

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
December 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Our Mission: Provide the tools to succeed
Our Vision: Equipping All to reach their highest potential

I. CALL TO ORDER.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BRUGGEMA AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART MI 49631/

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Todd Bruggema X Bre Grabill X Mark Moody X Eric Schmidt X Gerald Nichols A
Ken Wirth X Jamie Hullibarger X

Present: Dan Boyer Superintendent
 Jason O'Dell Middle School Principal
 Amy Booher Recording Secretary

Also Present: Ashley Case, Valerie Hopkins, Pepper Lockhart, Macey Wallace, Kay Duesendang, Marie Wilkerson, Dawn Rueffer, Pamela Sparks, Ira lakshim.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS N/A

V. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:- Jason O'Dell shared about the English Teachers Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Roberts and the students involvement in many writing projects. He also shared about students from our performing arts class participating in the Crossroads Christmas Play in Reed City.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VII. FINANCIAL (PGS 5-31)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- A. Finance Meeting November 10. 2025 – Jamie Hullibarger shared about the meeting.
- B. Policy Meeting- November 20, 2025- Eric Schmidt shared about the meeting.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 10, 2025.

MOVED BY HULLIBERGER SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2025.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks#50847 through #50901 in the amount of \$110,977.07 and the November 7th and 21st payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$748,212.62.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8226 through #8235 in the amount of \$69,130.04,

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19732 through #19736 in the amount of \$9736.23.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10481 through #10488 in the amount of \$8168.91

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve the following Thrun Policies:

-Policy 3118

-Policy 4113

- Amendment to approve the following Evart Public Schools District Policies:

-Policy 3118

-Policy 4113

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTIRICT POLICIES:

-Policy 3118

-Policy 4113

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to change the start time of the January Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2026 to 7:00 PM

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF THE JANUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2025 TO 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Grabill: NO

Nichols: Absent

Moody: YES

Wirth: NO

Hulliberger: NO

Bruggema: NO

Schmidt: Yes

Ayes: 2

Nays: 4

Results :Not Carried

E. Recommendation to approve Reese Ransom as the Middle School Wrestling Coach.

MOVED BY HULLIBERGER SUPPORTED BY GRABILL TO APPROVE REESE RANSOM AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve a second Evart diploma that will be called an “Evart Public School” diploma with Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements as outlined in MCL 380.1278a for use with students who do not physically attend Evart High School.

MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE A SECOND EVART DIPLOMA THAT WILL BE CALLED AN “EVART PUBLIC SCHOOL” DIPLOMA WITH MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM (MMC) REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN MCL 380 1278 A FOR USE WITH STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PHYSICALLY ATTEND EVART HIGH SCHOOL.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS N/A

XI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. SRO REPORT- Board members had the report in their packet to view.
B. Alumni Financial Support Requests- Bre Grabill mentioned that Carolyn Curtin and others spent a lot of time gathering this information so we should be able to receive that for our information.
C. MTSS Update- strongest area in district is the Elementary School. High School and Middle School are involved as well.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation to go into closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of a mid year evaluation of the Superintendent.

MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY HULLIBERGER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MID YEAR EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

Roll Call:

Grabill YES

Schmidt YES

Moody YES

Wirth YES

Wirth YES

Hulliberger YES

Bruggema YES

Todd Bruggema reported that Mr. Boyer has accomplished 1 of his goals and the board has eliminated one of his goals. The Board will evaluate again in 3 months and address a Superintendent community event.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.:

MOVED BY HULLIBERGER SUPPORTED BY MOODY THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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.