

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
May 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Also present: Shirley Howard, Superintendent
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Amber Payne, Valerie Hopkins, Ashly Cass, Zoe Babb, Dawn Rueffer, Travis Douglas, Marie Wilkerson, Debbie Todd, Mike Kolenda, Corey Roberts, Diana Craven, Pat Craven, Pepper Lockhart, Ken Wirth, Cathy Wirth, Annette Walters, Jennifer Joyce, Tracy Gray, Carrie Helmer, Addy Helmer, Carlee, Helmer, Rosie McKinstry, Becky Flachs, Bre Grabill, Olivia Fellows.

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

- A. Rosie McKinstry thanked all of our teachers at EPS for all they do.
- B. Corey Roberts requested funding of \$2000 for weightlifting plates for next school year.
- C. Mark Moody had the opportunity to watch a band class and a second grade class. He was very impressed with the teachers.
- D. Alan Bengry received a thank you from the Trap Team.
- E. Bre Grabill mentioned there are 2 -25 point athletes and 1 ranked to go to states on the Trap Team.
- F. Todd Bruggema asked for a copy of the Trap Team Highlights to share at a board meeting. Bre thought this would be possible to do.
- G. Points of Pride- Jason O'Dell shared with us a collage with all of our teacher's names, thanking them for all they do. He spoke about the Health Care Center. We are chasing federal funds which could be up to \$350 thousand, This could make this center open to all families in the area. There is a benchmark of June 1, 2023 to receive surveys that we will mail out to our families. Family Health Care is also offering free ice cream from our local Dairy Whip for filling out the survey. Jason also spoke on the great things happening with our Robotics team. . The Trap team is doing fantastic. There will be 8 wildcats competing at States in June. The Performing Arts Class will have a performance coming up. It will be a great show. "We are all about the child here @ EPS." he said.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2023 and the special meeting held April 24, 2023.

MOVED BY NICHOLS, SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 10, 2023 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47412 through #47528 in the amount of \$266,140.27 and the April 14th and 28th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$636,298.78. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7900 through #7912 in the amount of \$48,599.65.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18854 through #18893 in the amount of \$18,488.39. Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10236 through #10243 in the amount of \$4611.01.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Morgan Willoughby, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2023.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY BRUGGEMA TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF MORGAN WILLOUGHBY, ELEMENTARY TEACHER EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

D. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Karena Hipkins, Elementary Behavior Interventionist, effective May 31, 2023.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KARENA HIPKINS, ELEMENTARY BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

E. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Brenda Crawford, Elementary Educational Assistant, effective May 31, 2023

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF BRENDA CRAWFORD, ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

F. Recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar with the understanding that it will comply with any legislation requiring changes in it.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH ANY LEGISLATION REQUIRING CHANGES IN IT.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve/disapprove the MOISD 2023-24 General Fund Budget.

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MOISD 2023-24 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- H. Recommendation to approve the retirement of Linda Tapling, Middle School Food Service Worker, effective May 31, 2023.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF LINDA TAPLING, MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE WORKER, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- I. Consideration of approving Letter of Agreement with the EEA regarding the wrestling Assistant Coach, Payment for the classes for someone who has a teaching degree but willing to get a Special Education Endorsement, and the Weightlifting club that would run year round receiving a \$1000 stipend.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE LETTERS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE EEA REGARDING THE WRESTLING ASSISTANT COACH, PAYMENT FOR THE CLASSES FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A TEACHING DEGREE BUT WILLING TO GET A SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, AND THE WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB THAT WOULD RUN YEAR ROUND RECEIVING A \$1000 STIPEND.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. MOISD Delegate and Special Meeting- Meeting will be May 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- B. Policy Committee Report. Mark Moody shared notes from the meeting on the FOIA process, a policy for discarding equipment, and the school facilities form.
- C. June Special Meeting-Budget Meeting will be June 29, 2023 to discuss the new budget.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Student Teachers- Shirley has contacted CMU regarding the student teachers.
- B. Graduation is May 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Tom Smith Memorial Stadium.
- C. Bus Aides- we have 6 volunteers for bus aides. This process is helping kids behave on the bus and letting the drivers drive.
- D. Safety Drill- There have been safety drills happening at all schools. Most recent was a chaotic type drill performed at the Elementary. Everything was in place and students were directed to the Evert United Methodist Church. Shirley said we have great reports back on what we are doing.
- E. County Board Meeting- May 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM location is at the MOISD.

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 7:46 p.m.