

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes  
October 9, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART MICHIGAN 49631.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry x, Todd Bruggema x, Mark Moody 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: Gary Earnest, Randy Lloyd, Santana Scott, Kaylee Nelson, Ryan Grinnell, Kelly Buckley, Angela Wimmer, Natalie Price, Jordan Newman, Meri Rehkopf, Ken Wirth, Valerie Hopkins, Sandy Wallace, Macey Wallace, Ryan Hopkins, Jeff Jackson, Heather VanAssche, Debbie Todd, Dawn Rueffer, Bre Grabill, Sue Morgan, Donelle Peterson, Sara Ladd, Taylor Bryant, Ashley Cass Krista Tiedt, Breanna Green, Michelle Johnson, Josh Johnson, Richard Landenberg, Melissa Morgan, Rosie Mckinstry, Katie Nostrant, Pepper Lockhart, Charlene Keysor, Michelle VanBuren, Sherry Morgan, Jennie Duncan, George Sims, Curt Leyder, Judy Leyder, Derek Graham, Kelly Hubbard, Carrie Helmer, Helen Dollar, Marie Wilkerson, Pam Cooke, Shannon Schmidt, Diana Craven, Jenn Hone, Olyvia Campbell, Allyssa Lerner, Ben Bryant, Bart Gallinger, Patrick Craven, Jennifer Natale, Zoe Babb, Jonni Hebert, Jenny Joyce, Kelli Elder, Chris Emerick, Scott Leyder, Mari Lyon, Jennifer Bissett, Connie Douglas, Ashlee Flachs, Connie Boyd, Martha Pattee, Amber Payne, Amanda Ransom, Jenny Rounds, Tracy Gray, Natalie Dorn, Jody Hardy, Travis Douglas.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ken Ranjel shared a Thank you to Dr. Gerald Nichols for the Veteran's Day Supplies for the Elementary School. He also gave a Thank you to Coach Craven for his dedication to the Football team and celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> win.
2. Debbie Todd had some questions on our Special Education program.
3. Rosie Mckinstry- shared a concern on how she is saddened by the recent board meetings. She shared our students should be our main priority.
4. Ashlee Flachs read a statement regarding the cheer program.
5. Richard Landenberg- asked about putting an awning up at the elementary school for the safety of the staff and students.
6. Connie Boyd- read a statement in regards to the hiring process of the sideline cheer.
7. Doug Isanhart shared a statement.
8. Diana Craven shared a statement
  - A. Derek Graham from UHY shared our 2022-2023 Audit Report.

B. Europe Trip- Kelly Buckley and Taylor Bryant presented the Board with a packet for planning a summer trip for the students June 2025.

-Recommendation to approve the Europe Trip – June 2025

MOVED BY SCHMIDT, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE EUROPE TRIP FOR JUNE 2025.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Points of Pride: Jason O’Dell shared on the tremendous success of the Centennial Celebration weekend. He also thanked Bart Gallinger for all the hard work getting the new Middle School sign in place. Mr. O’Dell also shared about the HRSA Grant that was awarded to EPS- the only school in the state of Michigan that received this grant.

D. Family Health Care: Jen and Julie from Family Health Care shared information on the School Health Center.

-Mark Moody asked some questions in regards to the student health care center that were answered by the employees of the Family Health Center.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE-

A. Letter from the MEA, EEA, EESPA, and ETA-Alan Bengry updated the board on this.

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held September 11, 2023.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY THAT THE TREASURER’S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47898 through #47997 in the amount of \$376,230.39 and the September 1st, September 15th and September 29<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$870,793.76. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7967 through #7972 in the amount of \$55,556.54.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19025 through #19070 in the amount of \$12,593.81 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10276 through #102786 in the amount of \$6685.36

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the following to the Building Leadership Teams:  
**Elementary School Leadership Team:** Deanna Salisbury, Sara Ladd, Joyce Vanderhoef, Val Hopkins, Melissa Griffith, Judy Dible, Kris Morgan and Nick Bailey. **Middle School Leadership Team:** Marcie Cherry, Jared Araujo, Jennifer Natale, Sherry Morgan and Liz McPherson, Aaron Wetters. **High School Leadership Team:** Kelly Buckley, Kevin Mills, Carrie Kunkle, , Travis Veit, Jessica Kolenda, Brittany Westendorp.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TO THE BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM:** DEANNA SALISBURY, SARA LADD, JOYCE VANDERHOEF, VAL HOPKINS, MELISSA GRIFFITH, JUDY DIBLE, KRIS MORGAN AND NICK BAILEY. **MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM:** MARCIE CHERRY, JARED ARAUJO, JENNIFER NATALE, SHERRY MORGAN AND LIZ MCPHERSON, AARON WETTERS. **HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM:** KELLY BUCKLEY, KEVIN MILLS, CARRIE KUNKLE, , TRAVIS VEIT, JESSICA KOLENDA, BRITTANY WESTENDORP.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

