

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
October 10, 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.

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, Valerie Hopkins, Chelsea Bancroft, Pat Craven, Diana Craven, Bre Grabill, Tammy Dellar, Pepper Lockhart, Sherry Morgan, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Kenzie Wirth, Josh Wirth, Tiffany Cooper, Jenna Bissett, William Dellar, Aaron Anderson, Riley Connell, Mark Moody, Todd Bruggema, Michelle Van Buren, Eli Vincent, Kelly Vincent, Chelsea Bancroft, Olivia Fellows, Melanie Beard, Annette Walters, Olyvia Campbell, Kristopher Keathley, Heather Keathley, Tracy Gray, Ashley Tea, Courtney Rohen.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Pat Craven spoke on the letter he will be addressing to the board regarding the results of his recent family experiences.

Kenzie Wirth spoke about her concerns in the Elementary School. She was requesting additional training for the school staff.

Ken Wirth spoke on accountability for the teachers and schools.

Courtney Rohen spoke an incident at the Elementary School.

Eric Schmidt asked about the follow up protocol with the requested concerns. Shirley Howard will send these issues to the appropriate people.

A. Cats for Pups Team- Amber Payne shared how the program is coming together. More information coming in December.

B. Points of Pride- Jason O'Dell shared about the Partnership with the city including the crosswalk and new digital sign. He has great pride in our building and grounds crew. The schools look great with the fall décor. He also shared about the new exploratory classes where the teaching staff is providing students with positive skills to explore more interests. He concluded with One Focus=our kids.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

D. Recommendation to approve the following for the High School Schedule B & C:

9th Grade Advisor: Kelli Elder/ Mindy Anderson

10th Grade Advisor: Missy Morgan

11th Grade Advisor: Crystal Nelson

12th Grade Advisor-Char Keysor

NHS- Kelly Buckley

Art Exhibit Coordinator and Art Club Advisor- Andrea Schneider

Tutoring: Lorissa Helmling, Crystal Nelson, Ted Marthakis, Kevin Mills

HS PSAT/SAT Data Coordinator- Sarah Johnson

HS Mentors: Kevin Mills is mentoring Andrew Whittaker (1st year)

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE B & C:

9TH GRADE ADVISOR: KELLI ELDER/ MINDY ANDERSON

10TH GRADE ADVISOR: MISSY MORGAN

11TH GRADE ADVISOR: CRYSTAL NELSON

12TH GRADE ADVISOR-CHAR KEYSOR

NHS- KELLY BUCKLEY

ART EXHIBIT COORDINATOR AND ART CLUB ADVISOR- ANDREA SCHNEIDER

TUTORING: LORISSA HELMLING, CRYSTAL NELSON, TED MARTHAKIS, KEVIN MILLS

HS PSAT/SAT DATA COORDINATOR- SARAH JOHNSON

HS MENTORS: KEVIN MILLS IS MENTORING ANDREW WHITTAKER (1ST YEAR)

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the following for School Improvement (MICIP TEAM)

High School Teachers: Sarah Johnson, Crystal Nelson

Middle School Teachers: Jarred Araujo, Aaron Wetters

Elementary School: Jenni Decker, Valerie Hopkin

Special Education: Travis Veit

Counseling/ Social Worker: Tiffany Wolak

Administration: Ken Ranjel, Jason Odell, Jessica Kolenda, Shirley Howard, Carol Phelps

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (MICIP TEAM)

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS: SARAH JOHNSON, CRYSTAL NELSON

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS: JARRED ARAUJO, AARON WETTERS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: JENNI DECKER, VALERIE HOPKIN

SPECIAL EDUCATION: TRAVIS VEIT

COUNSELING/ SOCIAL WORKER: TIFFANY WOLAK

ADMINISTRATION: KEN RANJEL, JASON ODELL, JESSICA KOLENDA, SHIRLEY HOWARD, CAROL PHELPS.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO EXTEND CONTRACT OF JESSICA KOLENDA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Pat Craven voiced his concerns on some issues.
- B. Kenzie Wirth shared some training information she had heard about.
- C. Eric Schmidt voiced his concerns
- D. Diana Craven asked the Board to get more involved in the schools, visit classes etc.
- E. Chelsea Bancroft inquired on school board emails.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to Adjourn

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.