

**EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
April 10, 2017  
5:30 p.m.**

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Samantha Schutz, Holly Driesenga, Amanda Brady, Kirk Schott, John Pinkerton, and Carol Maki. Absent: Fred Sliger.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Business Manager: Tammy Gibson and Superintendent/Principal Alan Tulppo.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Shawn Brown, Marcus Re, Brandon Ward, David Polkky, Dustin Brand, Bill Witt, Patti Witt, Ryan Driesenga, Jake Witt, Cree Korich, and Marybeth Perttu.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amanda Brady made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #4 (Read and approve minutes from the past meetings). Samantha Schutz seconded, All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Marybeth Perttu, Brandon Ward, Bill Witt, and Patti Witt all expressed comments regarding the proposed football cooperative between Ewen-Trout Creek and Ontonagon. President Schott advised we would move on with the agenda and all comments would be heard during item #7 on the agenda.

RESCHEDULE THE MAY 24, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by John Pinkerton, seconded by Samantha Schutz to move the May 24th regular board meeting to May 22, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A FOOTBALL CO-OP WITH THE ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT: A presentation by Superintendent Alan Tulppo which included a draft of the proposal, a letter of support from Rick Pepin, (President of the W8C), FAQ's, considerations and concerns; including financial and personal feelings, deadline dates for the MHSAA, other football co-ops, (Wakefield-Bessemer-Ironwood, Baraga-L'anse), low numbers of boys to field a team, one year trial basis, home games would be in Ontonagon with a homecoming game at the Ewen-Trout Creek football field, as well as who would pay for the "pay to play" program.

After a very lengthy discussion which included the audience member's and school board member's questions and concerns, a motion was made by Samantha Schutz to approve the football co-op with the Ontonagon Area School District as proposed, seconded by Carol Maki. Roll call vote: John Pinkerton-aye, Carol Maki-aye, Kirk Schott-aye, Amanda Brady-aye, Holly Driesenga-aye, Samantha Schutz-aye. Motion carried on a 4-2 vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Schott @ 6:30 p.m.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_