

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
July 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY LOCATED AT 321 NORTH HEMLOCK STREET, EVART, MICHIGAN 49631.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Alan Bengry x, Todd Bruggema x, Mark Moody x, Gerald Nichols x,
Karen Pylman x, Eric Schmidt x, Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jason O'Dell- Middle School Principal
Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Guest present: Valerie Hopkins, Travis Douglas, Jennifer Howe, Tami Dellar, William Dellar, Meri Rehkopf, Mark Sochocki, Amber Payne, Macey Wallace, Rachel Pritchard, Patrick Tiedt, Ayla Schmidt, Ashley Cass, Pepper Lockhart, Char Keysor, Callie Keysor, Jennifer Natale, Diana Craven, Jill Moyer, Geoff Muma, Marie Wilkerson, Connie Douglas, Debbie Todd, Katie Nostrant, Sherry Morgan, Jennie Duncan, Ashley Dailey, Rosie Mckinstry, Zoe Babb.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jennifer Natale shared on the Trap season and the great job they acquired at States.

B. Eric Schmidt thanked Corey Roberts and the Weight Lifting Club on the great job they did with the parking at the Fireworks, July 3rd.

C. Jason O'Dell introduced our two new employees that will be approved by the board.

Geoffrey Muma, Middle School Teacher and Macey Wallace, Social Worker. He also shared his thoughts as a community member on the housing project.

D. Connie Douglas shared her thoughts on the housing project.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. Karen Pylman read an email from Doug Isanhart in regards to selling the school property.

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Work Session held June 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM and the Budget Hearing and Special meeting held June 29, 2023, 7:00 pm.

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD JUNE 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM AND THE BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 29, 2023, 7:00 PM.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47633 through #47747 in the amount of \$488,238.99 and the June 9th and 23rd payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$719,079.84. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7931 through #7946 in the amount of \$63,457.77. Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18953 through #19008 in the amount of \$10,589.26 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10256 through #10264 in the amount of \$1398.91

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Second Reading of the Elementary, Middle School and High School Handbooks.
- Mark Moody shared Policies that he felt should be added to the Handbooks.

D. Recommendation to approve Geoffrey Muma as a Science/Social Studies Middle School Teacher for the 2023-24 School Year.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE GEOFFREY MUMA AS A SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve Macey Wallace as a Middle School Social Worker for the 2023-24 School Year.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE MACEY WALLACE AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Consideration of entering into an option to a purchase agreement with the Evert Housing commission for approximately 6.4 acres of property from parcel # 03301802 at price to be negotiated.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EVART HOUSING COMMISSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF PROPERTY, OR LESS, FROM PARCEL #03301802 AT A PRICE TO BE NEGOTIATED.

- After considerable discussion regarding the issue support was withdrawn by Kelly Whitman

- G. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Diana Craven, Band Director, effective June 29, 2023.

Eric Schmidt had some questions in regards to Diana Craven's resignation.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF DIANA CRAVEN, BAND DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2023.

ROLL CALL

BENGRY Y WHITMAN Y
SCHMIDT N MOODY N
BRUGGEMA Y PYLMAN Y
NICHOLS Y

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Results: Carried

- H. Consideration to approve the resolution regarding the support and commitment to the Child and Adolescent Health Center.
- Mr. O'Dell answered questions on Grants, location and local contractor who may help with any renovations.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- I. Recommendation to approve Taylor Bryant as the High School Sideline Cheer Coach for the 2023-24 School Year.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE TAYLOR BRYANT AS THE HIGH SCHOOL SIDELINE CHEER COACH FOR THE 2023-24 School Year.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2023-24 School Year.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MILK BID FROM PRAIRIE FARMS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Athletics

1. Student/Parent Handbook- last revision 2019
2. Spectator Conduct Policy- last revision 2021
3. Guideline for Volunteer Coaches- Shirley shared information on I chat and CPI training for volunteer coaches. Moody mentioned everyone should be trained in CPI and on concussion coaching for volunteers who coach. Shirley mentioned she would like to see Drew our Athletic Director get a committee organized for these questions.

B. Section 98b Progress Report.- Both Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Ranjel shared a handout on the section 98b progress report. They both feel we have a long way to go. Mindset is how we react. Students know when it's their time to work and get things done. Mr. Ranjel will collect Data on the time, effort and energy of the testing to share with the board.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Transportation Categorical- Shirley is waiting to see if we qualify.

B. Legislation-There may be some changes in PERA in regards to the right of assignment, employee discipline and other issues. This will not take place until fall.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS THAT THE MEETING BE
ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.