

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes
September 11, 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

-MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED IN MEMORY OF THE LIVES LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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
Jessica Kolenda, High School Principal
Jason O'Dell, Middle School Principal
Ken Ranjel, Elementary School Principal
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Gary Earnst, Amber Payne, Valerie Hopkins, Ryan Hopkins, Bart Gallinger, Ashley Cass, Brandon Cass, Meri Rehkopf, Jeanine Dyer, Paul Dyer, Natalie Price, Jordan Newman, Taylor Bryant, Ben Bryant, Sara Ladd, Tim Ladd, Judy Leyder, Curtis Leyder, Jared Araujo, Ken Wirth, Pepper Lockhart, Kelly Buckley, Zoe Babb, Michelle Johnson, Alyssa Lerner, Patrick Craven, Amanda Brown, Annette Walters, Bre Grabill, Debbie Todd, Grace Henning, Jennifer Natale, George Sims, Jennie Duncan, Rosie McKinstry, Doug Isanhart, Rachel Isanhart, Sherry Morgan, Mari Lyon.

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

- A. Jessica Kolenda shared about the Alumni Night Football Game- Friday September 22, 2023 at the Football Field. She also shared a special gift was given to EPS Schools from Dave Schlaak.
- B. Valerie Hopkins read a letter to share with the Board
- C. Jennifer Natale shared about the Evart Trap Team. Great things are happening with the growing Team.
- D. Charles Laitinen presented his concern for a recent situation that was brought to his attention.
- E. An Evart resident shared concerns about the new Health Center coming to EPS.
Jason O'Dell agreed to meet with the individuals after meeting. Shirley

Howard mentioned we will have a special meeting in regards to the Health Center.

F. A new member of EPS asked if there was an Opt Out for students with the Health Care Center.

G. Points of Pride- Shirley Howard shared looking back over the last year and all the great things and improvements happening at EPS.

V. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Karen Pylman shared a thank you note from Zoe Babb.

VI. FINANCIAL

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held August 14, 2023.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA, SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 2023

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #47844 through #47843 in the amount of \$260,626.49 and the August 4th and 18th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$276,383.80. Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7955 through #7966 in the amount of \$25,230.15.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #19014 through #19024 in the amount of \$13,919.37 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10266 through 10275 in the amount of \$12,226.92

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

C. Recommendation to Donelle Peterson as the Special Education Secretary, effective August 28, 2023.

MOVED BY SCHMIDT SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE DONELLE PETERSON AS THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECRETARY, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2023.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to approve the extension of the Working Agreements with MaryAnn Corey, Amy Booher, Kevin Beilfuss, Angie Cushman and Bart Gallinger through June 30, 2024.

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE WORKING AGREEMENTS WITH MARYANN COREY, AMY BOOHER, KEVIN BEILFUSS, ANGIE CUSHMAN AND BART GALLINGER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve the following Fall Coaches for the 2023-2024 School Year: Middle School Sideline Cheer- Kris Roberts

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MOODY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FALL COACHES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR” MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDELINE CHEER- KRIS ROBERTS

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to approve the following mentor teachers for our first through third year teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

New	Mentor
1. Breanna Kingsley	Joyce Vanderhoef

2. Krista Tiedt	Jenny Decker
2. Breanna Green	Joyce Vanderhoef
2. Natalie Price	Kris Morgan
2. Melissa Morgan	Valerie Hopkins
2. Sally McKenney	Deanna Salisbury

3. Lena Wylie	Sara Ladd
3. Grace Henning	Lisa Gerbracht
3. Amber Payne	Valerie Hopkins
3. Melissa Griffith	Lisa Gerbracht

Middle School

1. Cameron Demory	Ben Bishop
1. Geoffrey Muma	Jen Natale
1. Carter Pritchard	Jarred Araujo
1. Ashley Cass	Jarred Araujo

2. Lauren Millen	Jen Natale
3. Charlene Keysor High School	Aaron Wetters Mentor
1. Mikayla Warner	Kelly Buckley
2. Brittany Westendorp	Carrie Kunkle
2. Landon Iserhoth	Josh Johnson
2. Doug Helmling	Crystal Nelson
2. Rachel Isanhart	Travis Veit
2. Andrew Whittaker	Kevin Mills
3. Kris Roberts	Jason Haines
3. Gene Gutierrez	Ted Mathakis

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY PYLMAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MENTOR TEACHERS FOR OUR FIRST THROUGH THIRD YEAR TEACHERS FOR THE 2023-2024

ELEMENTARY NEW

1. BREANNA KINGSLEY

2. KRISTA TIEDT

2. BREANNA GREEN

2. NATALIE PRICE

2. MELISSA MORGAN

2. SALLY MCKENNEY

3. LENA WYLIE

3. GRACE HENNING

3. AMBER PAYNE

3. MELISSA GRIFFITH

MENTOR

JOYCE VANDERHOEF

JENNY DECKER

JOYCE VANDERHOEF

KRIS MORGAN

VALERIE HOPKINS

DEANNA SALISBURY

SARA LADD

LISA GERBRACHT

VALERIE HOPKINS

LISA GERBRACHT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. CAMERON DEMORY

1. GEOFFREY MUMA

1. CARTER PRITCHARD

1. ASHLEY CASS

2. LAUREN MILLEN

BEN BISHOP

JEN NATALE

JARRED ARAUJO

JARRED ARAUJO

JEN NATALE

3. CHARLENE KEYSOR

JEN NATALE

HIGH SCHOOL

MENTOR

1. MIKAYLA WARNER

KELLY BUCKLEY

2. RACHEL ISANHART

TRAVIS VEIT

2. BRITTANY WESTENDORP

CARRIE KUNKLE

2. DOUG HELMLING

CRYSTAL NELSON

2. LANDON ISERHOTH

JOSH JOHNSON

2. DREW WHITTAKER

KEVIN MILLS

3. KRIS ROBERTS

JASON HAINES

3. GENE GUITERREZ

TED MARTHAKIS

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

G. Consideration of designating an Evert Board of Education representative for the MASB 2023 Delegate Assembly.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY WHITMAN TO DESIGNATE BRUGGEMA AN EVART BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MASB 2023 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY.

- Alan Bengry will be an alternate if needed for the November 9, 2023 meeting.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Policy 5702- in regards to lunch shaming. EPS qualifies for Free Breakfast and Lunch.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment- EPS students total- 885-895 - Count Day October 4, 2023.

B. A look forward- Shirley Howard shared all of the new things happening at EPS moving forward.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

MOVED BY BRUGGEMA, SUPPORTED BY MOODY THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.