

EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 23, 2018

6:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: Quorum established.

Members Present: John Pinkerton, Samantha Schutz, Kirk Schott, Carol Maki, Holly Driesenga (7:18 p.m.)

Members absent: Fred Sliger, & Amanda Brady

Others Present: Superintendent/Principal Alan Tulppo & Business Manager Tammy Gibson.

Visitors Present: Marcus Re, Brandon Ward, Barb VanAlstine, Mary Nordine, Jacky Besonen, Brad Besonen, Achacia Kitzman, Becky McKay, & Skip Schultz.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by John Pinkerton to approve the agenda as presented, Second by Samantha Schutz, All Ayes, Motion carries.

Read & Approve Minutes from Past Meetings: Motion by Samantha Schutz, Second by John Pinkerton to approve board minutes as presented, All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Comments deferred to Agenda Item # 8, d. ii Elementary grade level structure and staffing.

Celebrating Education: Robotics Team Presentation: A very impressive demonstration was given by Robotics Team Members, Gentry Brand & Julian Doverspike with Robotics advisor Ted Trudgeon. Team Robot "Fine" presented the board President Kirk Schott a thank you note for the support the robotics team has received by the District.

Administrative Reports: Superintendent/ Principal Alan Tulppo reported on a lighting upgrade for a replacement of fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs. Motion by John Pinkerton to approve the lighting project as proposed, Second by Samantha Schutz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tulppo also reported on the Michigan State University Region 1 Advisory Board, Student Scheduling, 2018-2019 Staff Planning, U.S. News & World Report Ranking, (E-TC School District has received a "Bronze" rating.), ESPA Negotiations, E-TC Calendar Negotiations, a Superior Health Foundation Grant, & Upcoming Events & Activities.

Business Manager Tammy Gibson advised she has ordered the sealant for the brick wall, scheduled Johnson Controls to change the building over from heating to cooling, the new bus inspection is scheduled for the following week at Holland Bus Company, and has a possible new bus driver applicant.

Discussion & Action Items:

- a. Financial Report/Payment of Bills: Motion by J. Pinkerton, to accept the financial report as presented and pay bills, Second by S. Schutz. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Appointment of Representative for the GOISD Parent Advisory Council: Motion by C, Maki, to approve appointment(s) of Barb VanAlstine & Samantha Schutz to the Advisory Board, Second by J. Pinkerton. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. MHSAA Membership Resolution: Motion by J. Pinkerton, Second by S. Schutz to accept the Membership Resolution, All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. 2018 -2019 Elementary Staffing.
 - I. Paraprofessional Position Reduction: Motion by J. Pinkerton to reduce one Para-pro position with the option to call back as funding permits, Second by C, Maki, All Ayes, Motion carries.
 - II. Elementary Grade Level Structure & Staffing: Presentation to the board by Jacky Besonen & Mary Nordine regarding the possible effects of a combined multi-age elementary classroom. No action taken at this time.
- e. Acceptance of Retirement(s) & Resignation(s):

Motion by J. Pinkerton to accept the resignation of Art teacher Paige Gwyn, thank her for her service to the school District, and wish her continued success, Second by S. Schutz. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by J. Pinkerton to accept the resignation of Social Studies teacher Jessica Kelly, thank her for her service to the school district, and wish her continued success. Second by H. Driesenga. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Pinkerton to accept the resignation of Pre-K teacher, Farah Fors Thank her for her service to the district and wish her continued success. Second by S. Schutz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by H. Driesenga to post immediately for the Social Studies and the Elementary teacher positions. Second by S. Schutz. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Shared Staffing Proposal: Motion by H. Driesenga to approve the proposed Shared Staffing Art Position, Second by J. Pinkerton. All Ayes. Motion carried.

g. New Trust & Agency Account: Superior Health Foundation Grant: Motion by H. Driesenga, to approve the new account for the grant award as proposed Second by S. Schutz. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Closed Session: Motion by H. Driesenga, Second by S. Schutz to adjourn to closed session for negotiations discussion. All in favor. Closed Session @ 7:40 p.m.

Reconvene To Open Session: Reconvene to Open Session @ 9:51 p.m. Motion by J. Pinkerton to adopt the proposed school calendar as presented by the teaching staff, Second by S. Schutz. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:52. p.m.

President, Kirk Schott

Secretary, Carol Maki