

## **EWEN TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

**6:30 p.m.**

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Pinkerton, Kelly Logghe, Kirk Schott, Nancy Kugler and Fred Sliger arrived at 6:42.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tammy Gibson and Alan Tulppo

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Samantha Schutz, Carol Maki, Barbara VanAlstine, Pam Besonen, and Mary Beth Perttu

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Nancy Kugler made the motion to approve the agenda. John Pinkerton seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Nancy Kugler made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. John Pinkerton seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

Before going on to Public Comment, John Pinkerton made a motion to amend the minutes of the 8/17/16 meeting to reflect that he had made a motion to accept Mrs. Maggi Brown's retirement letter and send a thank you for her years of service. Nancy Kugler seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUPERINTENDENT/K-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mr. Tulppo reported that he and Tammy Gibson had attended a School Finance Seminar on 12/5/16. He stated that they felt it was very worthwhile. They learned about a free program called Smarter School Spending that is used with strategic planning. This program looks at trends, historical data 5-10 years prior and helps create strong reasoning for why decisions by the strategic planning committee are made. This program compares peer districts, of which there are only 2-3 in the U.P. In some areas we are spending above our peer districts, but in most areas we are spending below our peers. He is looking into training for that.

Mr. Tulppo and Dr. Pease are representing the GOISD at the Michigan Association Administrative Group on 1/18/17 in Marquette, this looks into school

funding, the school aide formula studies funded by the state and how we communicate with the public.

He shared that we received a Robotics grant for \$11,000 rather than the \$5,000 expected. We have received \$26,000 for Robotics in the last year and a half. Mr. Trudgeon and the students are excited about the program continuing this year.

The training for the superintendent evaluation will be on 1/30/17 at 4:30 in the board room.

Mr. Tulppo also discussed upcoming bills and laws that may affect the school.

On a personal note Mr. Tulppo thanked Kelly Logghe and Nancy Kugler for their service to our students and our community.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:** Tammy Gibson reported that an invoice for Nelson Bus was included in the Accounts Payable. This is the older handicap bus and needed repairs while we were waiting for the new bus. There were fuel pump, gasket, fuel injector and other issues found. The labor and parts cost almost \$10,000. The bus is not running at this time, but it was felt that enough money was already put into a bus with over 170,000 miles on it.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:** John Pinkerton made a motion to accept the financial report and pay bills as presented. Nancy Kugler seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM REPLACEMENT:** John Pinkerton made a motion to approve the security system replacement. Nancy Kugler seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carries.

**ESTABLISH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2017:** There was discussion about changing the board meeting date from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 4th Wednesday because of calendar conflicts. John Pinkerton made a motion to approve proposed meeting date of the 4th Wednesday of the month with the exception of January, 2017. Fred Sliger seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carries.

**LETTER OF RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT:** John Pinkerton made a motion to accept the letter of retirement from Mr. Melvin Rajala as the Drivers Ed. instructor and to thank him for his years of service.

Kirk Schott thanked Kelly Logghe and Nancy Kugler for their years of service.

Mr. Tulppo said he had received a thank you note from the Bruce Crossing VFW for the wonderful Veterans Day program and turkey dinner.

Also he let the board know that a \$500 check was received from John and Angela Berglund from a grant program. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Nancy Kugler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14. Kelly Logghe seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President