

**Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
April 21, 2021**

1. Meeting opened at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by the President S. Schutz.
2. Board Members in Attendance: All members present, quorum was reached. Samanta Schutz, Shawn Brown, Victoria Hahka, Maggi Brown, Cindy Ellsworth, Heather Borseth and Matthew Urbis

Board Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Radovich, Principal Patti Witt, Pam Besonen, Jessica Kelly, Aliina Nordine, Kori Anderson

3. Approval of Agenda - Approval of April 21st, 2021 agenda: motion by S. Brown, supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Approval of regular March meeting minutes approved: motion by M. Urbis, supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Correspondence: None; guest presentation later during agenda.
7. Admin Reports: Principal's report provided prior to meeting.
 - a. Principal Witt highlighted the early college option for 10th-11th grade students.
8. Discussion and Action Items:
 - a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills provided in the board package. Motion to pay the bills by S. Brown and supported by V. Hahka, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Senior Class Trip: Presentation by representatives of the Senior Class and advisor Jessica Kelly. Senior class trip was discussed. Presentation included a highlight of the trip itinerary, educational elements of the venue and student safety and COVID precautions discussed. The trip will take place after school is adjourned for the semester. The trip is supported by school administration in confidence that all safety precautions will be followed by students and chaperones. Motion to approve the Senior class trip made by S. Brown and supported by H. Borseth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - c. PCMI/ESS Contract Renewal: This is a contract renewal with the company, not the staff under the company contract. No language changes or increase

in fees. Staff negotiations under this contract will occur at a later time. Motion to approve the contract with PCMI/ESS by S. Brown and supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- d. Hire of Jr. High Volleyball Coach: One applicant with recommendation to hire Jaclyn Besonen. Motion to hire Jaclyn Besonen as the Jr. High Volleyball coach by H. Borseth and supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. MOCI Room: The ISD approached E-TC to house the center based learning program in our District. This would provide support to Watersmeet, Ewen and Ontonagon Areas for students with moderate cognitive disabilities. The goal is to provide a self-contained classroom for these students with opportunities to integrate with classrooms throughout the year as appropriate. E-TC would rent a room to the MOCI program. Staffing and program particulars will come at a different time. Motion to begin planning stages with the ISD for E-TC to house the MOCI program to begin in the fall semester motioned by S. Schutz and supported by S. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Fab Lab Open House: Date set for Friday, April 23, 2021. The open house has planned attendance of Senator's Offices, Public Media, Michigan Works and our special guests Mary and Larry Larson. This is a big deal for the Western UP and E-TC School District to support and show artistic, collaborative and fundamental skills are being developed for our K-12 students.
- g. Personnel Committee Report: S. Brown representative reported.
 - i. Retirement letter from Peggy Radovich. Motion to accept P. Radovich letter of retirement by S. Brown and supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - ii. Hire Katie Hemming. Katie will be brought on for training and shadowing with P. Besonen over the summer. Motion to hire Katie Hemming by S. Brown and supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - iii. Hire Tavia Kotchon. Many opportunities for T. Kotchon to support the District, highly qualified. There will be a discussion with Staff on how to best utilize her. Motion by S. Brown to hire Tavia Kotchon for best use after discussion with Staff, motion supported by M. Urbis, all supported, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - iv. Acceptance for letter of resignation from Brianna Delbridge, paraprofessional. Motion to accept letter of resignation by S. Brown and supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - v. Admin Contracts. Motion to accept all four Administrative Contracts by S. Brown and supported by M. Brown, all supported, none opposed. Motion carried.
- h. COVID Update.

- i. Both Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties have seen increases in cases recently.
 - ii. Spring sport COVID testing, as required by the Governor, has started. Linda Scholl is our testing support for the District. Kids are in week 3 of testing, no positives at this time. This is an antigen test. If a student tests positive an immediate retest will be administered. Second positive results in follow-up with the health department.
 - iii. If enough students sign up, there will be a COVID Vaccination Clinic held at the school for students 16 years and older.
 - iv. There is tentative Prom Guidance issued by the Health Department. A planning team has been assembled and there is aim to have a Prom on May 15th at the school. Guidance will be followed and participants of the Prom will be tested prior to attendance.
 - v. A graduation ceremony is being planned. Planning stages are considering the number of tickets for each graduate. Kindergarten graduation, held in a small gym, would be similar.
 - i. Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Monthly Update. Following the plan and looking for credit recovery options for 9-12th grade students.
9. Closed session as per OMA Section 8 A: To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.
- a. Motion to go into closed session under OMA Section 8A and D by S.Brown and supported by M.Brown, roll call vote, all supported, none opposed. Motion carried. Closed session entered at 6:50 pm.
 - b. Motion by S.Brown and supported by M.Brown to go back into Open session at 7:15 pm.
 - c. Motion made to move forward with taking back Bergland Administrative Site from the US Forest Service as a part of a reversionary clause in the deed. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will further evaluate and consider options to proceed. Motion made by M.Brown and supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjournment was motioned by H.Borseth and supported by M.Urbis, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

President

Secretary