

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
October 12, 2020 In Person/Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN 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, Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Ed Dickenson, Elementary Principal
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal, (Virtual)
Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guests: Bre Grabill, Sherry Morgan, Eric Schmidt, Richard Landenberg, Michelle VanBuren, Catherine Sweeney (virtual), Kevin Beilfuss (virtual)

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Bre Grabill gave an update on Evert Promise Plus. It is up and running, they have an Executive Director and they are beginning to print checks for the 2020 graduates.
- B. Eric Schmidt spoke for the band boosters – they received a grant for \$5,000 so now the band has over \$10,000 in their account for needed materials/instruments.
 - He also wanted to speak about some artwork by students that are hung at the High School. He deemed them inappropriate and was wondering if the board would consider they be taken down.
 - Richard Landenberg spoke and also said he thought they were inappropriate to display in a public school and asked that they be taken down.
- C. Jessica Kolenda cleared up a question regarding Homecoming and then spoke about what they are able to do during Homecoming week – Spirit week (different theme each day), parade on Friday at 4 pm and Homecoming football game is Saturday at 2 pm.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2020.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45428 through #45514 in the amount of \$156,323.87 and the September 4th and 18th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$482,632.11.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7028 through #7051 in the amount of \$99,662.49.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #17960 through #17965 in the amount of \$676.93.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #9377 through #9382 in the amount of \$2,030.00.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jean Welch as Elementary RTC Educational Assistant, effective September 15, 2020.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEAN WELCH AS ELEMENTARY RTC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Larry Johnson, High School Teacher, effective September 16, 2020.

MOVED BY HOPKINS SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LARRY JOHNSON, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve Karena Hipkins, Elementary RTC Educational Assistant, effective October 5, 2020.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE KARENA HIPKINS, ELEMENTARY RTC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Jean Welch as Elementary Developmental Kindergarten Teacher for the 2020-21 school year, effective September 16, 2020.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE JEAN WELCH AS ELEMENTARY DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN TEACHER FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the Class Offerings at Evert Middle School and Evert High School for 2020-21.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE CLASS OFFERINGS AT EVART MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EVART HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2020-21.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

H. First reading of Thrun Board Policies 1000-3000.

I. Recommendation to approve the following Schedule A and B positions:

Elementary

Leadership Team: Valerie Hopkins, Sara Ladd, Ken Ranjel, Pam McClelland,
Deanna Salisbury, Judy Dible, Tiffany Wolak

Mentor Teachers: Stephanie Rodenbo for Stephanie Snow, Jonni Hebert for Jean Welch

Middle

Leadership Team: Sherry Morgan, Michelle VanBuren, Deb Vincent,
Amy Scoville, Marci Cherry

Rising Stars: George Sims

Robotics: Amy Scoville

Student Council Marci Cherry, Olivia Wright

5th Grade Class Sponsor: Sherry Morgan

6th Grade Class Sponsor: Deb Vincent

8th Grade Class Sponsor: George Sims

Lunch Supervisors (7th/8th): Ben Bishop, George Sims, John Zeller

Mentor Teachers: Amy Scoville for Tara Batdorf (Year 1)

Aaron Wetters for Steve Nimcheski (Year 1)

High School

Leadership Team: Josh Johnson, Diana Craven, Jason Haines, Sarah Johnson,
Kendra Prudhomme-Smith

Marching Band: Diana Craven

12th Grade Class Sponsor: Andrea Mason-Schneider

Spanish Club: Sarah Johnson

National Honor Society: Sarah Johnson

Art Exhibit Coordinator: Andrea Mason-Schneider

Lunch/noon hr Supervisors: Lorissa Helmling, Josh Johnson, Michelle VanBuren

Mentor Teacher: Crystal Nelson for Kelly Buckley

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE A AND B POSITIONS:

ELEMENTARY

LEADERSHIP TEAM: VALERIE HOPKINS, SARA LADD, KEN RANJEL,
PAM MCCLELLAND, DEANNA SALISBURY,
JUDY DIBLE, TIFFANY WOLAK

MENTOR TEACHERS: STEPHANIE RODENBO FOR STEPHANIE SNOW
JONNI HEBERT FOR JEAN WELCH

MIDDLE

LEADERSHIP TEAM: SHERRY MORGAN, MICHELLE VANBUREN,
DEB VINCENT, AMY SCOVILLE, MARCI CHERRY

RISING STARS: GEORGE SIMS

ROBOTICS: AMY SCOVILLE

STUDENT COUNCIL MARCI CHERRY, OLIVIA WRIGHT

5TH GRADE SPONSOR: SHERRY MORGAN

6TH GRADE SPONSOR: DEB VINCENT

8TH GRADE SPONSOR: GEORGE SIMS

LUNCH SUPERVISORS (7TH/8TH): BEN BISHOP, GEORGE SIMS, JOHN ZELLER

MENTOR TEACHERS: AMY SCOVILLE FOR TARA BATDORF (YEAR 1)
AARON WETTERS FOR STEVE NIMCHESKI (YEAR 1)

HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP TEAM: JOSH JOHNSON, DIANA CRAVEN, JASON HAINES,
MARCHING BAND: DIANA CRAVEN
12TH GRADE CLASS SPONSOR: ANDREA MASON-SCHNEIDER
SPANISH CLUB: SARAH JOHNSON
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: SARAH JOHNSON
ART EXHIBIT COORDINATOR: ANDREA MASON-SCHNEIDER
LUNCH/NOON HR SUPERVISORS: LORISSA HELMLING, JOSH JOHNSON,
MICHELLE VANBUREN
MENTOR TEACHER: CRYSTAL NELSON FOR KELLY BUCKLEY

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to approve Ashley Burhans, Elementary Educational Assistant, effective October 14, 2020.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE ASHLEY BURHANS, ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2020.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- K. Recommendation to approve the following Schedule B position:
HS Yearbook: Andrea Mason-Schneider

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE B POSITION:
HS YEARBOOK: ANDREA MASON-SCHNEIDER

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Building Use – The use of our schools for meetings, etc. after school hours was discussed. It was decided that some after school activities that would have been happening if there was no pandemic, such as after school tutoring, would be permitted. Group parent meetings run by the district would also be allowed to be held. No outside groups will be allowed to use the schools at this time. All safety protocols currently in place must be followed, including wearing masks and social distancing.
- B. Enrollment – 879 with 171 of those being virtual.
- C. Our auditor will be coming to the November 2020 meeting to give his report.
- D. Counselor Charges – Kendra Prudhomme Smith, High School Counselor, will be splitting her time - 40% for the Promise Plus program and 60% for the High School. There has been a posting for a part-time (50%) Counselor for the High School as another one is needed.
- E. 10 Day Rule if child gets sick in school - Shirley went over the newest information. This information is being sent home with every student and will be updated weekly.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

Bengry	Yes	Nichols	Yes
McKinstry	Yes	Pylman	Yes
Millen	Yes	Hopkins	Yes
		Whitman	Yes

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN THAT THE EVART BOARD OF EDUCATION COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:44 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

McKinstry	Yes	Pylman	Yes
Millen	Yes	Hopkins	Yes
Nichols	Yes	Whitman	Yes
		Bengry	Yes

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 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.