

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
November 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ALAN BENGRY 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 A, 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: Valerie Hopkins, Bart Gallinger, Sherry Morgan, Doug Rueffer, Michelle VanBuren, Olivia Fellows.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

A. Val Hopkins asked if a schedule or calendar could be created for class fundraisers as there have been sales for the same products on the same weeks for separate groups. Perhaps a google calendar could be created.

B. Points of Pride – Ken Ranjel spoke about the Leader In Me program at the elementary and how the outcomes are not where they would like them to be. So they are working on programs to encourage positive behavior. Cat's Cash is given to those that exhibit positive behavior to use at the Cat's Café. Other programs are also in place to encourage leadership. Alan asked what the measuring stick at the end of the year would be to see how successful Leader In Me was and Ken said he's hoping behavior referrals are down, but mostly that the community could walk into the school and notice a difference from what it was to what it is.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 2021.

MOVED BY MILLEN, SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11, 2021.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COACHES FOR WINTER ATHLETICS 2021-22 AS RECOMMENDED BY JAY WALLACE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

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| V BOYS BASKETBALL | KRIS MORGAN |
| JV BOYS BASKETBALL | BRIAN KOOPMAN |
| V GIRLS BASKETBALL | MATT TIEDT |
| JV GIRLS BASKETBALL | LAUREN NEBOZNEY |
| 8 TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL | CARRIE KUNKLE |
| 7 TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL | KARENA HIPKINS |
| HS WRESTLING | BEN BRYANT |
| MS WRESTLING | BRENDEN BERRY |
| COMPETITIVE CHEER | MARTY PATTEE |
| MS COMP. CHEER | ASHLEY FLACHS |

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Recommendation to approve the following Game Managers:

Matt Tiedt, George Sims, Michelle VanBuren, Santana Scott, Pat Craven, Ken Ranjel, Jason O'Dell, Bart Gallinger, Kris Morgan, Ben Bryant, Ryan Hopkins, Amanda Brown, Josh Johnson.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING GAME MANAGERS:

MATT TIEDT, GEORGE SIMS, MICHELLE VANBUREN, SANTANA SCOTT, PAT CRAVEN, KEN RANJEL, JASON O'DELL, BART GALLINGER, KRIS MORGAN, BEN BRYANT, RYAN HOPKINS, AMANDA BROWN, JOSH JOHNSON.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. District Goal 4: Safety in our schools and what our building needs are to maintain safety. Several things have already been done, such as cameras installed inside and outside, replacing sidewalks and more. We will keep doing more, such as redoing the athletic track, replacing windows and much more.
- B. Greenhouse – Bart has had several conversations with community members who really want to see the greenhouse used. There is some interest from a Middle School teacher to use it for a section of their class and the 4H is planning on using beginning in February or March for the 15 kids signed up. Clean up of the greenhouse has begun and will continue. The main need is for someone to have a master plan and oversee the use of the greenhouse.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Esser III - \$2.6 million is available and will be spread out over three years. There is a survey going out November 9, 2021 to determine what our needs are. Since December 15th is the deadline, the list will be presented to the Board at the December 13 meeting.
- B. Enrollment on count day was 874.
- C. Covid – MIOSHA Rule: If a business has over 100 employees, those employees will need to be vaccinated or have weekly testing. More to come later.

- D. Shirley asked if the Board would approve of these school events:
 - The 3rd/4th grade Christmas Concert in the auditorium.
 - PFK's Daddy/Daughter Dance in February.
 - A Native American Group will be meeting with groups of students for native American heritage month.The Board approved.
- E. Teacher Substitutes – Shirley discussed the shortage of substitute teachers and the need to try to do something to encourage subs to choose Evert. She suggested that the pay be raised from \$100 a day to \$120 a day. It was pointed out that someone had heard that other districts in our ISD were providing substitutes with a free lunch. Shirley will talk with the other ISD superintendents. There was no objection from the Board of providing a lunch if other districts are doing so. The Board approved the increase in pay.
- F. The 18 mills levy expires in 2022. When should we put on the ballot – May, August or November? Alan was wondering if we could put it on August and then on November if it didn't pass in August. Shirley will have Zoe look into it.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.