

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
October 11, 2021
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 a, Eric Schmidt x, Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Zoe Babb, Recording Secretary

Guest present: Valerie Hopkins, Derek Graham, Bart Gallinger, Sherry Morgan
and Jay Wallace.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Audit –Derek Graham of Baird, Cotter and Bishop gave an overview the 2020-2021 audit. He stated the Evert Public Schools have a fund balance of 30.22% for the General Fund, which is excellent.
- B. Points of Pride – Jason O'Dell stated he was very proud of the Evert staff in getting everything around and ready to do synchronized teaching. He said the district only had a half of a day to prepare for this and everyone pitched in and it went smoothly. During the synchronized teaching the lowest attendance was 84%

The Points of Pride was centered on the enrichment class of computer coding. Amazon has a program to encourage future engineers. Amazon has paid for PD for Aaron Wetters so he could teach coding and they provide the curriculum, support, PD, recruitment resources, classroom visits & real-world connections and ongoing program opportunities. Jason said the program is a 9 week class, but by the time a student takes this class all each of the four years while they are in middle school it could count as 1 foreign language credit.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences to report.

- E. Recommendation to approve the Class Offerings at Evert Middle School and Evert High School for 2021-22.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE CLASS OFFERINGS AT EVART MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EVART HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2021-2022.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to approve Carter Pritchard as Boys' 7th grade basketball coach, Aaron Anderson as Boys' 8th grade basketball coach and Santana Scott as Assistant Cross Country Coach.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE CARTER PRITCHARD AS BOYS' 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL COACH, AARON ANDERSON AS BOYS' 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL COACH AND SANTANA SCOTT AS ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY COACH.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve the following for District School Improvement Committee:

High School Teachers – Sarah Johnson, Crystal Nelson
Middle/High School Shared Teachers – Michelle VanBuren
Middle School Teachers – Jarred Araujo, Deb Vincent
Elementary Teachers – Jenni Decker
Counselor – Kendra Prudhomme Smith
EEA President – Val Hopkins

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR DISTRICT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS-SARAH JOHNSON, CRYSTAL NELSON
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL SHARED TEACHERS-MICHELLE VANBUREN
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS-JARRED ARAUJO, DEB VINCENT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER-JENNI DECKER
COUNSELOR-KENDRA PRUDHOMME SMITH
EEA PRESIDENT-VAL HOPKINS

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve the following:

Elementary Leadership Team: Deanna Salisbury, Sara Ladd, Joyce Vanderhoef, Val Hopkins, Melissa Griffith, Tiffany Wolak, Kris Morgan
Yearbook-Sherri Bancroft

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP TEAM: DEANNA SALISBURY, SARA LADD, JOYCE VANDERHOEF, VAL HOPKINS, MELISSA GRIFFITH, TIFFANY WOLAK, KRIS MORGAN YEARBOOK-SHERRI BANCROFT

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- I. Recommendation to approve the following for High School Schedule B & C:
- Marching Band-Diana Craven
 - Concert Band-Diana Craven
 - 9th Grade Sponsor-Missy Morgan and Jeanine Dyer
 - 10th Grade Sponsor-Crystal Nelson and Kris Roberts
 - 11th Grade Sponsor-Char Keysor
 - 12th Grade Sponsor-Jodi Kailing and Eric Schmidt (volunteer)
 - Spanish Club-Sarah Johnson
 - French Club-Crystal Nelson
 - Yearbook-Andrea Mason Schneider
 - Art Club-Andrea Mason Schneider
 - Art Exhibit Coordinator-Andrea Mason Schneider
 - Student Government (Council)-Kelly Buckley
 - National Honor Society-Kelly Buckley and Abigail Apsey
 - Noon Hour Supervision-Lorissa Helmling, Travis Veit, Doug Helmling, Michelle Vanburen, Josh Johnson and Ann Martin
 - Leadership Team-Sarah Johnson, Kelly Buckley, Travis Veit, Carrie Kunkle, Jason Haines and Diana Craven
 - Tutoring-Carrie Kunkle, Ted Marthakis, Lorissa Helmling, Crystal Nelson

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE B & C:

MARCHING BAND-DIANA CRAVEN
CONCERT BAND-DIANA CRAVEN
9TH GRADE SPONSOR-MISSY MORGAN AND JEANINE DYER
10TH GRADE SPONSOR-CRYSTAL NELSON AND KRIS ROBERTS
11TH GRADE SPONSOR-CHAR KEYSOR
12TH GRADE SPONSOR-JODI KAILING AND ERIC SCHMIDT (VOLUNTEER)
SPANISH CLUB-SARAH JOHNSON
FRENCH CLUB-CRYSTAL NELSON
YEARBOOK-ANDREA MASON SCHNEIDER
ART CLUB-ANDREA MASON SCHNEIDER
ART EXHIBIT COORDINATOR-ANDREA MASON SCHNEIDER
STUDENT GOVERNMENT (COUNCIL)-KELLY BUCKLEY
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY-KELLY BUCKLEY AND ABIGAIL APSEY
NOON HOUR SUPERVISION-LORISSA HELMLING, TRAVIS VEIT, DOUG HELMLING, MICHELLE VANBUREN, JOSH JOHNSON AND ANN MARTIN

