

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
March 11, 2024
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY 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, Mark Moody X, Todd Bruggema X, Gerald Nichols X, Karen Pylman X, Eric Schmidt X, Kelly Whitman X.

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

Guests: Marie Wilkerson, Valerie Hopkins, Gary Earnest, Randy Lloyd, Meri Rehkopf, Marilyn Eisenhauer, Bart Gallinger, Jean Welch, Zoe Babb, Ron Babb, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Kelly Buckley, Zuleika Carey, Bre Grabill, Steve, Locke, Brittany Magnusson, Dawn Rueffer, Jennifer Natale, Rosie McKinstry, Olivia Fellows, Ryan Grinnell, Pepper Lockhart, Lisa Baldwin Ryan, Jennifer Joyce, Brenda Henry.

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

A. The following individuals addressed the board during public comment:

Brittany Magnusson, Lisa Baldwin-Ryan, Kay Albright, Brenda Henry.

B. MOISD- Steve Locke and Marie Wilkerson shared on the great things happening at the MOISD.- Moody asked if it was mandatory for 4 year old to attend school? The answer is No.

C.. Points of Pride- Jessica Kolenda- She shared we have 60 students attending the Career Center. We also have 3 students who were selected for the MI Council of English Convention. A # 1 rating shout out for the Band along with a solo ensemble qualified student. Band Bust was over the weekend of March 16-17 2024. Also we have exhibitors at Big Rapids Art Works.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 12, 2024 and the Special Meeting held February 15, 2024.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE Regular Meeting February 12, 2024 and the Special Meeting held February 15, 2024.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1

Results: CARRIED

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #49358 through #49420 in the amount of \$134,439.27 and the February 2nd and 16th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$675,698.48

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #8013 through #8018 in the amount of \$56,902.60.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19201 through #19244 in the amount of \$36,247.29

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #10324 through #10335 in the amount of \$7721.27

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

C. Recommendation to approve Carrie Kunkle as the High School Girls Track Coach for the 2023-24 Season

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE CARRIE KUNKLE AS THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK COACH FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON.

Ayes: 6

Abstain: 1

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

D. Recommendation to approve Cornerstone Construction to relocate the batting cages for softball and baseball at a cost of \$12,351.72. Sports Boosters will pay \$6000.00 toward the total cost.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE FOR THE BATTING CAGES FOR SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL. THIS WILL BE A DISCUSSION ITEM ON THE APRIL AGENDA.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

E. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Lesia Laugavitz, Middle School Educational Assistant effective March 4, 2024.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LESIA LAUGAVITZ, MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- F. Recommendation to approve Zuleika Carey as Middle School Educational Assistant effective March 11, 2024.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE ZULEIKA CAREY AS MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- G. Recommendation to approve Douglas Rueffer as Middle School Educational Assistant effective March 11, 2024.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE DOUGLAS RUEFFER AS MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: CARRIED

- H. Consideration of approving the Formal Resolution of Censure regarding Board Member Mark Moody.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO NOT APPROVE THE FORMAL RESOLUTION OF CENSURE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER MARK MOODY.

Ayes: 1

Abstain: 1

Nays: 5

Results: FAILED

Roll Call

Bengry: NO

Bruggema: NO

Pylman: NO

Schmidt: YES

Whitman: NO

Nichols: NO

Moody: Abstain

Consideration of approving the Formal Resolution of Censure regarding Board Member Mark Moody.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FORMAL RESOLUTION OF CENSURE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER MARK MOODY.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 2

Results: CARRIED

Roll Call

Pylman: YES

Bengry: YES

Bruggema: YES

Schmidt: NO

Moody: NO

Nichols: YES

Whitman: YES

- I. Consideration of approving the Formal Resolution of Censure regarding Board Member Eric Schmidt.

MOVED BY MOODY SUPPORTED BY SCHMIDT TO NOT APPROVE THE FORMAL RESOLUTION OF CENSURE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER ERIC SCHMIDT

Ayes: 2

Nays: 5

Results: FAILED

Roll Call

Pylman: NO Bengry: NO
Schmidt: YES Whitman: NO
Bruggema: NO Moody: Yes
Nichols: No

Consideration of approving the Formal Resolution of Censure regarding Board Member Eric Schmidt.

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FORMAL RESOLUTION OF CENSURE REGARDING BOARD MEMBER ERIC SCHMIDT.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Results: CARRIED

Roll Call

Pylman: YES Bengry: YES
Moody: NO Whitman: YES
Nichols: YES Bruggema: Yes
Schmidt: NO

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Packets- Electronic vs paper. There was a handout in the Board Packets which Shirley explained on this.

- Moody had spoke on policies and how they should be updated.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Grow Your Own_ Shirley shared on how she has been working on the Grant.

B. Attendance- Shirley shared information on District Attendance.

- Moody had questions on the Strategic Plan. Shirley answered his questions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

To ensure due process and respect of individual rights, the District maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A problem involving an individual or specific incident is best handled through administrative channels. Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by your comments. While it is not our intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if your statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, you may be held legally responsible. If you are unsure of the legal ramifications of what you are about to say, we urge you to consult first with your legal advisor.