

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
June 12, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY AT 7:00 PM 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  
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal  
Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal  
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Carol Burba, Sara Wiers, Jennifer Natale, Zoe Babb, Julie Tatko, Debbie Todd, Valerie Hopkins, Connie Douglas, Kim Bonham, Lilas VanScoyoc, Ralph Carlson, Diane Carlson, Jim Schwab, Mark Sochocki, Linda Miller, Meri Rehkopf, Sara Molenaar, Patrick Tiedt, Travis Douglas, Jennifer Howe, Amber Payne, Ashley Cass, Jane Hutchinson, Rhoda Proper, Catherine Wirth, Ken Wirth, Dawn Rueffer, Pepper Lockhart, Marty Geary, Rhonda Huff, Danielle Mckinstry, Sandy Szelinga, Mike Kolenda, Marlene Lott, Marie Wilkerson, Connie Holmes, Patrick Craven, Bre Grabill, Rosie McKinstry, Elise Connor, Chris Davis, Annette Walters, Olivia Fellows, Kati Mora.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

A. Community Recognition: Lilas VanScoyoc was recognized as an outstanding citizen with a Plaque awarded by Mark Moody and the Evert Board of Education along with the City of Evert. Lilas has worked for the Evert Library for over 54 years.

B. Health Center update: Julie Tatko, Carol Burba and Sara Wiers shared and presented information on the upcoming Health Center coming to Evert Middle School. They feel the center will provide many benefits including improved attendance and grades along with helping parents with less time off for doctor appointments.

C. Mark Sochocki from the Evert Housing Commission shared with the Board the option to purchase 6.4 acres to house 48 units of 2-3 bedroom apartments with the hopes of bringing an estimate of 55 students to enroll in the Evert Public Schools.

D. Jen Natale shared about our Trap Team. They have 8 athletes going to States. She also shared about the Girls Robotics Team. 8 girls are involved in this group and doing very well.

E. Connie Douglas had questions on how selling of the school property with the Evert Housing Commission would be beneficial?

F. Katie Mora mentioned how Evert would benefit with additional housing as there is a property need. She stated the timing is now to have creative solutions for housing locally.

G. Others commented on their concerns for selling the school property.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the special meeting held May 15, 2023, 6:00 pm and the special meeting held May 24 2023.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2023, 6:15 PM AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 24, 2023 5:30 PM

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 #48292 through #48423 in the amount of \$391,364.67 and the May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$646,765.33.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7672 through #7684 in the amount of \$52,962.17.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18511 through #18543 in the amount of \$20,980.58.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10125 through #10132 in the amount of \$4,207.02.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve the renewal of our membership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2023-24 school year as per the attached resolution.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR AS PER THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve June 29, 2023, 7:00 pm as the date and time for the Budget Hearing and the Special Meeting to follow.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE JUNE 29, 2023, 7:00 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE BUDGET HEARING AND THE SPECIAL MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve Cameron Demory Middle School Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-24 school year

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE CAMERON

DEMORY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to approve Carter Pritchard as a Middle School Math and Physical Education Teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE CARTER PRITCHARD AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve Jesse Taylor as a district Computer Technician Level 1, effective June 5 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE JESSE TAYLOR AS A DISTRICT COMPUTER TECHNICIAN LEVEL 1, EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve Rachel Rowe as a Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ SUPPORTED \_\_\_\_\_ BY TO APPROVE RACHEL ROWE AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

\* Rachel has accepted a position with the Big Rapids School District so no action was taken at this time.

- I. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Shelby VanScoyoc, Middle School Behavior Interventionist, effective May 26, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHELBY VANSKOYOC, MIDDLE SCHOOL BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST, EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- J. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Lorissa Helmling, High School/Middle School Teacher, effective August 15, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF LORISSA HELMLING, HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- K. Recommendation to approve the resignation Jeff Junker, effective May 26, 2023.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF JEFF JUNKER EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2023

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- L. Recommendation to approve the retirement of Sue Morgan, Special Education Counseling Secretary, Effective May 31, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF SUE MORGAN, SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNSELING SECRETARY, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- M. Recommendation to approve the administrative guideline forms 3116-F-3 and 3116-F-4 Agreements for Acceptance use of Technology Resources.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE FORMS 3116-F-3 AND 3116-F-4 AGREEMENTS FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- N. Recommendation to approve the revised Board Policy 3304 and Administrative Guidelines Form 3304 F

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE THE REVISED BOARD POLICY 3304 AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FORM 3304 F.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- O. Recommendation to approve Shelby VanScoyoc as the High School Counselor, effective August 16, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE SHELBY VANSKOYOC AS THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- P. Recommendation to approve the following coaches for Fall Athletics 2023-24  
Varsity Football

Head Coach- Pat Craven

Asst Coaches Ben Bryant, Mike Petrongelli, Gus Ranjel

If 50 or more at first practice- Mark Zajak

Middle School Football Coaches- Dan Duey Asst. Brendan Barry.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING  
COACHES FOR FALL ATHLETICS 2023-24  
VARSITY FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH- PAT CRAVEN  
ASST COACHES BEN BRYANT, MIKE PETRONGELLI, GUS RANJEL  
IF 50 OR MORE AT FIRST PRACTICE- MARK ZAJAK

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES- DAN DUEY AND BRENDAN BARRY  
Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Results: Carried

Q. Recommendation to approve Joel Hamilton as the JV Girls Basketball Coach.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE JOEL  
HAMILTON AS THE JV GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Results: Carried

R. Consideration of entering into an option to a purchase agreement with the Evart Housing Commission for approximately 6.4 acres of property from parcel #00301802 to be negotiated based on an appraisal or an amount per unit of development whichever is greater.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO TABLE  
CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO AN OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT  
WITH THE EVART HOUSING COMMISSION UNTIL THE JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Results: Carried

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sumer School- very busy 4 weeks of Summer School and Credit Recovery will be offered.
- B. Bleachers-we are ready to remove the noted bleachers and keep for parts.
- C. Teacher Vacancies- There are a variety of openings, please note on our website or you can stop at one of the schools and see what is available.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY SCHMIDT, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN THAT THE MEETING BE  
ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.