

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
March 14, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGY, 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 x, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen 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  
Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guest present: Amber Payne, Valerie Hopkins, Michelle VanBuren, Sherry Morgan, Jay Wallace, Patrick Craven.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Alan asked Ken if he had any updates and Ken said that their Olympics were closed and gave a brief update on how well it went. He said it improved morale for everyone and lowered bad behavior. Everyone had a great time while learning.
- B. Jessica Kolenda's Points of Pride included Cole Hopkins becoming the state champ in wrestling, which is a first for individual at Evart, the new banners in the HS office have received many compliments, a donation of a lockbox for vapes from 1016 Recovery, 36 students earned the CHAMPION award, a picture was shown of some of the new furniture set up in the rooms and they are loving it, was the Board aware there is a ceramics class? – she showed pictures of some of the pieces, the Spanish 1 class did an escape room lesson which was a fun way to learn, the band earned a division 1 rating, BC Pizza will be giving a % of the sales to Promise Plus on March 18, 2022 and finally, Comedy Night fundraiser for Promise Plus scholarship fund was a huge success, earning around \$25,000!

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2022 and the special meetings held February 14, 2022 at 6:15 pm and March 1, 2022, with resolution, at 2 pm.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AND THE SPECIAL

MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AT 6:15 PM AND MARCH 1, 2022, WITH RESOLUTION, AT 2 PM.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #48005 through #48087 in the amount of \$319,166.73 and the February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$611,160.06.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7600 through #7623 in the amount of \$85,134.61.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18400 through #18466 in the amount of \$36,519.71.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10100 through #10106 in the amount of \$1,410.17.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve the following Track coaches for the 2021-22 school year:

Boys Track	Todd Scott
Girls Track	Santana Scott
If enough for assistant –	Kyle Stokes
MS Boys Track	Macey Wallace
MS Girls Track	Carrie Kunkle

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRACK COACHES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

BOYS TRACK	TODD SCOTT
GIRLS TRACK	SANTANA SCOTT
IF ENOUGH FOR ASSISTANT –	KYLE STOKES
MS BOYS TRACK	MACEY WALLACE
MS GIRLS TRACK	CARRIE KUNKLE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve the following Baseball coaches for the 2021-22 school year:

V Baseball	Josh Johnson
JV Baseball	Carter Pritchard
Assistant	Blake Werner

MOVED BY WHITMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BASEBALL COACHES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

V BASEBALL	JOSH JOHNSON
JV BASEBALL	CARTER PRITCHARD
ASSISTANT	BLAKE WERNER

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve the following Softball coaches for the 2021-22 school year:  
V Softball Amanda Brown – Board member Eric Schmidt asked for Amanda Brown to be pulled from this list.

JV Softball Karena Hipkins  
Assistant Jennifer Walters

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MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SOFTBALL COACHES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

JV SOFTBALL KARENA HIPKINS  
ASSISTANT JENNIFER WALTERS

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

After discussion, there was a roll call vote to approve Amanda Brown as V Softball coach:

Alan Bengry	Yes	Karen Pylman	Yes
Rosie McKinstry	Yes	Eric Schmidt	No
Kelly Millen	Yes	Kelly Whitman	No
Gerald Nichols	Yes		

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to approve Angela Wimmer as an Elementary Educational Assistant, effective February 28, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE ANGELA WIMMER AS AN ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve Jeremie Morgan as our Grounds/Maintenance employee, effective March 7, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE JEREMIE MORGAN AS OUR GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve Kaitlin Karns as Social Worker assigned to the High School, effective March 21, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE KAITLIN KARNAS AS SOCIAL WORKER ASSIGNED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2022.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

- I. Consideration of approving Kenneth Ranjel as the Evert Elementary School Principal for the 2022-23 school year.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE KENNETH RANJEL AS THE EVART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

Some discussion was held regarding the previous interview process.

Eric Schmidt requested a roll call vote:

Alan Bengry	Yes	Karen Pylman	Yes
Rosie McKinstry	Yes	Kelly Whitman	Yes
Kelly Millen	Yes	Eric Schmidt	No
Gerald Nichols	Yes		

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Shirley discussed having volunteers in the classrooms again to help the teachers and with the reading program. Help could be used in class and after school. The Board agreed it is time to start normal activities. Citizens will also be allowed to use our facilities after school hours.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. We are up 12 from the Fall count. Fall-874, Spring-886.  
B. We have had 10 closed school days due to weather – we are allowed 6 + 3 days that we've received a waiver for and that leaves 1 day to make up. We are trying to work on when to make it up, but until we know if we will have more, it is difficult to have a firm plan in place at this time.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

A. Pat Craven openly spoke in favor of Ken Ranjel as the Elementary Principal stating he has high expectations from him and he will expect quality work in educating our students.  
B. Val Hopkins said that in order for Ken to do his job well, he needs anyone with any problems to go to him directly. If they don't, Ken won't know the problem exists.  
C. Jessica Kolenda stated she believes in Ken and that he is passionate about Evart Schools and fully supports him.  
D. Amber Payne related that she understands how hard it is to go from teacher to administrator. She appreciated how he helped her out in her classroom when she needed it.  
E. Alan reminded the Board members that the Superintendent evaluation will be next month and to go over the papers given to them before that.

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 8:16 p.m.