

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes
May 11, 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 (virtually), Rosie McKinstry x (virtually), Kelly Millen x (virtually) Gerald Nichols x, Karen Pylman x (virtually), Kelly Whitman x.

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

Guests:

Ed Dickenson

Virtually – Sherry Morgan, Victoria Martin, Kevin Beilfuss, Eric Woods, Pat Craven

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 9, 2020.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #45036 through #45096 in the amount of \$184,787.35 and the April 3rd and 17th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$494,188.98.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #6933 through #6944 in the amount of \$62,089.20.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #17846 through #17865 in the amount of \$16,465.37.

Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for checks #9350 through #9354 in the amount of \$414.85.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to approve Edward Dickenson as Evert Elementary Principal through June 30, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE EDWARD DICKENSON AS EVART ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve Elizabeth McPherson as Middle School Social Worker for the 2020-21 school year.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE ELIZABETH MCPHERSON AS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to designate Nichole Ladd as Evert Public School Homeless Liaison for the 2020-21 school year.

MOVED BY MILLEN SUPPORTED BY HOPKINS TO DESIGNATE NICHOLE LADD AS THE EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOMELESS LIASON FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Jennifer Junker, Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER JUNKER, ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. June and July board meetings – the regular June meeting will be held on the 8th and the Budget meeting will be held on June 25th. July regular meeting will be July 13th.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Feeding our students – 91,406 meals have been given so far. A big thanks to all the volunteers, food service employees, bus drivers that have helped to make our feeding of our students so successful. A very special thanks to our food service director, Angie Cushman and Evert Fire Chief, Shane Helmer for their leadership.
- B. Graduation – The students and their parents would like a traditional graduation ceremony. It is important to them and it will happen. However, at this time the date is still unknown as we wait for Governor updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. - There is a pre-graduation event being planned to honor the graduates with possible dates of June 3, June 20, July 20 and August 20, dependant on executive order lifting.
- C. Title I Audit – Our appeal from last year’s audit was successful and the \$3100 that was recaptured will be given back. However, we will have a desk audit this year.
- D. Weekly Educational Packets – We are pleased with the number of packets that are returned each week and appreciate our parents/guardians working with their children. Our last packet will be going out on June 2, 2020.
- E. Budget – We are fortunate that we have a fund balance that will allow us to maintain our programming and employees for the 2020-21 school year. We know that is most likely that we will receive less state funding for the next school year. Hopefully this will only be true for one year.

IX. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation to adjourn.

MOVED BY WHITMAN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 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.