

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

January 13, 2025

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERINTENDENT BOYER AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART,  
MICHIGAN 49631

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Todd Bruggema X, Mark Moody X, Gerald Nichols X, Eric Schmidt X,  
Bre Grabill X, Ken Wirth X, Jamie Hulliberger X

Also Present: Dan Boyer- Superintendent  
Jessica Kolenda- High School Principal  
Jason O'Dell-Middle School Principal  
Amy Booher- Recording Secretary

Guests present: Amber Payne, Dawn Rueffer, Cathy Wirth, Valerie Hopkins, Gary Earnest, Randy  
Lloyd, Meri Rehkopf, Zoe Babb, Michelle Van Buren, Mackenzie Van Buren, Sherry Morgan,  
Jenna Bissett, Sandy Wallace, Macey Wallace, Josh John son, Doug Isanhart, Lisa Baldwin- Ryan,  
Dylan Schwartz, Bart Gallinger

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President – Todd Bruggema The elected president presides from this point.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY HULLIBERGER TO NOMINATE TODD  
BRUGGEMA AS BOARD PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 2

Results: Carried

ROLL CALL:

Moody: No

Schmidt: No

Grabill: Yes

Wirth: Yes

Nichols: Yes

Hulliberger: Yes

Bruggema: Yes

B. Vice President:- Bre Grabill

MOVED BY: HULLIBERGER SUPPORTED BY WIRTH TO NOMINATE BRE GRABILL AS  
VICE PRESIDENT.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Secretary- Mark Moody

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WIRTH TO NOMINATE MARK MOODY AS  
SECRETARY.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Treasurer- Eric Schmidt

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY WIRTH TO NOMINATE ERIC SCHMIDT AS TREASURER.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

V. REORGANIZATION ACTION ITEMS

A. Reorganization Action Items

1. Establish the day, place and time for regular board meetings as the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Board Room.- will change to Middle School in upcoming Agendas
2. Authorize the President of the Board to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees. The current committees include: Policy, Finance , Negotiations, and Building and Grounds.- This item is tabled for further discussion
3. Designation of depositories of school funds
  - a. Huntington
  - b. Lake Osceola State Bank
4. Designate Central Office Administrative Assistant to post Board meeting notices, under the Open Meetings Act.
5. 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
6. Authorize Dawn Rueffer and MaryAnn Corey to use the safe deposit box.
7. The appointment of Superintendent as the executive secretary for election purposes.
8. Approval of UHY P.C.

MOVED BY GRABILL, SUPPORTED BY HULLIBERGER TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS – NUMBERS 1, 3, 4 ,5, 6, 7 ,8

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

VI. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. The following people spoke during Public Comment:

1. Meri Rehkopf- spoke on Elementary School Safety.
2. Mark Moody- asked to add a discussion item in naming the gym after John Bennett to the agenda.

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO ADD THE DISCUSSION ITEM IN NAMING THE GYM AFTER JOHN BENNETT ON THE BOARD AGENDA.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

3. Bre Grabill- would like to make an adjustment to waive Board Stipend Pay at the February Meeting.

- B. Points of Pride – Jason O’Dell- shared a presentation on the Family Health Center, HIL Scholarship money and a donation to our Wood Shop from Gary Earnest.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. FINANCIAL

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A. ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 9, 2024.

(Pages 22-24)

MOVED BY GRABILL, SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9 2024.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #50087 through #50129 in the amount of \$105,794.72 and the December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$464,115.62

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8104 through # 8110 in the amount of \$50,054.28.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for Checks # 19453-19478 in the amount of \$8,425.43.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #10486-10409 in the amount of \$3670.53

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

C. Recommendation to approve Macey Wallace as the Varsity Boys Track Coach for the 2025 Season.

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MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY HULLIBERGER TO APPROVE MACEY WALLACE AS THE VARSITY BOYS TRACK COACH FOR THE 2025 SEASON

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

D. Recommendation to approve Nata Laitenin as a part time Custodian.

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MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE NATA LAITENIN AS A PART TIME CUSTODIAN.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

E. Recommendation to approve Hannah Laitenin as a part time Custodian.

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MOVED BY GRABILL SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE HANNAH LAITENIN AS A PART TIME CUSTODIAN.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

F. Recommendation to approve Ryan Hopkins as the Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2025 Season.

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MOVED BY HULLIBERGER SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE RYAN HOPKINS AS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH FOR THE 2025 SEASON.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

G. First Reading of the Updated Policies as presented.. ( See Attached) **(Pages 30-107)**

IX. LEGAL SERVICES

- A. Clark Hill Legal
- B. Thrun Legal

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ SUPPORTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO APPROVE A RETAINER CONTRACT WITH \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2025.- This item is tabled until the February Meeting for further discussion.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Family Health Care- Dental- Dan shared on a possibility of space for Dental services for the Health Center
- B. Football Field Lighting- Dan and Bart both shared on the benefits of upscaling our Football lights.
- C. Discuss the naming of the Middle School Gymnasium after John Bennett.  
Mark Moody made the motion to Name the Middle School Gymnasium after John Benntt.

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED SCHMIDT TO NAME THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AFTER JOHN BENNETT.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A Resignation- Nick Bailey **(Page 29)**
- B. Parents Square- Dan shared that we are moving forward and Kevin is helping as well with this.
- C. FAFSA Challenge Update- with moving forward on this the Board needs to pass a resolution on this by August 15, 2025.
- D. Board Recognition- Dan thanked the board for their great work and handed out certificates.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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