

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
April 12, 2021  
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, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen x, Gerald Nichols Virtual-Medical, Karen Pylman x, Eric Schmidt Virtual-Medical, Kelly Whitman x.

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

Guests: Sherry Morgan, Bre Grabill, Bart Gallinger

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Jessica Kolenda – Graduation Update: May 16, 2021, 2:00 pm. There are three choices for graduation venue. These choices were made with accommodating as many people as possible.
- B. Eric Schmidt – Prom 2021: May 8, 2021 at the Olde Mill Venue, Marion.  
The theme is Country Elegance. There will be a photographer, DJ, gift bags and more.  
- Eric was asked about the Junior/Senior Banquet and it's planned for April 29 at the Fairgrounds.
- C. Spanish Trip Update: Jessica spoke to the Board about the concerns she and Sarah Johnson have regarding the trip in July to Costa Rica since the Covid-19 pandemic is ramping up instead of decreasing. She requested the Board's approval to cancel the trip for this year. Everyone can move their money to next year's trip, move it to next year's Europe trip or cancel and get all but \$500 back. Since the trip is managed by EF Educational Tours, their vouchers are good for any of their trips and will be extended if next year's trips are cancelled also.  
The Board gave its approval to cancel this year's trip.
- D. Shirley brought up how we haven't had any sports banquets this year but we would like to have an awards night to recognize our athletes. No date has been set yet.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2021.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45977 through #46063 in the amount of \$251,130.72 and the March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$534,534.49. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7162 through #7191 in the amount of \$62,865.53.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18041 through #18046 in the amount of \$8,940.57.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #9409 through #9416 in the amount of \$4,044.36.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve the Resolution recognizing Valerie Hopkins as the EEA's 2020-21 outstanding person in education.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VALERIE HOPKINS AS THE EEA'S 2020-21 OUTSTANDING PERSON IN EDUCATION.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve Natalie Belleville as Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE NATALIE BELLEVILLE AS EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve individualized graduation plans for the 2020-21 school year as a result of the pandemic.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE INDIVIDUALIZED GRADUATION PLANS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve bids from Floor Care Concepts to replace flooring in the Elementary kitchen, \$7,693.25; Middle School kitchen, \$22,370.00; High School kitchen, \$9,610.20, for a total of \$39,673.45, using excess Food Service funds.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE BIDS FROM FLOOR CARE CONCEPTS TO REPLACE FLOORING IN THE ELEMENTARY KITCHEN, \$7,693.25; MIDDLE SCHOOL KITCHEN, \$22,370.00; HIGH SCHOOL KITCHEN, \$9,610.20, FOR A TOTAL OF \$39,673.45. USING EXCESS FOOD SERVICE FUNDS.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the Spring Coaches listed:

HS Boys Track	Todd Scott
HS Girls Track	Tara Batdorf
MS Boys Track	Macey Wallace
MS Girls Track	Missy Morgan
V Baseball	Josh Johnson
JV Baseball	Carter Pritchard
Assist. Baseball	Blake Warner (based on numbers)
V Softball	Amanda Brown
JV Softball	Jennifer Walters

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE SPRING COACHES LISTED:

HS BOYS TRACK	TODD SCOTT
HS GIRLS TRACK	TARA BATDORF
MS BOYS TRACK	MACEY WALLACE
MS GIRLS TRACK	MISSY MORGAN
V BASEBALL	JOSH JOHNSON
JV BASEBALL	CARTER PRITCHARD
ASSIST. BASEBALL	BLAKE WARNER (BASED ON NUMBERS)
V SOFTBALL	AMANDA BROWN
JV SOFTBALL	JENNIFER WALTERS

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

H. Recommendation to approve the Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Plan for April 2021.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE EXTENDED COVID-19 PLAN FOR APRIL 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

I. Recommendation to approve the retirement resignation of Pam Vincent, effective May 28, 2021.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF PAM VINCENT, EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

J. Recommendation to approve the bid of \$10,616.67 from Cornerstone Construction & Design Inc. to replace 4 doors, which includes demo of old doors and installing new doors, all hardware, painting and labor.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$10,616.67 FROM CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN INC. TO REPLACE 4 DOORS, WHICH INCLUDES DEMO OF OLD DOORS AND INSTALLING NEW DOORS, ALL HARDWARE, PAINTING AND LABOR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Middle School Landscaping – Bart Gallinger and Jason O’Dell have been looking into landscaping for the Middle School entrance. Some new sidewalks would be installed where there is normally high traffic from the students. After researching possibilities, they are asking if the Board would approve getting a landscaper to do the work. Josh Wirth of Wirth Landscaping came up with a plan that would consist mostly of blue and gold perennials, shrubs and trees. Equipment, materials and labor would be \$16,000. An irrigation system, including equipment, materials and labor would be \$12,000.
- B. Substitute Pay – Shirley discussed an increase in pay for substitute Bus Drivers to \$16.40, to begin on next payroll. The rate of pay for the 21-22 school year would then increase to \$16.80. She also said that currently substitute Para pros receive \$12.25 but she would like that increased to \$12.75 next school year.

RECOMMENDATION TO SET THE SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER PAY RATE TO THE PROBATIONARY RATE OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT, WHICH IS \$16.40. THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR WOULD THEN INCREASE TO \$16.80.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE SETTING THE SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER PAY RATE TO THE PROBATIONARY RATE OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT, WHICH IS \$16.40. THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR WOULD THEN INCREASE TO \$16.80.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Summer School – The MOISD is working with local districts to provide an 8 week summer school experience for students in grades 5-8. Four weeks of the 8 weeks will be an academic/camp experience at Eagle Village. Thirty students from Evart will be part of this 8 week program. We will also be having our own 4 week summer school program for students in grades 1-8. A special field trip experience will be provided each week. In addition, the high school is having an 8 week credit recovery program.
- B. ESSER II Funds – 43% of the total amount of funds will be coming soon.
- C. Industrial Arts – There is much concern regarding an instructor for the Industrial Arts program. There have been no applicants since the job was posted in September, 2020. This program is very beneficial to many of our students. We are continuing to discuss how we can attract a certified teacher when so few are available. Some districts are offering a signing bonus.

X. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Alan brought up the matter of the voting timeline for MOISD biennial election. Since May 17, 2021 is the earliest date the Board can adopt the resolution to designate the District’s Election Representative, and that is after the regular meeting, he suggested May 17, 6:30 pm. All agreed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.