

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes
April 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY 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 A 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: Amber Payne, Santana Scott, Diana Craven, Patrick Craven, Ryan Douglas, Travis Douglas, Doug Isanhart, Mike Kolenda, Deb Mishler, Jill Moyer, Bre Grabil, Sherry Morgan, Valerie Hopkins, Marie Wilkerson, Zoe Babb, Robert Watts, Keith Warddell Jr, Jennifer Joyce, Kari Guy, Pepper Lockhart, Michelle Van Buren, Jennie Duncan, Krista Tiedt, Rosie Mckinstry, Corey Roberts, Charlene Keysor, Jim Schwab, Tracy Gray, Mackensie Wirth, Ken Wirth, Amber Landers

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

Doug Isanhart gave salutations to many teachers and board members. He spoke as a concerned parent regarding some situations at the Middle School with a specific teacher. He had three questions – for the Administration are we properly documenting the teachers's misconduct?- For the Union – To what end do we document all this information? To the Board- what are we going to do to keep our kid's safe?
Pat Craven- read a statement

- A. Points of Pride – Jason O'Dell shared some great information about our Kids in the Middle School. We had 3 students who placed in the America and Me essay contest. He shared one of the participants Hero essay on her Grandmother. Great things are happening in our district's greenhouse- our students are also visiting one of our business's right in our backyard- Shore Nursery. An all school reunion and reception representing 100 years will be taking place on September 23, 2023 per Mr. Odell. Save the Date. His presentation showed his focus on our kids and school and also our community.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

(Pages 4-25)

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2023.

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MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2023.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- B. Payment of Bills

(Pages 32-34)

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47307 through #47411 in the amount of \$269,670.43 and the March 3rd, 17th, and March 31st payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$588,136.00.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7882 through #7899 in the amount of \$62,248.350

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18815 through #18853 in the amount of \$17,691.12

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10224 through #10233 in the amount of \$3627.27

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- C. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Tracy Gray as the 2022-2023 Friend of Education.

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MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TRACY GRAY AS THE 2022-2023 FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- D. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Jenni Decker as the EEA's 2022-2023 outstanding person in education

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JENNI DECKER AS THE EEA'S 2022-2023 OUTSTANDING PERSON IN EDUCATION.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- E. Consideration of approving recommendation from Building and Grounds Committee to establish two Halls of Fame.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH TWO HALLS OF FAME.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- F. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Heather Keathley, Elementary Educational Assistant, effective April 7, 2023

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HEATHER KEATHLEY, ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2023.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- G. Recommendation to approve proposal for purchasing Cheer Mats and accessories not to exceed \$5000.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASING CHEER MATS AND ACCESSORIES NOT TO EXCEED \$5000.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- H. Consideration of approving proposal from Baird, Cotter and Bishop as auditors through June 30, 2027.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM BAIRD, COTTER AND BISHOP AS AUDITORS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- I. Recommendation to approve to repair and repaint the Tom Smith Memorial Stadium not to exceed \$35,000.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE TO REPAIR AND REPAINT THE TOM SMITH MEMORIAL STADIUM NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- J. Recommendation to approve Santana Scott as the Girls Track Head Coach.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE SANTANA SCOTT AS THE GIRLS TRACK HEAD COACH.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- K. Recommendation to approve hiring Quality and Environmental Services with the cost of \$28,000 to abate the ACM tiles out of the lower elementary wing.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE HIRING QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WITH THE COST OF \$28,000 TO ABATE THE ACM CEILING TILES OUT OF THE LOWER ELEMENTARY WING.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

- L. Consideration of approving resolution to join Franz Lawsuit against social media platforms targeting minors.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO JOIN FRANZ LAWSUIT AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TARGETING MINORS.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Finance Director's Position – We have six applicants. We will be reviewing resumes and ranking by experience etc. Working together with our hiring committee to interview and fill position soon, as there is so much to learn.
- B. Strategic Planning- Shirley is working out the details for the upcoming planning meetings.
- C. MOISD Biennial Election- We will discuss at the regular Board Meeting May 8. We may need to add a Special Meeting with at least 4 board members present-earliest can be May 15.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: Nays: Results:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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.