

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
June 8, 2020 Virtual Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Board observed a moment of silence.

II. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry x, Ryan Hopkins x, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen x Gerald Nichols x  
Karen Pylman x (virtually), Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent  
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal  
Sarah Bailey, Elementary School Principal  
Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guests:  
Virtually –Victoria Martin, Jason O’Dell, Middle School Principal

III. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

A. Shirley Howard spoke about:

Pride in our community for all those who said they were willing to help in any way with our food deliveries.

Pride in the Evart Fire Dept for all the help from Fire Chief Shane Helmer and the crew as well as the use of the Fire Department building for distribution of food/educational packets.

Pride in our school employees that came to help with the food deliveries as well as be a part of the best possible way to deliver the food and educational packets and get them returned to teachers.

Pride in how our teachers reached out to the students during this time.

Pride in Angie Cushman, our Food Coordinator, who did an outstanding job ordering the food and coordinating the packing and distribution of food.

Pride in our bus drivers who cheerfully helped deliver the food.

Pride in our Administrative staff and our board members who were all there for support, planning, organizing and so much more during this time of no school because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 11, 2020.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45102 through #45171 in the amount of \$395,720.23 and the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$813,041.16.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #6945 through #6958 in the amount of \$95,991.52.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #17866 through #17888 in the amount of \$5,524.38.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #9355 through #9366 in the amount of \$834.29.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the renewal of our membership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2020-21 school year as per the attached resolution.

MOVED BY HOPKINS SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR AS PER THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve Stephanie Snow as Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE STEPHANIE SNOW AS ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve June 25, 2020, 7:00 pm as the date and time for the Budget Hearing.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE JUNE 25, 2020, 7:00 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE BUDGET HEARING.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Athletics – Jay Wallace, Athletic Director, spoke about the most current guidelines from MHSAA in regards to summer activities. These guidelines are expected to change/be updated before the 2020-21 school year begins.
- B. Graduation – Jessica Kolenda stated there are 55 graduates and at this time they are planning a Senior parade on June 20 at 7:30 pm and the graduation commencement will be on August 2, 2 pm. Instead of a prom, the students requested a bonfire and DJ provided music for July 31.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. 2020-21 School Year – Shirley spoke about some new staff, the school schedule (calendar), Google classroom training and the budget, which has a lot of unknowns at this point.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

*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.*