

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
August 14, 2023
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry X, Mark Moody X, Todd Bruggema X, Gerald Nichols X, Karen Pylman X, Eric Schmidt A, Kelly Whitman X.

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

Guests: Amber Payne, Ashley Cass, Branden Cass, Meri Rekopf, Paul Dyer, Jeanine Dyer, Mark Sochocki, Patrick Tiedt, Rosie Mckinstry, Pat Craven, Zoe Babb, Natalie Price, Jordon Newman, Ashley Dailey, Katie Nostrant, sherry Morgan, Pepper Lockhart, Annette Walters, Ken Wirth, Valerie Hopkins, Bre Grabill, Dawn Rueffer, Mary Little, Tracy Gray, Ron Babb, Bart Gallinger, Ayla Schmidt, Josiah Beard, Ben Bryant, Linda Miller, Mikayla Warner.

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL (**Page 7-38**)

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held July 10, 2023
(**Page 35-38**)

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 10, 2023

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- B. Payment of Bills

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN THAT THE

TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47750 through #447786 in the amount of \$262,615.46 and the July 8th and 21st payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$539,107.37

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7947 through #7954 in the amount of \$10,514.51.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19011 through #19013 in the amount of \$2099.00 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10205 in the amount of \$240.00

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- C. Second Reading of the Revised Student Handbooks.
- Moody mentioned that the Elementary and High School still needed to make some corrections.

- D. Recommendation to approve setting the debt millage at 1.5 Mills

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE SETTING THE DEBT MILLAGE AT 1.5 MILLS

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- E. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Santana Scott, Elementary Steam Teacher effective August 7, 2023.

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SANTANA SCOTT, ELEMENTARY STEAM TEACHER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7, 2023.

Ayes: 6 Nays:0 Results: CARRIED

- F. Recommendation to approve Ashley Cass as Middle School Special Education teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

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MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE ASHLEY CASS AS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- G. Recommendation to approve Darold Bancroft as a Bus Driver for the 2023-24 School Year.

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MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE DAROLD BANCROFT AS A BUS DRIVER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- H. Recommendation to approve Kassie Hill as an Educational Assistant for the 2023-24 school year.

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MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE KASSIE HILL AS

AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

- Moody asked if we could use the job description, Educational Assistant instead of designating a school name for the position. It was agreed the board could do that.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- I. Recommendation to approve Mary Little as the Middle School RTC/ Behavior Coach for the 2023-24 School Year.

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE MARY LITTLE AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL RTC/BEHAVIOR COACH FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- J. Recommendation to approve Tammy Brokow as an EPS Bus Driver for the 2023-24 School Year.

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE TAMMY BROKOW AS A BUS DRIVER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- K. Recommendation to approve Mikayla Warner as EPS Band Director effective July 24, 2023.

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE MIKAYLA WARNER AS THE EPS BAND DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2023.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- L. Recommendation to approve Myra Munroe as EPS part –time Special Education Coordinator effective August 4, 2023.

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MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE MYRA MUNROE AS EPS PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2023.

- Moody questioned Myra Munroe’s qualifications.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1

Results: CARRIED

- M. Recommendation to approve Breanna Kingsley as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 School Year.

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE BREANNA KINGSLEY AS AN ELEMENTARY TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- N. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Katie Razminas, Academic Advisor effective July 5, 2023.

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE RAZMINAS, ACADEMIC ADVISOR EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2023.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- O. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Tiffany Wolak, Elementary Social Worker effective July 13, 2023.

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MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF TIFFANY WOLAK, ELEMENTARY SOCIAL WORKER EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2023.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- P. Recommendation to approve the Following Coaches:
Varsity Volleyball- Katie Nostrant JV Volleyball- Ashley Dailey
7th Grade Volleyball- Hannah Gordon 8th Grade Volleyball- Shelby VanScoyoc

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COACHES:

Varsity Volleyball- Katie Nostrant JV Volleyball- Ashley Dailey
7th Grade Volleyball- Hannah Gordon 8th Grade Volleyball- Shelby VanScoyoc
- Moody would prefer Varsity coaches to have more input on hiring of their coaches.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- Q. Recommendation to approve final payment to Quality Environmental Services Inc. for Phase 2 with the cost of \$36,400 for abatement of the ACM tiles at the Elementary School.

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR PHASE 2 WITH THE COST OF \$36,400 FOR ABATEMENT OF THE ACM TILES AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- R. Recommendation to approve the following increases in lunch prices:
Student Ala Carte items from \$1.50 to \$2.00
Adult breakfast from \$2.40 to \$3.00
Adult lunch from \$5.00 to \$5.50
Adult Ala Carte items from \$2.50 to \$3.00

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES IN LUNCH PRICES:
STUDENT ALA CARTE ITEMS FROM \$1.50 TO \$2.00
ADULT BREAKFAST FROM \$2.40 TO \$3.00
ADULT LUNCH FROM \$5.00 TO \$5.50
ADULT ALA CARTE ITEMS FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- S. Consideration of entering into an option to purchase agreement with the Evert Housing Commission for approximately 5 acres or less from parcel #03301802 at a price to be negotiated.

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MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EVART HOUSING COMMISSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OR LESS FROM PARCEL #03301802 AT A PRICE TO BE NEGOTIATED.

-Moody feels we need to finish with Strategic Planning, which is scheduled in September prior to making a decision.

Roll Call:

Bengry: Yes Whitman: Yes
Bruggema: Yes Nichols: No
Pylman: No Schmidt: Absent
Moody: No

- Motion did not pass

- T. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Samantha Laitinen, Custodian effective August 8, 2023. **(Page 75)**

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SAMANTHA LAITINEN, CUSTODIAN EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2023.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- U. Recommendation to approve Kyle Vincent as a full time Custodian effective August 8, 2023. **(Page 76)**

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE KYLE VINCENT AS A FULL TIME CUSTODIAN, AUGUST 8, 2023.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- V. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Shirley Howard, Superintendent effective June 30, 2024. **(Page 77)**

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MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHIRLEY HOWARD, SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.

-Shirley made it clear her contract goes to June of 2025 and she is ending her contract 1 year early.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MDOT Signs- Bruggema will contact Drew Whittaker (A.D.) for future plans on this.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Strategic Planning- will be Saturday September 30, 2023 in the High School Cafeteria.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY MOODY , SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 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.