

EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes  
September 12, 2022  
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 x, 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  
Amy Booher, Recording Secretary

Guests present: Santana Scott, Amber Payne, Heather VanAssche, Zoe Babb, Kelci Elder, Ryan Douglas, Valerie Hopkins, Chelsea Bancroft, Pat Craven, Bre Grabill, Tammy Dellar, Pepper Lockhart, Sherry Morgan, Olyvia Campbell, Chris Emerick, Ken Wirth, William Dellar, Aaron Anderson, Jeanine Dyer, Paul Dyer, Riley Connell, Rick Charmoli, Renee Sanders, Pepper Lockhart, Carol Phelps, Tracy Gray, Diana Craven.

III. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Riley Connell from the Cadillac News spoke on the Appeal of the FOIA.

Aaron Anderson spoke on his concerns with JV Volleyball.

Amber Payne thanked the board for all they do for the school.

A. Points of Pride- Ken Ranjel introduced Santana Scott who spoke on his educational experience in Maine. He shared with us many things including how he is teaching students to take ownership of the land and making something out of it to contribute to society.

B. Derek Graham from Baird, Cotter & Bishop gave the board the Audit report for year end June 30, 2022.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Kelly Millen read a thank you note from the Whitman Family.

Kelly Millen mentioned the Board received an anonymous letter by mail.

V. FINANCIAL

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held August 8 and the Special Meeting August 16, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN, SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 8 AND SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 16, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- B. Payment of Bills

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

General Fund invoices be approved for checks #48606 through #48704 in the amount of \$346,720.19 and the August 5th and 19th payrolls and benefits for the total amount of \$241,121.16.

Hot Lunch Fund invoices to be approved for checks #7769 through #7782 in the amount of \$34,021.20.

Trust and Agency Fund invoices to be approved for checks #18612 through #18620 in the amount of \$3,573.27 Athletic Fund invoices to be approved for check #10160 through 10165 in the amount of \$6,181.20

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- C. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Melinda Strong, Middle School Teacher effective August 19, 2022.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MELINDA STRONG, MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- D. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Tammy Brokaw, Bus Driver, effective August 30, 2022.

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TAMMY BROKAW, BUS DRIVER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- E. Recommendation to approve the extension of the Working Agreements with MaryAnn Corey, Zoe Babb, Kevin Beilfuss, Angie Cushman and Bart Gallinger through June 30, 2023.

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY SUPPORTED BY MILLEN TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE WORKING AGREEMENTS WITH MARYANN COREY, ZOE BABB, KEVIN BEILFUSS, ANGIE CUSHMAN AND BART GALLINGER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023..

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- F. Recommendation to approve the following Fall Coaches for 2022-2023 School Year

7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball-Tiffany Cooper  
Middle School Sideline Cheer- Kris Roberts  
Middle School Football: Dan Duey & Brendan Barry

MOVED BY PYLMAN SUPPORTED BY NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FALL COACHES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball-Tiffany Cooper  
Middle School Sideline Cheer- Kris Roberts  
Middle School Football: Dan Duey & Brendan Barry

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- G. Recommendation to approve the following mentor teachers for our first through third year teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

New	Mentor
1.Krista Tiedt	Jenny Decker
1.Breanna Green	Joyce Vanderhoef
1.Natalie Price	Judy Dible
1.Melissa Morgan	Valerie Hopkins
1. Sally McKenney	Deanna Salisbury
2. Lena Wylie	Sara Ladd
2. Grace Henning	Lisa Gerbracht
2.Morgan Willoughby	Taylor Bryant
2. Amber Payne	Valerie Hopkins

2. Melissa Griffith	Lisa Gerbracht
2. Santana Scott	Kris Morgan
3. Jean Welch	Jonni Herbert
Middle School	
1. Rachel Rowe	Doug Isanhart
1. Lauren Millen	Jen Natale
2. Charlene Keysor	Jen Natale
2. Kevin Couturier	Ben Bishop
High School	
1. Rachel Isenhardt	Travis Veit
1. Brittany Westendorp	Carrie Kunkle
1. Doug Helmling	Sarah Johnson
1. Landon Iserhoth	Josh Johnson
1. Drew Whittaker	Kevin Mills
2. Kris Roberts	Jason Haines
2. Gene Guterrez	Ted Marthakis
3. Kelly Buckley	Crystal Nelson

MOVED BY NICHOLS SUPPORTED BY MCKINSTRY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MENTOR TEACHERS FOR OUR FIRST THROUGH THIRD YEAR TEACHERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

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1. Krista Tiedt	Jenny Decker
1. Breanna Green	Joyce Vanderhoef
1. Natalie Price	Judy Dible
1. Melissa Morgan	Valerie Hopkins
1. Sally McKenney	Deanna Salisbury
2. Lena Wylie	Sara Ladd
2. Grace Henning	Lisa Gerbracht
2. Morgan Willoughby	Taylor Bryant
2. Amber Payne	Valerie Hopkins
2. Melissa Griffith	Lisa Gerbracht
2. Santana Scott	Kris Morgan
3. Jean Welch	Jonni Herbert
Middle School	
1. Rachel Rowe	Doug Isanhart
1. Lauren Millen	Jen Natale
2. Charlene Keysor	Jen Natale
2. Kevin Couturier	Ben Bishop
High School	
1. Rachel Isenhardt	Travis Veit



The board agreed upon switching to DTE . The new contract will be for 12 months. Price is currently \$2.77 but may increase during the next 12 months.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Threat Assessment Training: A team from each building will be attending this training.

B. Enrollment : Shirley reported there are 903 students enrolled as of 9/12/22.

C. A look back, A look forward: Shirley read a statement from last year on all the achievements and accomplishments in the 21-22 school year. She read another statement from the beginning of this school year on all the new things that are in place as we begin the 2022-23 school year. There is so much to be excited about.

IX. Closed Session

Pursuant to Open Meetings Act- Section 8 (1)(h)

A. FOIA Appeal

MOVED BY MCKINSTRY, SUPORTED BY PYLMAN TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 8 (1)(h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Roll Call Vote

Bengry yes Whitman yes

Nichols yes Pylman yes

McKinstry yes Schmidt yes

Millen yes

Evert Board of Education came out of Closed Session at 8:48 PM

Alan Bengry made a statement in regards to the FOIA Appeal that the board had reviewed the records in question with the legal counsel. Millen offered the following motion that was supported by Nichols. “I move that the Board of Education upholds the disclosure denials, and that the Board President work with legal counsel to provide a written decision and an additional copy of the responsive records with reasons for each redaction identified to the Cadillac News.”

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

X. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Eric Schmidt requested that at the next regular board meeting, the board go in closed session to discuss his concerns.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Recommendation to Adjourn

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.