LEADERSHIP TEAM-SARAH JOHNSON, KELLY BUCKLEY, TRAVIS VEIT, CARRIE KUNKLE, JASON HAINES AND DIANA CRAVEN
TUTORING-CARRIE KUNKLE, TED MARTHAKIS, LORISSA HELMLING AND CRYSTAL NELSON

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to approve the following for Middle School Schedule B & C:
Rising S.T.A.R.S. Coordinator-George Sims, Ben Bishop
Lunch Supervisors (7th & 8th) – George Sims, Ben Bishop
5th Grade Class Sponsor-Deb Vincent
6th Grade Class Sponsor-Melinda Jack
7th Grade Class Sponsor-Amy & Jason O’Dell
8th Grade Class Sponsor-Diana Craven
Student Council Advisor-Olivia Wright
Leadership Team-Michelle VanBuren, Marci Cherry, Jarred Araujo
Yearbook-Jason O’Dell

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE B & C:
RISING S.T.A.R.S. COORDINATOR-GEORGE SIMS, BEN BISHOP
LUNCH SUPERVISORS (7TH & 8TH)-GEORGE SIMS, BEN BISHOP
5TH GRADE CLASS SPONSOR-DEB VINCENT
6TH GRADE CLASS SPONSOR-MELINDA JACK
7TH GRADE CLASS SPONSOR-AMY & JASON O’DELL
8TH GRADE CLASS SPONSOR-DIANA CRAVEN
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR-OLIVIA WRIGHT
LEADERSHIP TEAM-MICHELLE VANBUREN, MARCI CHERRY, JARRED ARAUJO
YEARBOOK-JASON O’DELL

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. District Goal 1 –Superintendent Howard explained the goal that was set three years ago and explained how it is being met.
- B. Greenhouse-after a lengthy discussion on what to do with the greenhouse and the hoop house some of the suggestions were to move it to the fairgrounds and donate it to the 4H groups, use the existing cement slab and convert it into a pole building for storage, use the existing cement slab and convert it into a building for cheerleading and wrestling, sell it or see if there is an interest in the middle school to offer a class there. It was suggested to contact the 4H Club and offer to clean it up if they can’t. If the school does not have enough interest to keep it going then the Board will consider giving it to the fair board.
- C. Parking Lots-Bart had a quote to fix, fill the cracks, repair curb/gutter, to reline and to repair the area behind the auditorium.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$70,000.00 FOR REPAIRING THE PARKING LOTS, CURB & GUTTER AND REPLACE THE AREA BEHIND THE AUDITORIUM AS STATED IN THE QUOTE FROM DIAMOND SOLUTIONS

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Track-Jay Wallace said the track was patched 3 years ago to get us by and now is the time to redo the track by taking down the blacktop a couple of inches, recapping it and spray on a new surface and lines. The last quote was for \$180,000. It was advised to get new quotes for the November Board meeting.
- E. Advisor Group Guidelines-Shirley is looking for three board volunteers or the policy committee to be a part of the Advisor Group Guideline Committee to review the procedures. She would also like to have a couple of advisors who are aware of past practices. Eric Schmidt said he would be willing to serve on this committee.
- F. High School Roof-Bart stated each time the wind blows a few shingles at the high school blow off. It is time to replace the high school roof. He has one quote for \$330,000 for a membrane style roof similar to what is on the gym but would not have the fake shingle look. The board advised Bart to get quotes on a membrane type roof, a steel roof and a shingle roof.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. School Closing-Shirley said she was impressed with the staff on the synchronized teaching during our recent shutdown. Currently, the middle school and high school quarantine numbers are down, but there are 30 students quarantined from two 2nd grade classrooms.
- B. Facility Use-Alan Bengry said he is leery to open the facility to outside groups. He would hate to open it up and then have to shut down the school because of it. Everyone agreed to keep the facility closed to outside groups.
- C. Count Day was Wednesday, October 6th and we have 880 students. This is up from what was budgeted.
- D. A question was raised on having an exchange student for the second semester. There was no objection to allowing an exchange student attend Evert High School.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Recommendation to go into Executive Session under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(A) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Roll Call Vote:

Bengry yes Whitman yes
Nichols yes Pylman absent
McKinstry yes Schmidt yes
Millen yes

ROLL CALL THAT THE EVART BOARD OF EDUCATION COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

Nichols yes Pylman absent
McKinstry yes Schmidt yes
Millen yes Bengry yes
Whitman yes

- B. Recommendation to approve the contract extension of Jason O’Dell as Middle School Principal through the 2022-2023 school year.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF JASON O’DELL AS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THROUGH THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the contract extension of Jessica Kolenda as High School Principal through the 2022-2023 school year.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF JESSICA KOLENDA AS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THROUGH THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

X. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to Adjourn

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: Carried
The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.