

EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

November 20, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order @ 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call and Established a Quorum: One member absent.

Members Present: Samantha Schutz, John Pinkerton, Kirk Schott, Holly Driesenga, Fred Sliger, & Carol Maki.

Members Absent: Amanda Brady

Others in Attendance: Superintendent/ Principal Alan Tulppo, Business Manager Tammy Gibson

Visitors in Attendance: Pam Besonen, Karla Parrott, Deb Zelinski, Terry Anderson, & Marcus Re.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by John Pinkerton to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Fred Sliger. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Read and Approve Minutes: Motion by Fred Sliger to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Samantha Schutz. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Pathways to Potential Presentation: Karla Parrott spoke on the School Success Program. Advised the board the program has been very well supported by the community, as she is assigned to the program by D.H.H.S., but all funding is donated by the community. This program targets chronic absences and has been very successful @ E-TC.

Early-On Presentation: Terry Anderson & Deb Zelinski, (G.O.I.S.D.) spoke about the Michigan Early- On Program which provides services to help infants and toddlers who may be delayed in their development. It also helps the children's families with "early intervention."

Administrative Reports: Superintendent/Principal Alan Tulppo advised the ASPIRE program implemented by the District has been very successful.

The Now or Noon Program has been implemented during the 6-12 lunch period to assist students who are falling behind in classes, as a proactive approach to get caught up with various assignments.

- The School District received a donation of \$3,000.00 from Mr. Earl Applekamp to be used to purchase technology for students. The funds have been used to add 15 new chromebooks and a cart to the Library and Academic Resource Center.
- Tulppo advised the 25 chromebooks and a mobile lab cart were purchased for use in grades 6-12 with REAP funds. A total of 55 chromebooks are available for grades 6-12. Grades K-5 have devices for all students.
- An Elementary reading program has been established for Grades K-3 to make sure the students are on track to meet the 3rd grade reading benchmark.
- The Veterans' Day Program was very well attended and the school received many positive comments on the program.
- There are concerns over the past two months regarding fights between students which required the assistance of the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Dept. Two students are currently on suspension. Mr. Tulppo advised he will be pursuing expulsion to maintain the safety of the students and staff.

Business Manager's Report:

- Business Manager Tammy Gibson advised that Bus # 03 will be for sale on bids.
- All buses have passed inspection. 2007 Bus exhaust system had to be re-done to meet state regulations.
- A Finance committee meeting has to be scheduled for budget revisions. The tentative date is set for December 11, 2017 @5:00p.m.

Discussion & Action Items:

- a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills: Motion to approve the financial report and pay bills by John Pinkerton, support by Fred Sliger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Close 2016 Bond Issuance Fund Bank Account & Transfer Funds: Motion by John Pinkerton to close the 2016 Bond Issuance account and transfer the balance to the 2016 Debt Retirement account, seconded by Fred Sliger, All ayes. Motion carries.
- c. Acceptance of the Varsity Volleyball Coach Resignation: Motion by John Pinkerton to accept Kaitlin Ruotsala's resignation, and thank her for her coaching service, second by Carol Maki. All ayes. Motion carried.
- d. Approval of JV Girls Basketball Coach: After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by John Pinkerton to offer the position to both Brad Besonen & Logan Maki, as a ONE TIME (Season) ONLY, dual coaching position, but stipulated that Logan Maki would not only attend practices, but would also attend all home games, and at least four away games for a salary of \$800.00 and Brad Besonen would receive a salary of \$1,000.00 for the season as head coach. If Mr. Maki would not meet the board's request, the position would be offered to Brad Besonen as it was originally posted.
- e. Approval of posting for a Part-Time Title I position: Motion to post for a Part-Time Title I Paraprofessional position by Fred Sliger, Second by Holly Driesenga. All ayes. Motion carries. (Due to the retirement of Lynn Maki in January 2018)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Samantha Schutz, second by Fred Sliger. All in favor. Adjourned @ 7:43 p.m.

Secretary

President