

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes
April 8 2024
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BENGRY 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 A, Eric Schmidt X, Kelly Whitman X.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Travis Douglas, Amber Payne, Valerie Hopkins, Debbie Todd, Brenda Henry, Sandy Keller, Natalie Price, Jordan Newman, Meri Rehkopf, Zoe Babb, Connie Douglas, Bart Gallinger, Dawn Rueffer, Pepper Lockhart, Sherry Morgan, Rosie McKinstry, Marie Wilkerson, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Brandon Beard, Melanie Beard, Bre Grabill, Jennifer Joyce, Tracy Gray, Kelly Buckley, Lisa Baldwin Ryan, Dylan Schwartz.

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

A. . The following individuals addressed the Board during Public Comment: Brenda Henry, Zoe Babb, Lisa Baldwin-Ryan, Debbie Todd, Sandy Keller, Marie Wilkerson.

B. Mark Moody congratulated Ethan Conk on his status with the Wrestling State Finals.

C. Points of Pride –Jason O'Dell presented about the “Hidden Gems” at Evart Middle School. He shared so many things happening behind the scenes at the Middle School.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the amended minutes of the special meeting held February 15, 2024 and the regular meeting held March 11, 2024.

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AND THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2024.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #49427 through #49489 in the amount of \$146,218.64 and the March 1st, 15th, and March 29th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$575,219.36.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8019 through #8029 in the amount of \$59,878.27

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19245 through #19277 in the amount of \$20,338.11

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10336 through #10344 in the amount of \$5674.73

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Cheryl Pitts as the 2023-2024 Friend of Education.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHERYL PITTS AS THE 2023-2024 FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve the resolution recognizing Judy Dible as the EEA's 2023-2024 outstanding person in education

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUDY DIBLE AS THE EEA'S 2023-2024 OUTSTANDING PERSON IN EDUCATION.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve Jeremie Morgan as the JV Softball Coach for the 2023-2024 season.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE JEREMIE

MORGAN AS THE JV SOFTBALL COACH FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Baseball Cages- Bart Gallinger discussed more options to come up with a plan for the batting cages.

B. Athletic Uniforms- Shirley asked other districts how to handle purchasing and maintaining the uniforms. Moody mentioned we should provide the uniforms, special warm ups, etc. should be considered a fundraiser. Bengry added- how much input do the coaches, AD and Board have in the way they look vs. athletes choice? Bruggema said we need to keep our School Colors for the uniforms.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Resignations- Shirley reported recent Teacher Resignations: Carrie Kunkle, Breanna Green and Grace Henning. Coaches Resignation: Carrie Kunkle and Katie Nostrant.

B. Superintendent Search- Shirley said there are 16 completed applications for the search.

C. Special Board Meeting- will be April 25th, 2024 5 PM

Mark Moody had questions on the following items: Special Education, Water Testing at the School ,Transparency reporting and hosting Track Meets.

Bart Gallinger did speak about the water testing

Todd Bruggema asked about utilizing Chrome Books for the future Board Meetings.

Recommendation to Purchase Chrome Books for Board Members to use for Board Meeting Materials with Expenditure not to exceed \$2500.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO PURCHASE CHROME BOOKS FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO USE FOR BOARD MEETING MATERIALS WITH EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$2500.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY MOODY, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 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.