

EWEN TROUT CREEK SHOOL BOARD MINUTES
February 22, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Samantha Schutz, Kirk Schott, Fred Sliger, John Pinkerton, Carol Maki, Amanda Brady arrived @6:40

MEMBERS ABSENT: Holly Dreisenga

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jacky Besonen, Barbara VanAlstine, Patti Witt, Christian Besonen, Tom Brand, Dustin Brand, and Skip Schultz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John Pinkerton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Fred Sliger seconded. All Ayes, Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Samantha Schutz made a motion to amend the minutes of the January 16, 2017, 6:30 re-organizational meeting to reflect the alternate assigned to the curriculum committee as Kirk Schott. Seconded by John Pinkerton. All in favor. Motion carries. John Pinkerton made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2017 re-organizational meeting as amended. Samantha Schutz seconded. All Ayes, Motion carries.

John Pinkerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017 regular board meeting. Seconded by Fred Sliger. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Fred Sliger made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017, special board meeting, Seconded by Samantha Schutz. All Ayes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CELEBRATING EDUCATION: Christian Besonen presented a video he had made highlighting Mrs. Witt's 5th grade class, which included spelling bee winners, classroom activities, handmade cards sent to a local girl suffering from an illness, and a recent trip to the Porcupine Mts. Ski Hill. The class participated in outdoor activities ranging from skiing, snowshoeing, and snowboarding. Mrs. Witt commented on the success of the program. John Pinkerton commended Mrs. Witt on teaching "Outside of the box." Making learning fun through different activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Supt. Tulppo advised the board of the School Safety Grant that was awarded to the district from the Michigan State Police

Department. The amount awarded is \$4,095.00 which will provide two way radios for emergencies, signage for visitors, and two or three more security cameras.

Mr. Tulppo advised the board of a new scholarship available to Ewen -Trout Creek Graduates (Olive Kuehnl Sain Scholarship). It will provide financial support for students pursuing a bachelor's degree @ Northern Michigan University. Priority will be given to Ewen-Trout Creek students, with preference to those students with majors in health related fields. It is renewable for up to 4 years. (Bequest \$1 million)

Mr. Tulppo updated the board regarding the Strategic Planning Work Group, meeting. They are continuing to develop common core values and beliefs. Dates for up-coming meetings have been set.

Mr. Tulppo attended the MASA School funding work group in Marquette. They will be meeting again in March to develop public information about the need to reform school funding.

He also reported on the MI. Governor's budget proposal for the upcoming year, which appears to be an increase, but advised it is just a proposal at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES:

Policy Committee: The Policy Committee met prior to the Board meeting to review the recommended policy changes for the NEOLA update packet. Further recommendations will follow.

Building and Grounds Committee: This committee met on February 6, 2017, and suggested the following recommendations, Installation of LED lights in the large gym area, removal and replacement of the hallway carpet, and purchasing a new oven for the kitchen.

Curriculum Committee: This committee met on January 31, 2017 to review updated graduation requirements and will request approval of the recommendations at this board meeting.

Finance and Negotiations Committee: The Finance Committee met on January 31, 2017 and discussed staffing needs for the next school year.

Mr. Tulppo advised student scheduling has begun for the 2017-2018 year.

Our School ranking and report card issued by the Michigan Dept. of Education shows Ewen -Trout Creek ranks third in our Intermediate School District.

Mr. Tulppo also reported the E-TC K-12 staff participated in a joint in-service with the Watersmeet Twp. School on School Safety Situations; work has begun to

revise the current school safety plan. The afternoon session focused on the Trauma Sensitive Approach to Education.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT: Tammy Gibson gave an updated report regarding the Drivers Education Program. Barbara VanAlstine requested consideration for extra assistance for driver education students that may need it.

Gibson advised we have a fully functional spare special needs bus.

Also a new floor scrubber has been purchased. Money received from scrap metal funds paid for the new floor scrubber.

DISCUSSION & ACTIONS:

Financial Report and Payment of Bills: John Pinkerton made a motion to accept the financial report and pay bills as presented. Seconded by Fred Sliger. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Student/ Parent Concern: Parent requested the board go into closed session. John Pinkerton made a motion for closed session. Seconded by Fred Sliger. Closed session began at 7:15 p.m. Reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

USF Bids: Ontonagon County Telephone Company is our current local phone service provider, there were no other bids. John Pinkerton made a motion to maintain the current local service. Support by Fred Sliger. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of Updated Graduation Requirements: Updated Graduation requirements were reviewed and a recommendation was made by the Curriculum Committee. A motion was made by Amanda Brady to approve the recommendations, seconded by John Pinkerton, All in favor. Motions carries.

Approval of Capital Improvement Projects: After a brief discussion of the proposed improvement projects, a motion was made by Amanda Brady to accept the recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee, to be completed during the summer. Seconded by John Pinkerton. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Approval of Position Descriptions: A discussion of the posted employment positions resulted in a suggested change to the custodial position, which would limit work on ladders not to exceed 6 ft. A motion was made by John Pinkerton, seconded by Fred Sliger to accept the descriptions with the addition/correction to the custodial description. All in favor. Motion carries.

Drivers Education Program. Discussion regarding the Drivers Education program resulted in a recommendation to partner with Marvin Maki. He is a retired educator and has been a Driver's Ed. Instructor for 25 years. He provides

the vehicle and the program materials at no cost to the school. The only request is to provide a classroom for the indoor portion of the instruction. Amanda Brady made a motion to proceed with contacting Marvin Maki for the Drivers Education Program. John Pinkerton seconded. All ayes. Motion carries.

NEOLA Recommendations: The first reading of the proposed NEOLA policy updates have been completed and the committee will have recommendations at the next regular board meeting.

Sale of Property: The party that was interested in the Trout Creek property has expressed that they are still interested in purchasing the property. A follow-up letter has been sent, and a deadline date has been set for March 4, 2017.

Letter of Resignation/Retirement: A Letter of resignation/ retirement, has been received from William Strand. John Pinkerton made a motion to accept his letter of retirement, and thank him for his years of service and dedication to the school district. The motion was seconded by Amanda Brady. All in favor. Motion carried.

Contract Negotiations: A motion was made by John Pinkerton to go into closed session for contract negotiations. Seconded by Amanda Brady. All in favor. Closed Session began at 8:45 p.m. The board reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

Motion by Pinkerton to approve the Business Manager's contract as presented, seconded by Brady. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pinkerton to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented, seconded by Brady. Roll call vote, all ayes with Schutz abstaining. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Board President Kirk Schott @ 9:35 p.m.

Board Secretary

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