

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
August 8, 2022
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART, MICHIGAN 49631. At 7:06 PM THE BOARD RECONVENED IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR THE MEETING.

The Board observed a moment of silence.

II. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry x, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen x, Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman x, Eric Schmidt x, 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 present: Santana Scott, Amber Payne, Heather VanAssche, Zoe Babb, Mark Moody, Todd Bruggema, Taylor Bryant, Kelci Elder, Ryan Douglas, Tiffany Wolak, Kristie Ives, Debbie Todd, Heather Keathley, Valerie Hopkins, Doug Isanhart, Rachel Isanhart, Jennifer Natale, Mark Natale, Bart Gallinger, Ryan Hopkins, Chelsea Bancroft, Pat Craven, Josiah Beard, Ayla Schmidt, Bre Grabill, William Dellar, Tammy Dellar, Pepper Lockhart, Kris Keathley, Sherry Morgan, Olyvia Campbell, Chris Emerick, Olivia Fellows, Annette Moleski, Ken Wirth, Josh Wirth, Eli Vincent, Carley Dellar.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Alan Bengry thanked the community for the positive vote on the millage for the next 4 years.. 63 % yes, 37% No
- B. MASB Assembly is on October 20 , 7 PM at the Grand Traverse Resort. The board will need a delegate to attend.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held July 11, 2022 And July 28, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2022 AND JULY 28, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #48538 through #48603 in the amount of \$267,512.68 and the July 8th and 22nd payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$269,180.91.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7752 through #7768 in the amount of \$24,003.10.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18565 through #18611 in the amount of \$15,956.93

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10153 through 10158 in the amount of \$4,523.67.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Second Reading of the Elementary Handbooks.

D. Recommendation to approve setting the debt millage at 1.7 Mills

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE SETTING THE DEBT MILLAGE AT 1.7 MILLS .

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Kendra Prudhomme Smith, High School Counselor effective July 7, 2022.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KENDRA PRUDHOMME SMITH, HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Rachel Isanhart as High School Special Education teacher for the 2022-23 school year

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE RACHEL ISANHART AS HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Ayes: 6 1 ABSTAIN

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve Charles Thigpen Jr. as a Bus Driver

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE CHARLES THIGPEN JR. AS A BUS DRIVER

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve Sarah Hyden as an Elementary Educational Assistant for the 2022-23 school year

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE SARAH HYDEN AS AN ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- I. Recommendation to approve Dawn Riggelman as Middle School Secretary for the 2022-23 school year

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE DAWN RIGGLEMAN AS MIDDLE SCHOOL SECRETARY FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to approve Landon Iserthoth for the Middle School and High School Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE LANDON ISERHOTH FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Trap Shooting Club: Board gave approval for Evart High School and Middle School to have a Trap Shooting Club organized by Jennifer and Mark Natale. District will work on a letter for the Clay Target League.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT ALLOWING EVART HIGH SCHOOL AND EVART MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MICHIGAN SCHOOLS CLAY TARGET LEAGUE.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Therapy Dog: Ken Ranjel, Amber Payne, Heather Keathley and Tiffany Wolak presented a power point on Cat's for Pups Team. They were asking for approval for this team to be the official team of EPS. This team would be the official contact and would accommodate the Therapy Dogs. Board approved this Team for EPS.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO DESIGNATE KEN RANJEL, TIFFANY WOLAK, AMBER PAYNE AND HEATHER KEATHLEY AS THE THERAPY DOG TEAM AND POINT OF CONTACT FOR EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. M Dot Signs. Todd Bruggema had approached the Board in regards to 2 signs: 1 for the state champion wrestler and the other for the state runner up in softball. Old signs would be available to relocate on the High School Premise. Cost of signs are \$500. Board agreed to pay for the cost of 2 signs.

D. Counselor: Mrs. Kolenda has found a retired person who may be interested in this position. They are interviewing 8/9/22.

E. Bus Mechanic Salary- Bart has a qualified applicant for this position requiring \$25 an hour. Very well rounded applicant with great experience. Board agreed to offer this applicant the position with the required rate of pay of \$25 an hour.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE STARTING WAGE FOR THE BUS MECHANIC POSITION OF \$25 PER HOUR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Tool Cat- Board did acknowledge a \$40,000 purchase for a used Tool Cat.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$40,000 FOR PURCHASE OF A TOOL CAT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR.

Ayes:7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Shirley would like to see Bus Drivers awarded for their time of service up to 5 years. We are also waiting to see about hiring a bus driver with 26 years of experience.

H. Bart is working with an early childhood driver to help pick up a route. We may need to help coordinate the PM route for the fall.

I. Due to the new legislature with our retirees, Shirley would like to hire Randy Kruse to mentor our new Athletic Director. This may be a 6 month position.

J. Taylor Bryant is starting a middle school side line Cheer program.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Lisa from Thrun was here this week. She worked with Principals on IEP and all the rules of evaluations

B. Special Board meeting to reinstate 4 students will be scheduled either August 15 or 16.

C. School Liaison Officer passed on the ballot. John Beam thinks we may have enough funds for 2 officers.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- X. A. Debbie Todd spoke. She feels Therapy Dogs are very helpful and make quite a difference in children with ADHD. Also very positive for teachers.
She spoke on Mandatory reporting with Title IX

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT THAT THE MEETING BE
ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.