

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

February 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BENGRY AT 7:20 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, Ryan Hopkins x, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen x,
Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman x, Kelly Whitman x.

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

Guests:

Sherry Morgan, Bre Grabill, Sierra Culp, Austin Rueffer, Taylor Vespie, Sara Keilman, Doug Rueffer, Rob Rounds, Jenny Rounds

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Bre Grabill gave an update on the Promise Plus fundraiser, which is a Comedy Night being held on February 29. They are expecting a great turnout as the reserved tables are already filled and other tickets sold.
- B. Doug Rueffer, Austin Rueffer, Sierra Culp, Taylor Vespie and Sara Keilman represented the Growing F.A.B. 4H program. They surprised the Board by presenting a check to repay the school for a boiler system that needed to be replaced. They also reported on generous donations received from Cargill to support their program as well as the number of children in the program increasing to 19.
- C. Points of Pride – Sarah Bailey spoke about the Yoplait grant for backpacks of food and how they had their first grocery bags of food sent home. She also spoke about having a DHHS worker locally and CPS also has space in the school. She is pleased to have such experienced people so accessible. - Sarah asked Jenny Rounds, Evart Reads Coordinator, to give an update. She read from the book *The Bee Tree*. The story reminded her of how we all need the community (volunteers), books and relationships. These relationships are important for our students' well-being. The Board is thankful for the wonderful work Jenny is doing.
- D. Shirley presented the Board members with certificates of appreciation and thanked them for their many years of hard work and service.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Kelly Millen read from a MOISD Board of Education letter which gave a review and update. It included their goal of fostering better communication between the ISD and the local Boards.

V. FINANCIAL

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHIRLEY HOWARD TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve Kone as the vendor to service our elevators for the next five years at an annual cost of \$1,104.00.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY HOPKINS TO APPROVE KONE AS THE VENDOR TO SERVICE OUR ELEVATORS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$1,104.00.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Shirley reviewed District Goal 3
B. Shirley let the Board know that there is an excess food service fund balance of \$75,000 from the 2018-19 school year, which is partly due to having a part-time Food Coordinator last year. We now have a full-time Coordinator and she is required to designate how these excess funds will be spent by February 28, 2020.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. School closing due to illness was explained by Shirley as having to do with dropping numbers of children, teachers/aides out sick and children coming back to school still sick.
B. Vandalism at the High School happened the weekend that school was closed due to illness. It is quite extensive and measures to remove the graffiti have so far been unsuccessful. A reward of \$500 will be offered and given when the person responsible has been convicted.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

-Ryan Hopkins asked about purchasing a larger van for transportation. Shirley will look into this.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 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.