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

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Jason & Amy O'Dell  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Kelli Elder  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Missy Morgan  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor-Crystal Nelson  
NHS- Kelly Buckley  
Art Exhibit Coordinator and Art Club Advisor- Andrea Schneider  
Tutoring:  
HS PSAT/SAT Data Coordinator-  
Spanish Club- Doug Helmling  
French Club- Crystal Nelson  
HS Robotics-Kevin Mills  
Marching Band-Mikayla Warner  
Concert Bank- Mikayla Warner

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE B:

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Jason & Amy O'Dell  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Kelli Elder  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor: Missy Morgan  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor-Crystal Nelson  
NHS- Kelly Buckley  
Art Exhibit Coordinator and Art Club Advisor- Andrea Schneider  
Tutoring:  
HS PSAT/SAT Data Coordinator-  
Spanish Club- Doug Helmling  
French Club- Crystal Nelson

HS Robotics-Kevin Mills  
Marching Band-Mikayla Warner  
Concert Band- Mikayla Warner

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the following for Middle School Schedule B:

Rising Stars: George Sims  
Lunch Supervisors: George Sims, Ben Bishop.  
Class of 2031 Advisor: Sherry Morgan  
Class of 2030 Advisor:  
Class of 2029  
Class of 2028 Charlene Keysor  
Student Council Advisor: Olivia Wright  
NJHS- Marci Cherry, Jason O'Dell

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING  
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE B:

RISING STARS: GEORGE SIMS  
LUNCH SUPERVISORS 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GEORGE SIMS, BEN BISHOP.  
CLASS OF 2031 ADVISOR: SHERRY MORGAN  
CLASS OF 2030 ADVISOR:  
CLASS OF 2029 ADVISOR:  
CLASS OF 2028 ADVISOR: CHARLENE KEYSOR  
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR: OLIVIA WRIGHT  
NJHS-MARCI CHERRY, JASON O'DELL

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve the following for Elementary School Schedule B:

Yearbook- Sherri Bancroft  
Elementary Chorus: Natalie Price

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE  
FOLLOWING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE B:

YEARBOOK-SHERRI BANCROFT  
ELEMENTARY CHORUS: NATALIE PRICE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the following for School Improvement (MICEP TEAM)

High School Teachers: Crystal Nelson, Kelly Buckley  
Middle School Teachers: Jarred Araujo, Aaron Wetters  
Counseling/Social Worker: Shelby VanScoyoc  
Administration: Ken Ranjel, Jason O'Dell, Jessica Kolenda, Shirley Howard.

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

High School Teachers: Crystal Nelson, Kelly Buckley



MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE MARTY PATTEE FOR THE VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER COACH FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

2. Recommendation to approve Amber Payne as the Middle School Competitive Cheer Head Coach.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY -----

Motion died due to lack of support.

M. Consideration of adopting the resolution to accept the Altria Settlement Amount.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO CONSIDER ADOPTING OF THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ALTRIA SETTLEMENT AMOUNT.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

N. Consideration of approving the following Letters of Understanding with the EEA.

1. Schedule B- Adding a Social Media Person in each building. A \$400.00 stipend would be paid to each person.
2. Special Education Trainer of Trainers- A Certified Special education Teacher currently on staff would attend all MOISD Trainings on MIPSE as well as other relevant trainings that are offered. This teacher will then train and support the other Special Education teachers throughout the School Year, and would receive a \$5000 stipend for doing this.
3. Stipend for writing IEPs- A certified Special Education teacher will write the IEP for a student who is serviced by a substitute teacher. This teacher will receive a \$200.00 stipend for writing the IEP. If the teacher attends the IEP meeting, he/she will receive an additional \$50.00 stipend.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EEA:

1. SCHEDULE B- ADDING A SOCIAL MEDIA PERSON IN EACH BUILDING. A \$400.00 STIPEND WOULD BE PAID TO EACH PERSON.
2. SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINER OF TRAINERS- A CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER CURRENTLY ON STAFF WOULD ATTEND ALL MOISD TRAININGS ON MIPSE AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT TRAININGS THAT ARE OFFERED. THIS TEACHER WILL THEN TRAIN AND SUPPORT THE OTHER SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND WOULD RECEIVE A \$5000 STIPEND FOR DOING THIS.
3. STIPEND FOR WRITING IEPs- A CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER WILL WRITE THE IEP FOR A STUDENT WHO IS SERVICED BY A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. THIS TEACHER WILL RECEIVE A \$200.00 STIPEND FOR WRITING THE IEP. IF THE TEACHER ATTENDS THE IEP MEETING, HE/SHE WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00 STIPEND.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1

Results: Carried

- O. Consideration of approving an investigation regarding alleged violations of Board policy 2302, provided a resolution cannot be reached according to Board Policy 2303.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF BOARD POLICY 2302, PROVIDED A RESOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED ACCORDING TO BOARD POLICY 2303.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Superintendent Selection- Shirley updated the Board on this on how they would like to proceed.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Preliminary Enrollment Numbers- Shirley reported 886 students at this time which puts our district in a very good status.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.