

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
April 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY, AT 7:07 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 absent, Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman absent, Eric Schmidt absent, Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal
Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guest present: Amber Payne, Charlene Keysor, Valerie Hopkins, Bre Grabill, Michelle VanBuren, Sherry Morgan, Marie Wilkerson, Becky Flachs, Tracy Gray, Christy Miller, Todd Bruggema, Ken Wirth, Bart Gallinger, Trevor Wagester.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

A. Recognition of Special Guests – Marie Wilkerson & Christy Miller spoke about the Eggstravaganza at the Education Center, where all activities are “egg” related for Easter time. Those 18-26 get to work on their skills for this Egg themed day. They also spoke about the MOP CO-OP collaboration.

B. Char Keysor, advisor for the class of 2023, asked for the Board's approval to go to an all-inclusive resort in Cancun, March 2023, for 6 days and 5 nights.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO ALLOW THE CLASS OF 2023 TO GO ON THEIR SENIOR TRIP TO CANCUN IN MARCH OF 2023.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Points of Pride, Jason O'Dell – on a side note, he pointed out the new multimedia equipment installed in the Boardroom which will enhance meetings. He said a new GaGa ball pit was installed and the kids are loving it! Jason is using various means to get the word out to parents, students and the community so they are well informed.

The Parent-Teacher conferences were a huge success with participation for 5th grade at 97%; 6th at 98%; 7th at 91%; 8th at 89% and IEP at 100%! 95% for the building.

Motivator for the students were receiving Golden Tickets for activity blocks—they loved it! The Whole Child – Chess Club has been going for a few weeks now. They have 5 chess boards and they continue to have more interest.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2022.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2022.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #48092 through #48176 in the amount of \$238,435.03 and the March 4th and 18th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$614,446.20.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7626 through #7646 in the amount of \$31,303.34.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18467 through #18487 in the amount of \$34,305.53.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10107 through #10120 in the amount of \$6,903.37.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Bre Grabill as the 2021-22 Friend of Education.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRE GRABILL AS THE 2021-22 FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Deanna Salisbury as the EEA's 2021-22 outstanding person in education.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DEANNA SALISBURY AS THE EEA'S 2021-22 OUTSTANDING PERSON IN EDUCATION.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve Briannah Beemer as Elementary Educational Assistant, effective April 4, 2022.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE BRIANNAH BEEMER AS ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2022.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Katherine Retlewski, Elementary Educational Assistant, effective April 8, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATHERINE RETLEWSKI, ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 8, 2022.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve bids for a total of \$97,380.46, using excess Food Service funds.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE BIDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$97,380.46, USING EXCESS FOOD SERVICE FUNDS.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Consideration of approving the replacement of the High School roof and seeking bids for the replacement of a shingle roof or a membrane roof.
Questions were asked of Trevor, representative from Duro-Last.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ROOF AND SEEKING BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A MEMBRANE ROOF.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Football Field Lighting – The money to pay for new lighting would be coming from the general fund. MHSAA has said our lighting is not up to standards. Could the Fairgrounds maybe chip in to help pay for it? Can we get some proposals?

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Negotiations – Shirley reported that we have Tentative Agreements with both the Teachers and Transportation.
B. Make-up Days – 10 snow days, so we will have to make up 1 day on the day after Memorial Day, May 31, 2022.

