the Middle School Competitive Cheer Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 40)**

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE AMBER PAYNE AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- K. Recommendation to approve John Cataldo as the Middle School Girls Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Pages 40-41)**

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE JOHN CATALDO AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- L. Recommendation to approve Cameron Demory as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 43)**

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE CAMERON DEMORY AS THE 7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- M. Recommendation to approve Geoff Muma as the 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 Season. **(Page 42)**

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE GEOFF MUMA AS THE 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON.

Ayes 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- N. Recommendation to approve new evaluative language for teaching staff.

(Pages 44-49)

MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE NEW EVALUATIVE LANGUAGE FOR TEACHING STAFF.

Ayes 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- O. First Readings of Updated Policies as presented in(See Attached)

- P. Snow Plow Bids **(Page 51)**

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE WIRTH LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE AT

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL SEASON, PENDING SATISFACTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS AS OUTLINED IN BOARD POLICY.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. G. 9. 30 Suicide Prevention and Education-New MASB Resolution for Delegate Assembly

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IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Resignation –Jordan Newman (Page 53)

B. First and Second Readings of Policies and Handbooks

C. Welcome Susan Parcell, our new Elementary Principal.

X. Recommendation to go into Closed Session under section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of Superintendent’s quarterly review.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(a) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPERINTENDENT’S QUARTERLY REVIEW.

ROLL CALL:

BENGRY: YES

SCHMIDT: YES

BRUGGEMA: YES

WHITMAN: YES

MOODY: YES

GRABILL: YES

NICHOLS: YES

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION.

At 9:49 PM THE BOARD CAME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION.

ROLL CALL

BENGRY: YES

SCHMIDT: YES

BRUGGEMA: YES

WHITMAN: YES

MOODY: YES

GRABILL: YES

NICHOLS: YES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

To ensure due process and respect of individual rights, the District maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A problem involving an individual or specific incident is best handled through administrative channels. Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by your comments. While it is not our intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if your statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, you may be held legally responsible. If you are unsure of the legal ramifications of what you are about to say, we urge you to consult first with your legal advisor.