

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
February 14, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGY, AT 7:00 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 x, Gerald Nichols x,  
Karen Pylman x, Eric Schmidt x, 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: Santana Scott, Bre Grabill, Valerie Hopkins, Ryan Hopkins, Doug Isanhart,  
Jay Wallace, Sherry Morgan

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Jason O'Dell introduced Doug Isanhart, who spoke about drone technology as he specializes in it in the National Guard. He has received a \$2,300 grant for drones and would like to incorporate it into a Middle School 8 week curriculum in order to spark interest in that kind of technology. He and Jason are hoping that interest will continue into High School. They asked the Board for their support, which they received.
- B. Points of Pride – Ken Ranjel spoke about the Olympic Games happening at the Elementary. These games will go for ten days and includes skills of charting & graphing numbers, risk-taking, competition, building morale, cheering on teammates and leadership.
- C. Ryan Hopkins asked the Board to approve an overnight stay for the wrestlers on February 19 and also for March 3 & 4 if any qualify for state.

Recommendation to approve an overnight stay for wrestlers on February 19 as well as those who qualify for state on March 3 and 4.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE AN OVERNIGHT STAY FOR WRESTLERS ON FEBRUARY 19 AS WELL AS THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR STATE ON MARCH 3 AND 4.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

Ryan also asked the Board to consider how we could find more space for storage and practices as we are running out of room.

- D. Shirley expressed her appreciation to the Board for all they do for Evart Public Schools.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 10, 2022 and the resolutions and special meetings held January 18, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2022 AND THE RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 18, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #25909 through #46978 in the amount of \$536,185.39 and the January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$562,925.25.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7375 through #7399 in the amount of \$62,256.12.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18285 through #18297 in the amount of \$25,945.38.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #9488 through #9499 in the amount of \$7,759.66.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Review of appointments to Board Committees.

THE CURRENT COMMITTEES INCLUDE: POLICY (BENGRY, NICHOLS, PYLMAN), FINANCE (MILLEN, PYLMAN, BENGRY), NEGOTIATIONS (BENGRY, MCKINSTRY, WHITMAN), BUILDING AND GROUNDS (MCKINSTRY, SCHMIDT, WHITMAN), FAIR BOARD, CITY/SCHOOL (MILLEN).

- D. Recommendation to approve Deb Vincent as a member of the 2021-22 Middle School Leadership Team.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE DEB VINCENT AS A MEMBER OF THE 2021-22 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Consideration of requesting bids for high school roof.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE OF REQUESTING SHINGLE AND MEMBRANE BIDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ROOF.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Kelly Johnson, effective January 21, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KELLY JOHNSON, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Grounds/Maintenance Position – The Board approved \$16 an hour for the position, which includes maintenance duties, custodial and monitoring of the greenhouse.
- B. Athletic Co-op – The Conference has to approve the application to form and support a cooperative team and then it goes to MHSAA for approval. Advantages and disadvantages were discussed. We are willing to have our students participate in a co-op program if that sport is not offered at Evert. At this time Evert Public Schools will not accept students to participate in our athletic programs.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Goal Progress Report – It is now a state requirement that student progress on academic goals be reported to the Board of Education at its February meeting. The goal for both reading and math is to increase the number of students above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in these two areas. We did not reach our goal of a 10% increase by the middle of the year.
- B. Special Education Support – We have the opportunity to get a teacher to the end of the school year. The ISD will pay half and we will pay half.  
The Board approved.

IX. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. 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 8:07 p.m.