# EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes

November 9, 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  $\underline{x}$ , Ryan Hopkins  $\underline{x}$ , Rosie McKinstry  $\underline{x}$ , Kelly Millen  $\underline{x}$ , Gerald Nichols  $\underline{x}$ , Karen Pylman  $\underline{x}$ , Kelly Whitman  $\underline{x}$ .

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent

Ed Dickenson, Elementary Principal Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guests: Derek Graham, Zoe Babb, Sherry Morgan, Kelly Buckley, Crystal Nelson,

Catherine Sweeney (virtual), Bre Grabill (virtual)

### III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Alan Bengry congratulated Karen Pylman, Gerald Nichols and Eric Schmidt for their election to the board for the next six years. He also mentioned the fantastic win for the football team and wished them the best this Friday in Oscoda for the District final game.
- B. Derek Graham from Baird, Cotter & Bishop P.C. presented the findings of the 2019-2020 audit.
- C. Kelly Buckley and Crystal Nelson spoke about the hopes of the French class taking a trip to Dublin, London and Paris in summer 2022. They are in the initial stages of planning but were there to get the Board's approval to continue planning the trip.
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE
- V. FINANCIAL
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2020.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY HOPKINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2020.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

## MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45520 through #45633 in the amount of \$193,904.15 and the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$817,671.72.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7052 through #7079 in the amount of \$102,643.74.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #17966 through #17982 in the amount of \$9,913.80.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #9383 through #9389 in the amount of \$5,239.26.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- C. First reading of Thrun Board Policies 4000.
- D. Recommendation to approve Thrun Board Policies 1000-3000.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THRUN BOARD POLICIES 1000-3000.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

MOVED BY HOPKINS SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve the contract extension of Jason O'Dell as Middle School Principal through the 2021-22 school year.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF JASON O'DELL AS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THROUGH THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the contract extension of Jessica Kolenda as High School Principal through the 2021-22 school year.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF JESSICA KOLENDA AS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THROUGH THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

H. Recommendation to approve the following coaches for Winter Athletics 2020-21 as recommended by Jay Wallace, Athletic Director:

Varsity Girls Basketball Matt Tiedt
JV Girls Basketball Paul Dyer
8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Carrie Kunkle

7th Girls BasketballAaron AndersonVarsity Boys BasketballKris MorganJV Boys BasketballBrian Koopman8th Boys BasketballStephanie Rodenbo7th Boys BasketballJosh JohnsonWrestlingBen BryantCheerMarty Pattee

MS Cheer Ashley Flachs & Connie Boyd

MOVED BY HOPKINS SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COACHES FOR WINTER ATHLETICS 2020-21 AS RECOMMENDED BY JAY

WALLACE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL MATT TIEDT
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL PAUL DYER

8<sup>TH</sup> GIRLS BASKETBALL CARRIE KUNKLE
7<sup>TH</sup> GIRLS BASKETBALL AARON ANDERSON
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL KRIS MORGAN
JV BOYS BASKETBALL BRIAN KOOPMAN
8<sup>TH</sup> BOYS BASKETBALL STEPHANIE RODENBO

7<sup>TH</sup> BOYS BASKETBALL JOSH JOHNSON WRESTLING BEN BRYANT CHEER MARTY PATTEE

MS CHEER ASHLEY FLACHS & CONNIE BOYD

Ayes: 6 Abstain: 1 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

I. Recommendation to approve stipends from the Covid Relief Fund for Professional Staff as presented in Letter of Understanding dated 10/16/2020.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE STIPENDS FROM THE COVID RELIEF FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF AS PRESENTED IN LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING DATED 10/16/2020.

Ayes: 5 Abstain: 2 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

J. Recommendation to approve stipends from the Covid Relief Fund for Principals, Supervisors, Directors and Central Office employees.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE STIPENDS FROM THE COVID RELIEF FUND FOR PRINCIPALS, SUPERVISORS, DIRECTORS AND CENTRAL OFFICE

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

K. Recommendation to Recommendation to approve the following Schedule B positions:

Middle School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Sponsor Diana Craven Yearbook Coordinator Jason O'Dell

Art Exhibit Coordinator Andrea Mason-Schneider

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch Supervisor Jason O'Dell

Add'l Rising STARS Coordinators Ben Bishop, Olivia Wright

High School

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Sponsor Bart Gallinger

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Sponsor Eric Schmidt/Jodi Kailing

Student Council Kelly Buckley

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE B POSITIONS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS SPONSOR DIANA CRAVEN YEARBOOK COORDINATOR JASON O'DELL

ART EXHIBIT COORDINATOR ANDREA MASON-SCHNEIDER

5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LUNCH SUPERVISOR JASON O'DELL

ADD'L RISING STARS COORDINATORS BEN BISHOP, OLIVIA WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS SPONSOR BART GALLINGER

11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS SPONSOR ERIC SCHMIDT/JODI KAILING

STUDENT COUNCIL KELLY BUCKLEY

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Reconfirmation of the Learning Plan

Recommendation to approve the Reconfirmation of the Learning Plan.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE LEARNING PLAN.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Class Rankings – Jessica explained that according to the handbook the class rankings are determined as 2/3 of the student's GPA and 1/3 SAT score. Because of COVID-19 and students not being able to take the SATs last spring, and this year it is by choice only, she is requesting that the rankings qualifications in the handbook be waived for this year and that they are based solely on GPA.

### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Shirley asked for the Board's input regarding a request for use of the gym for 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball practice. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders would all be from Evart. They would practice in the gym but the competitions would take place at Morey Courts in Mt. Pleasant. More discussion is needed.
- B. Shirley spoke about the temperature checks before students get on the buses. She stated that it becomes harder to get accurate temperatures when the weather gets cold and asked for the Board's input on when they should discontinue them.
- C. Shirley explained the guidelines from the Health Department on when employees may return to work if they have been ill or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY THAT THE EVART BOARD OF

#### EDUCATION COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:33 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. Consideration of approving the evaluation, with a rating of highly effective, for Shirley Howard, Superintendent, for the 2020-2021 school year.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE EVALUATION, WITH A RATING OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, FOR SHIRLEY HOWARD, SUPERINTENDENT, FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve the contract extension of Shirley Howard as Evart Public School Superintendent/Consultant through the 2022-23 school year.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION OF SHIRLEY HOWARD AS EVART PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT/CONSULTANT THROUGH THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

Roll Call Vote:

BengryYesNicholsYesMcKinstryYesPylmanYesMillenYesHopkinsYesWhitmanYes

Results: Carried

- IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT
  - A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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.