

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
September 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BRUGGEMA 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 A, Todd Bruggema X, Mark Moody X, Gerald Nichols X, Eric Schmidt X, Kelly Whitman X.

Present: Dan Boyer- Superintendent
Jason O'Dell- Middle School Principal
Amy Booher- Recording Secretary

Also Present: Valerie Hopkins, Ryan Hopkins, Ken Wirth, Brendon Beard, Ashley Cass, Debbie Todd, Brenda Henry, Sherry Morgan, Bre Grabill, Rosie McKinstry, Marie Wilkerson, Charlene Keysor, Jennifer Joyce, Krista Tiedt, Pepper Lockhart, Tracy Gray, Ben Bryant, Zoe Babb, Jamie Hulliberger, Michelle VanBuren, Mackenzie VanBuren, Kelli Elder, Annette Walters, Jenna Bissett, Brie Cass, Angela Wimmer.

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

- A. Sherry Morgan presented the Board with a handout.
- B. The following people spoke at Public Comment: Debbie Todd
- C. Points of Pride- Evart Middle School- Mr. Jason O'Dell shared a presentation on Evart Middle School.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Todd Bruggema shared a letter from Karen Pylman

Recommendation to approve adding two items to the Discussion portion of the agenda:
Board Resignation and electing a new Secretary for the Board

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE ADDING 2 ITEMS TO THE DISCUSSION PORTION OF THE AGENDA:

Board Resignation and electing a new Secretary for the Board.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held August 12, 2024.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 2024.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47844 through #47843 in the amount of \$127,685.61 and the August 2nd , 16th and 30th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$534,033.29.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8066 through #8070 in the amount of \$33,911.66

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19375 through #19386 in the amount of \$4732.15 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #66 through 10275 in the amount of \$2977.46

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve Dean Witte as High School Educational Assitant, effective August 28, 2024.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE DEAN WITTE
AS A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, FFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2024

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Reading of the Band Handbook- Second Reading will be read at the October 14, 2024 regular board meeting.

E. Recommendation to approve the following Fall Coaches for 2024-2025 School Year

Middle School Volleyball – Hannah Joseph and Amanda Brown

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE
FOLLOWING FALL COACHES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL- HANNAH JOSEPH AND AMANDA BROWN

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Ben Bryant as the Athletic Director.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO HIRE BEN BRYANT AS THE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the following Game Managers:

George Sims, Matt Tiedt, Amanda Brown, Kelli Elder, Jay Wallace, Jessica Kolenda, Jason O'Dell, Josh Johnson

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
GAME MANAGERS:

GEORGE SIMS, MATT TIEDT, AMANDA BROWN, KELLI ELDER, JAY WALLACE,
JESSICA KOLENDA, JASON O'DELL, JOSH JOHNSON

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

H. Recommendation to approve the following Schedule B Positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

New Mentor

Middle School

2. Cameron Demory	Ben Bishop
2. Geoffrey Muma	Jen Natale
2. Carter Pritchard	Jarred Araujo
2. Ashley Cass	Jarred Araujo

MS Leadership Team: Marci Cherry, Jarred Araujo, Jennifer Natale, Sherry Morgan, Liz McPherson

MS MIVIP/DISIT Members: Jarred Araujo, Aaron Wetters

Rising Stars: George Sims

Lunch Supervisors 7th/8th: George Sims

Class of 2032 Advisor: Sherry Morgan

Class of 2030 Advisor: Cameron Demory

MS NJHS Advisors: Marci Cherry, Jason O'Dell

High School

2. Mikayla Warner	Kelly Buckley
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3. Landon Iserhoth	Josh Johnson
3. Doug Helmling	Crystal Nelson
3. Rachel Isanhart	Travis Veit

Lunch Duty- A-Kevin Mills, Crystal Nelson

B- Travis Veit, Josh Johnson

Class of 2025- Missy Morgan

Class of 2026- Kelli Elder

Class of 2027- Jason and Amy O'Dell

Class of 2028- Char Keysor

Student Government(Council) Kelly Buckley

NHS- Kelly Buckley

Spanish Club- Doug Helmling

French Club-Crystal Nelson

HS Robotics- Kevin Mills

Marching Band- Mikayla Warner

Concert Band- Mikayla Warner

Art Club- Andrea Schneider

Art Exhibitor- Andrea Schneider

Leadership Team- Jessica Kolenda, Travis Veit, Kelly Buckley, Kevin Mills, Brittany

Westendorp

School Improvement Team- Kelly Buckley

HS Tutoring:

Mondays- Mikayla Warner

Tuesdays- Brittany Westendorp

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Tuesdays- Brittany Westendorp
Wednesdays- Crystal Nelson
Thursdays- Kevin Mills

- I. Consideration of designating an Evart Board of Education representative for the MASBS 2024 Delegate Assembly.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO DESIGNATE BRUGGEMA AS EVART BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MASBS 2024 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

- Eric Schmidt will be an alternate if Bruggema is unable to attend.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Union Membership- Dan shared information on this membership
- B. Game Entry- ideas were shared about students game entry.
- C. Superintendent's goals- Dan shared his goals of being in all three buildings every week.
- D. MEA Article- Dan shared a response to the MEA article that was released this summer.
- E. Resignation- Karen Pylman is resigning from the board
- F. Elect new Secretary for the Board.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE MARK MOODY AS THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Resignations- Andrew Whittaker, Gene Gutierrez
- B. Update- Strategic Plan- Dan shared that Brenda from the MASB will be setting up a meeting to come to EPS and finish the Strategic Plan
- C. Special Education Update- Dan shared on this topic.
- D. Candidate Forums- Dan shared 2 dates for the candidate forum. Sept 26, 2024 7-8:30 OM and Oct 22, 2024 530 PM-7PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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.