

**Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
August 25, 2021**

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting opened with a call to order by President S. Schutz at 6:00 PM.
2. All members present. Quorum was reached. Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Radovich, Principal Patti Witt, and 3 guests
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve agenda by M. Brown, supported by S. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Approval of regular, July 2021 meeting minutes approved: motion by S. Brown, supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Correspondence: John Pinkerton of Trout Creek American Legion Post 494 presented the School Administration and Board with a token of appreciation. A new American flag for the school was presented to President S. Schutz as a thank you for the long history of support between local Veterans and the E-TC School District.
 - a. Mrs. Fish sent a thank you for masking policies.
7. Admin Reports: Superintendent report - UP Health System and local hospitals looking to update masking mandates or recommendations. CDC has mandated masks on public transportation, the busing system is considered public transportation. That is why children are required to wear masks on the school buses.
 - a. 5:00-8:30 is a Board In-Service on September 8th, 2021. Thank you to the ISD for paying for it and supplying the training.
 - b. Kudos to Principal Witt & teachers for scheduling the kids and ensuring an organized start to the school year.
 - c. School Policy #3216 is Dress Code and Attire. All Professional Staff Members must follow dress and grooming standards. The Board interprets this policy as males wearing shorts is inappropriate, unless it is necessary for your position, ie. gym teacher.

Principal Witt's report provided to the Board prior to meeting. Highlights from report are:

- d. Kindergarten - 9 (up 1 from projection)
- e. New Students - 16 (Projection was 8)
- f. Students returning from remote learning - 11
- g. 100% Virtual Students - 4

- h. Total Enrollment 170 - up from Projection. Outside families have come into the area and enrolled their children.
 - i. Large class sizes in Elementary aim to provide relief between classes and for teachers through scheduling and specials.
 - j. Thank you to the families and community for the significant donations provided to the school.
 - k. Local Girl Scout Troop 5139 raised \$800 from Flamingo Flocking. Half will go to the school for supply purchases and some of that will go to specific classes.
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 M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Accept Letter of Retirement from Pam Carlson. Pam was a full-time bus driver motioned by S. Schutz to accept the letter of retirement, supported by V. Hahka. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - c. Hire Bus Driver - Motion by S. Schutz with support by S. Brown to hire Ed St. John as a full-time driver. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - d. Hire Part-time Special Ed Teacher - Peggy Radovich. Motion to hire Peggy Radovich on a part-time contract as a mentor by S. Schutz, supported by H. Borseth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - e. Hire At Risk Aide - Kathleen Greenough is the recommendation for hiring. She is a registered nurse and would attend primary grades. Motion by S. Brown to hire Kathleen Greenough as the At Risk-Aide, supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - f. Update on Science Teacher - Our new science teacher, Mr. Scribner has been working hard shadowing the online science classes. Working on curriculum and scheduling. He obtained his permit!
 - g. District Goals - MDE Mandate to send in District Goals by September 15th. The School Improvement Committee is meeting to work on submitting annual goals.
 - h. COVID Update: All is moving forward for now. There is no required COVID plan. Fingers crossed.

Meeting Adjournment was motioned by S. Brown and supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

President

Secretary