

**EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**Per Governor's Executive Order, Electronic Meeting via Teleconference**  
**March 25, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order @ 6:00 p.m. via teleconference with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call & Established a Quorum: Quorum Established.

Members Present: J. Pinkerton, S. Brown, S. Schutz, C. Ellsworth, & C. Maki. M. Brown entered @ 6:21 p.m.

Members Absent: H. Driesenga

Also In Attendance: Superintendent D. Radovich, Principal P. Witt, Business Manager T. Gibson & Administrative Assistant P. Besonen.

Visitors in Attendance: P. Kitzman & S. Maki.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by S. Schutz to approve the agenda with the removal of Item b, under Discussion & Action Items, Second by S. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Read & Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s): Motion by S. Brown to approve the minutes as presented, Second by C. Ellsworth. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Pat Kitzman addressed the board regarding the PILT funds and, requested board members answer his questions regarding support of local townships receiving PILT funds. (Did not utilize entire 5 minutes)

Correspondence: D. Radovich addressed the board regarding the correspondence on the COVID-19 virus. Information is received daily and forwarded to the board as it is received.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent D. Radovich reported all school districts are working together with the ISD, and the tentative date for school to resume April 13, 2020, but

believes that date is subject to change. They are also working with the state on how this will affect the graduating class of 2019-20.

Principal P. Witt advised the board on a successful Family Fun Day. She recognized the Boy's & Girls' Basketball teams, players and coaches, who were unable to finish the Districts, but were honored with awards. Witt indicated she is in contact with school employees, as the information changes daily, regarding the school district.

Business Manager T. Gibson advised the finance committee has not met, as the budget update is subject to change. Advised the Backpack program has expanded to feed families of the District weekly, and numerous donations are being given to help fund this project. She said we are "feeding families not just students". A \$500.00 Grant was received from Superior Health to help with the cost of the packs, as well as a \$200.00 donation. They are also being delivered to the families rather than a pick-up area at the school. Note: The board thanked D. Radovich, P. Witt, T. Gibson, & P. Besonen for their continuous hard work during this difficult time for the School District.

Also recognized and thanked Sandra Maki for keeping the Senior Class informed on the Scholarships being offered.

Discussion & Action Items:

- a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills: Motion by S. Schutz to approve the financial report as presented and pay bills, Second by S. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Note M. Brown has joined the meeting & included in the Roll Call Vote.)
- b. 2019-20 Calendar: No action taken. Removed from agenda
- c. Approve Bus Stops: Motion by M. Brown to approve the revised bus route for the route starting and ending in Trout Creek as presented, Second by S. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- d. COVID 19 Update: Discussion, Potential Letter to seniors regarding graduation ceremonies and events.
- e. Support Staff Temporary Unpaid Leave: Motion by S. Schutz to approve temporary unpaid leave for the support staff as presented, Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- f. ESP Letter of Agreement:
  - I. Sick Leave Bank Use
  - II. Lay-off notice requirements

Motion by S. Schutz to approve the sick leave bank use and Lay-off Notice Requirements as presented, Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Note: Sandra Maki thanked the Board and Administration for working with the support staff regarding a viable solution during this difficult time.)

- g. Small Gym Lighting: Discussion. No action taken.
- h. Donation from Heather Abrams Biswas: Motion by S. Schutz to thank Ms. Biswas for the donation of 14 bags of groceries for the Backpack program. Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- i. Gym Floor: Discussed Gym Floor, potential cost \$25,000.00 No Action Taken.
- j. Recognize Alan Tulppo-ISD Superintendent: Superintendent D. Radovich praised ISD Superintendent Alan Tulppo for all of his work during this trying time for the Districts. He has gone above and beyond to keep everyone informed, and updated with weekly meetings and information. Discussion regarding the very successful Pasty Sale for the Robotics Team, and recognized the community for all of the support. Motion by S. Brown to recognize the Boy's & Girls' Basketball teams and coaches for their outstanding season despite the abrupt end, Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjourned: Motion by S. Brown to Adjourn, Second by S. Schutz. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned @ 7:05 p.m.

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President

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Secretary