

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes  
February 8, 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-virt, Kelly Millen x-virt, Gerald Nichols x-virt, Karen Pylman x-virt, Eric Schmidt x-virt, Kelly Whitman x-virt.

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

Guests Virtually: Sherry Morgan, Bre Grabill, Catherine Sweeney, Nadia Lake, Emily Oldenburg

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Alan recognized and thanked anyone that gave assistance in the saving of Danny Witbeck's life on January 22, 2021.  
A celebration of this will be at a later date when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2021.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45815 through #45889 in the amount of \$256,045.87 and the January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$508,351.71. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7117 through #7141 in the amount of \$57,939.61.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18013 through #18033 in the amount of \$8,467.44.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #9400 through #9403 in the amount of \$3,549.69.

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 Board Policy 2501A – Electronic Board of Education Meetings.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE BOARD POLICY 2501A – ELECTRONIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for February 2021.

MOVED BY WHITMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN FOR FEBRUARY 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Jamie Isanhart as a Middle School Special Education Educational Assistant, effective February 1, 2021.

MOVED BY WHITMAN, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE JAMIE ISANHART AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

Ayes: 6

Abstain: 1

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MASB Board of Directors – After a brief discussion, there was a board majority that stated they were happy with the incumbent Jill Fennessy continuing as a Region 3 MASB Board Member for the next two years. The Superintendent’s Secretary will submit the ballot before the March 3, 2021 deadline.

B. Wrestling, Ryan Hopkins – Consideration of approving some tentative travel dates for the Evert High School wrestling program of March 20, 27, 30 and April 2 & 3, 2021.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE TENTATIVE TRAVEL DATES OF MARCH 20, 27, 30 AND APRIL 2 & 3, 2021 FOR THE WRESTLING TEAM.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Extended Learning Plan – Goals – Student progress on our reading and math goal will be reported as soon as the data is available. NWEA testing in Grades K-8 should be completed this week.

- B. Vision to Learn – With a grant that Vision to Learn received to work in rural areas, they were able to come to Evart Public Schools and quickly screen our students to identify those who may need glasses. Students who were initially identified had a more extensive vision exam. Vision to Learn provided 72 pairs of glasses to our students at no charge. We are grateful that so many students were able to benefit from this program.
- C. Review District Goal 4 – This goal looks at the needs of the district to ensure a safe and healthy environment. The district will be purchasing additional AEDS to ensure that one is easily accessible within and outside the school. Additional CPR training will be provided not only for school employees but also for community members wishing to have the training. Other building needs that were mentioned included air purifiers, additional cameras, replacement of doors, changing locks for security, and furniture.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Recommendation to go into Executive Session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Roll Call Vote:

Bengry	Y	Nichols	Y
McKinstry	Y	Pylman	Y
Millen	Y	Schmidt	Y
		Whitman	Y

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN THAT THE EVART BOARD OF EDUCATION COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:58 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

McKinstry	Y	Pylman	Y
Millen	Y	Schmidt	Y
Nichols	Y	Whitman	Y
		Bengry	Y

As a result of Executive Session the following recommendations were made:

- To offer Evart Public School teachers a retirement incentive of \$2,500, provided the teacher submits their letter of retirement no later than March 5, 2021.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO OFFER EVART PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS A RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OF \$2,500, PROVIDED THE TEACHER SUBMITS THEIR LETTER OF RETIREMENT NO LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2021.

Ayes: 6                  Abstain: 1          Nays: 0                                  Results: Carried

X. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.