

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes
March 9, 2020
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BENGRY AT 7:00 PM 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, Ryan Hopkins x, Rosie McKinstry x, Kelly Millen x, Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman x, Kelly Whitman x.

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Sarah Bailey, Elementary School Principal
Debra Eisenga, Recording Secretary

Guests:
Larry Lauman, Bre Grabill, Victoria Martin

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- A. Ryan Hopkins filled everyone in on how well the wrestlers did this past weekend – There were two All-State wrestlers and he was very proud of how well the whole team did this past season. He also mentioned that the High School had the wrestling matches on a big screen TV and appreciated the support from everyone.
- B. Points of Pride – Jessica Kolenda
 - She stated that not only did they have the big screen tv for the wrestling matches but a bus-load of fans went to the girls District basketball game Friday night to support them.
 - She spoke about SAT prep and testing. They take two practice tests per year, are encouraged to use the Khan Academy Time, which is a free resource and much has been learned recently by the teachers and administration about SAT prep which they believe will increase test scores. April 14, 2020 is SAT test day and the students will have several Wednesdays before test day to work with teachers in order to be prepared.
- C. A board member asked Jessica how it was going with the search for an MCAN Advisor and Jessica said that she and Kendra will be going to a hiring workshop in April, so will know more after that.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the special meeting, including the closed session minutes (6:30 pm) and regular meeting (7:20 pm) held February 10, 2020.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, INCLUDING THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (6:30 PM) AND REGULAR MEETING (7:20 PM) HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #44668 through #44952 in the amount of \$179,658.93 and the February 7th and 21st payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$516,623.42.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #6909 through #6919 in the amount of \$44,781.46.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #17787 through #17826 in the amount of \$23,474.14.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #9332 through #9340 in the amount of \$2,269.97.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Second reading of the following policies: 2210, 3120.04, 6325, 6605 and Bylaw 0167.2.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. County-wide School Board Meeting – April 29, 2020, 6:00 pm.
- B. Spring Count – unknown until Wednesday.
- C. Elementary Principal – 13 applications so far. Shirley asked for board members to be on the selection team and Rosie McKinstry, Kelly Whitman and Gerald Nichols volunteered. Review of applications will take place Monday, March 16 and will try and schedule interviews for Wednesday and Thursday. Would like to have candidate selected before next board meeting so training can begin as soon as possible.
- D. Legislative meeting April 24, 9:00 am – Shirley will be unable to go as she has Kingergarten roundup and asked if any of the board members would like to consider going. It's held at the Cadillac ISD.
- E. Family Laundry Nights – discussed possible support for community families. Need more information.
- F. Class of 2020 Cruise to Bahamas coming up.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- Board member Kelly Millen asked about the "Be Nice" program that she learned about at the MASSP conference and is one which Evart is implementing. Jessica stated that it is underway as all the staff has been trained. The students will be trained soon.
- Jessica Kolenda requested support for Robotics team to stay two nights March 12 & 13 for competition at Gull Lake. They also plan to compete at Ferris but will not need to stay overnight.

MOVED BY HOPKINS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO AUTHORIZE ROBOTICS TEAM TO HAVE OVERNIGHT STAY MARCH 12-14TH FOR GULL LAKE COMPETITION.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY HOPKINS THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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.