EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes January 10, 2021 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SHIRLEY HOWARD, SUPERINTENDENT, 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 \underline{x} , Rosie McKinstry \underline{x} , Kelly Millen \underline{x} , Gerald Nichols \underline{x} , Karen Pylman \underline{x} , Eric Schmidt \underline{x} , Kelly Whitman \underline{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: Charlene Keysor, Marie Wilkerson, Pepper Lockhart, Jay Wallace, Michelle VanBuren, Bre Grabill, Sherry Morgan.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President – Alan Bengry. The elected president presides from this point MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO NOMINATE ALAN BENGRY AS PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Vice President – Gerald Nichols

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO NOMINATE GERALD NICHOLS AS VICE PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

C. Secretary – Kelly Millen

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO NOMINATE KELLY MILLEN AS SECRETARY.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

D. Treasurer – Rosie McKinstry

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO NOMINATE ROSIE MCKINSTRY AS TREASURER.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

II. REORGANIZATION ACTION ITEMS

- A. Reorganization Action Items
 - 1. Establish a day, place and time for regular board meetings -2^{nd} Monday of the month, 7 pm, in the Evart School Board Room.
 - 2. Authorize the President of the Board to appoint individual Board members to any necessary 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).
 - 3. Designation of depositories of school funds
 - a. Huntington
 - b. Lake Osceola State Bank
 - c. U.S. Bank
 - 4. The designation of persons authorized to sign the following documents
 - a. Checks President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - b. Contracts Superintendent, Board President
 - c. Agreements Superintendent
 - d. Purchase Orders Superintendent, Building Principals
 - 5. Authorize Zoe Babb and MaryAnn Corey to use the safe deposit box.
 - 6. The appointment of Superintendent as the executive secretary for election purposes.
 - 7. Approval of the annual retainer contracts: Thrun Law Firm, P.C., and Baird, Cotter & Bishop P.C.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Marie Wilkerson presented Charlene Keysor with a MARSP \$300 grant for her 6th-7th exploratory class. She also stated how much she appreciates the work of the board members and administration during these difficult times.
- B. Jay Wallace asked the Board if the 3 on 3 tournament committee could start making plans for a tournament on March 26. The Board gave approval to begin planning.
- C. Jason O'Dell stated as a personal note that he and his wife are excited that their exchange student from Germany and one from Italy will be arriving soon and attending Evart for the 2nd semester.

Jason's Points of Pride:

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- He spoke about the letters the middle school students sent to veterans and the thank yous they received back. Board member Butch Nichols thanked him for the cards sent to the VFW. It meant a lot to him and others.
- He said it is quite enjoyable to watch the 8th grade students in the history class. The students enjoy it as well as they are able to act out different events that happened in the past.
- Pride awards were given and it is nice to see how students are demonstrating resilience during these times of Covid.
- He was happy to report that everyone needs fun times also and they were able to have lots of fun during the Holiday Hijinx time.
- He showed how grant money from a couple years ago was used for a hydroponic grow wall and how quickly plants grow. A good scientific experience for all.
- He had diagrams for the Board to review showing all the various arrangements the new

furniture can be set up for. He is excited that each room can be set up according to their needs. He was also happy to report that the old furniture will not end up in the dump as there is someone who will help get it shipped to South America for those who don't have access to decent, or any, school furniture.

- IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE
- V. FINANCIAL
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 2021.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund Fund invoices be approved for checks #46901 through #46940 in the amount of \$135,798.28 and the December 10th and 24th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$595,029.07.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7361 through #7374 in the amount of \$39,576.09.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18256 through #18284 in the amount of \$22,635.65.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #9485 through #9487 in the amount of \$3,360.00.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve Stacey Rosneck as Kindergarten Academic Interventionist, effective January 10, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE STACEY ROSNECK AS KINDERGARTEN ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONIST, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve Pam McClelland as a member of the 2021-22 Elementary Leadership Team, replacing Joyce Vanderhoef.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE PAM MCCLELLAND AS A MEMBER OF THE 2021-22 ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP TEAM, REPLACING JOYCE VANDERHOEF.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Nichole Ladd, High School Social Worker, effective December 31, 2021.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF NICHOLE LADD, HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve Samantha Laitinen as a custodian at the elementary school, effective January 3, 2022.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE SAMANTHA LAITINEN AS A CUSTODIAN AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve Rachel Rowe as a temporary ES/MS Special Education teacher for the second semester 2021-22, effective January 10, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE RACHEL ROWE AS A TEMPORARY ES/MS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER 2021-22, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

H. Recommendation to approve the resolution to have the 18 mills millage renewal on the ballot for the August 2, 2022 election. The millage will be for 2023-2026.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE 18 MILLS MILLAGE RENEWAL ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2022 ELECTION. THE MILLAGE WILL BE FOR 2023-2026.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

I. Recommendation to approve the Lake Osceola State Bank resolution as presented.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE LAKE OSCEOLA STATE BANK RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

J. Recommendation to approve of adopting Policy 4226: Temporary Covid-19 Vaccination, Testing and Face Covering.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE OF ADOPTING POLICY 4226: TEMPORARY COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND FACE COVERING.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. COVID is affecting more students and staff at an alarming rate. The numbers will determine if it is necessary to close a school for face to face instruction and provide synchronous instruction virtually. The entire district may have to close when we are unable to find substitutes to cover all the classrooms. No instruction would be provided and these days would count as part of our "forgiven days". We will use other professional staff as well as educational assistants to stay open face to face as long as it is feasible. In seeking input from the board on what to do about athletics, the board stated that no athletic practices or competitions should take place if students were not able to be face to face because of the pandemic.
- B. Special board meetings will be held at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Marie Wilkerson again expressed her thanks to everyone in regards to keeping the school up and running and how hard everyone works to make sure the students get an education.
- B. Bart will send warranty information to the board members.

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 7:50 p.m.