

## **EWEN TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**April 26, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Samantha Schutz, Fred Sliger, John Pinkerton, Kirk Schott, Carol Maki. Holly Driesenga arrived @ 6:35 p.m., Amanda Brady @ 7:10.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: SUPT/PRINCIPAL Alan Tulppo, Sec. Pam Besonen

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Beth Perttu, Brooke Perttu, Pat Kitzman, Barb Van Alstine, Deana Voigt, Lexie Voigt, Lexus Alinen, Robin Alinen, Skip Schultz, Mary Nordine, Emily Driesenga, and Lucas Burrows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by John Pinkerton, to approve the agenda as presented, second by Fred Sliger. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion was made by John Pinkerton to approve the minutes from both the March 22, 2017 and April 10, 2017 meetings Second by Fred Sliger, All Ayes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Beth Perttu commented on the recent football co-op with Ontonagon. She expressed concerns about a rushed decision, letting people down, funding, number of kids wanting to play, cheering, and coaching positions.

Lexis Alinen commented about the cheering team.

Lexie Voigt expressed concern about cheering for Gladiator's and the school song.

President Schott thanked everyone for their comments.

CELEBRATING EDUCATION: Emily Driesenga and Lucas Burrows presented a slide show of the recent Senior Class Trip. They were accompanied by Mary Nordine, class advisor and chaperone. They explained the fundraising, bookkeeping, and lessons they have learned from this experience.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Principal / Superintendent Tulppo advised and updated the board on the Robotics team. Strategic Planning Committee, At risk school program, Budget revisions and school funding. He stated it is always hard to project for the upcoming year.

John Pinkerton suggested the board should draft a letter regarding the money difference schools get per students (enrollment).

Mr. Tulppo gave the Business Manager's report as Tammy Gibson was not in attendance.

## DISCUSSION & ACTIONS:

Financial Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Fred Sliger to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Support by John Pinkerton. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carries.

Flooring Replacement Project Bid Award: Two bids were received, Angelo Luppino, (\$22,890.00.) and Superior Polymer (\$31,500.00). Carpet removal, patching cracks, replace molding, Luppino has replaced the flooring in Mercer, Hurley, and Melle Schools. After a discussion, Mr. Tulppo agreed to arrange a visit to one of the schools nearby and talk with the district regarding the flooring.

### Approval of Contracts:

K-12 Title I Reading & Literacy Specialist: Motion by John Pinkerton to hire Jessica Kelly for this position, second by Samantha Schutz, All ayes. Motion carries.

1st Grade Teacher: A motion was made by Fred Sliger, support by Amanda Brady to hire Angela Berglund for this position. All ayes, Motion carries.

K-12 Art/Computer Teacher: (also at risk 1 period) Motion by Fred Sliger to hire Paige Gwyn for this position, support from John Pinkerton, all ayes. Motion carries.

Kindergarten Teacher: Motion by Fred Sliger, to hire Kaitlyn Routsala for this position, seconded by Carol Maki, Roll call vote, John Pinkerton -aye, Fred Sliger-aye, Carol Maki-aye, Kirk Schott-aye, Amanda Brady-abstain, Holly Driesenga-aye, Samantha Schutz-abstain. Motion carries. 5 ayes- 2 abstaining. (Also discussed Mrs. Besonen will move to 5th grade, Mrs. McKay to 3rd grade, Mrs. Witt will move to 6th, 8th, and Dean of Students)

Jr. High Track Coach: Athletic Director, Shawn Brown recommends Brandon Ward for this position. John Pinkerton made a motion to hire Brandon Ward for this position. Fred Sliger supports, all ayes. Motion carries.

Vision 2022 Strategic Planning Update: An update of the planning meetings were discussed. Three items in the Packet: Demographics, Core Values, and Public Survey. The five year plan can be changed as conditions change. A public meeting is set for May 15, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

Student Transportation Services Bid: There was one bid received for transportation and it wasn't compliant with bid requests. This matter will be referred to the finance and personnel committee for further discussion.

Acceptance of Retirement(s) & Resignation(s):

A letter of resignation/retirement was received from Annette Westrich. A motion was made by John Pinkerton to accept her retirement request and thank her for her 26 years of service. Second by Holly Driesenga. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Food Service Staffing Contract: After a discussion it was determined to move Dianna Maki to a PCMI food service position which would save the district approximately \$4700.00. Dianna Maki's position would be a 5 hour part time position. Brenda Metas (head cook) cannot be outsourced unless outsourcing the entire food service. Motion by Amanda Brady to go through PCMI for part-time food service position, Second by John Pinkerton. All ayes. Motion carried. (Note: Dianna Maki has retirement insurance and wouldn't take PCMI insurance.)

Change in Timing of Superintendent Evaluation: There was discussion regarding the Superintendent Evaluation moving to October or November. It must be done by December 31, to be considered a good evaluation. It will be revisited at a later date.

A letter was presented to the board regarding an award one of our retired teachers had received. Mary Hintze was honored as an Excellence in Education Influential Educator in Marquette on Monday April 24th 2017. She was selected by one of her students, and honored during Excellence in Education Week. John Pinkerton requested a letter be sent from the Board of Education congratulating her on her award.

At 8:06 p.m. a motion by Fred Sliger, second by John Pinkerton to go into closed session. Reconvene to open session @ 9:11 p.m.

There being no action before the board a motion was made by Amanda Brady to adjourn, Second Fred Sliger. All in favor. Adjourned @ 9:14 p.m.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_