

**EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 23, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: Quorum Established.

Members Present: J. Pinkerton, S. Brown, S. Schutz, M. Brown, & C. Maki

Members Absent: C. Ellsworth & H. Driesenga

Also in Attendance: Superintendent D. Radovich, Principal P. Witt, & Business Manager T. Gibson.

Visitors in Attendance: P. Kitzman

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by S. Schutz to approve the agenda as presented, Second by M. Brown. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Read & Approve Minutes of the Past Meetings: Motion By S. Schutz to approve the minutes as presented, Second by M. Brown. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: P. Kitzman addressed the board regarding the County PILT Funds. He stated the County Board voted to deny the request from the Ewen-Trout Creek School District for additional PILT funds during this time. He questioned the County Board only taking the funds from Federal land on the South end of the County and not State funds from the North.

Superintendent D. Radovich advised he has been in contact with legislatures for our District and they are working to change the current law.

Correspondence: None

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent D. Radovich advised the Board he would set up a meeting with all Staff members for Wednesday, September 30, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m. to discuss stress related concerns for all employees of the District.

The Student Handbooks and Athletic Handbooks will be presented for board approval at the October meeting.

Principal P. Witt reported to the board how challenging this school year has been and how she appreciates all of the hard work the entire staff has done to accomplish a safe environment for the entire school district. She advised she had received a letter/request from the Senior Class for an open campus, which had been denied, but did advise a senior lounge was created. Gave an update on the Fab Lab Graphics, and a possible

grand opening for the community in the future, Area Wide Virtual Professional Development, SAT testing, & New Chromebooks. She recognized Jonah Nordine for breaking the 5k Cross Country School Record, and spoke about class fundraisers, and upcoming events.

Business Manager T. Gibson advised the board of a vehicle purchased from AI's Auto for bus drivers to use between runs. She said the USDA extended the summer food service program through Dec. 31, 2020 and she is completing the application for that program which will provide higher reimbursements. The water bottle filling stations are on backorder.

Discussion & Action Items:

- a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills: Motion by S. Brown to accept the financial report as presented and pay bills, Second by S. Schutz. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- b. Five Board Member Board: Discussion. Requested more information. No action taken
- c. Board Member Diploma Signatures: Motion by S. Brown to gather Board member signatures electronically, and can be updated at the organizational meeting, Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- d. Transportation Trip Coordinator: Motion by S. Brown to hire Tim LaBonte as the Transportation Trip Coordinator & Transportation Supervisor as presented, Second by M. Brown. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (Trip Coordinator \$700.00 stipend, Transportation Supervisor \$20.00 an hour)
- e. Transportation Supervisor: (See above Motion)
- f. Cross Country Trail: Thank you from the board to Brad Besonen for making a 5k Cross Country Trail for possible future meets.
- g. Snow Removal Bids: Discussion. Advertise for bids.
- h. COVID Update: Discussion. State guidelines, masks, lunch line safety, busing, classrooms, stress issues, substitute teachers, & breaks.
- i. Negotiations: Discussion; Motion by S. Brown to give Administrative Council, and Support Staff including PCMI employee's a one-time \$750.00 stipend, & Teachers - the Steps & Lanes pay increase, Second by S. Schutz. Roll Call Vote. M. Brown- Aye, C. Maki -Nay, J. Pinkerton-Aye, S. Brown-Aye, & S. Schutz-Aye. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes- 1 Nay.

Adjournment: Motion by S. Brown to adjourn. Second S. Schutz. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned @ 8:03 p.m.

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President

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Secretary