

**Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
July 28th, 2021**

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting opened with a call to order by President S.Schutz at 6:00 PM.
2. Six members present: Samantha Schutz, Shawn Brown, Maggi Brown, Victoria Hahka, Cindy Ellsworth and Matt Urbis. Absent: Heather Borseth. Quorum was reached. Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Radovich, Principal Patti Witt, Tammy Gibson, and 4 guests
3. Approval of Agenda - addition of agenda item 8 Q- hire science teacher. Motion to approve agenda and add item 8 Q by S. Brown, supported by M.Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Approval of regular, June 2021 meeting minutes approved: motion by S. Schutz, supported by V.Hahka, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Correspondence: President S.Schutz shared letters and notes from local taxpayers.
7. Admin Reports: Principal's report provided prior to meeting. Minor additions are: steady enrollment with 8 new students and 8 kindergartens. August 18th, is the Back to School Bash.

Superintendent reported that there is a board in-service meeting Sept. 8th, 2021. Brad Besonen has agreed to continue coaching cross-country. Admin responded to the Juul litigation questionnaire. The school informational video is receiving good comments. The 2021 Class Trip to Disney World went very well. Thank you to Ms. Kelly for the organization, fundraising and making it a successful trip.

8. Discussion and Action Items:
 - a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills provided in the board package. Financial reports do not include summer accruals, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Motion to pay the bills by S. Brown and supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Class of 2022 Trip Request - Mary and Jonah Nordine represented Class of 2022. The request is to start planning a trip to Orlando FL for Disney World over Spring Break. Motion to approve Class of 2022 Trip planning

by M. Urbis and supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c. 2022 Tax Levy - Special Election. Administrative staff decided and reported to the board that we are leaving the summer tax levy another year due to the cost of holding a special election. We will put the operating millage change on the next local election ballot.
- d. 2021 L4029 Winter Tax Rate Request - S. Brown motion to accept and approve the L-4029 winter tax rate request to collect 6 mills for debt, supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Milk and Bread Bids- M. Brown motions to approve the only bid for milk from Jilberts and authorizes the purchase of bread from where the purchase is the lowest price. Support by V. Hahka, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Fab Lab Fund Balance Assigned Amount - Fab Lab fund balance stands at \$31,353.64. Motion made by S. Brown to assign the portion of the general fund \$31,353.64 to the Fab Lab fund, supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- g. Hire Volleyball Coach. 2 internal, 1 external. Motion by V. Hahka to hire Athletic Directors recommendation of Kaitlin Ruotsala, supported by S. Brown. 1 absent, Samantha Schutz abstained, the remaining ayes. Motion carried.
- h. 2021-22 Student Handbooks - Minor changes to Junior-high/High School and Elementary Handbooks. Motion to accept the changes and approve the 2021-22 Elementary and Junior-High and High School Handbooks by M. Brown, supported by C. Ellsworth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by S.Schutz to provide Ingenuity and Lake Superior Virtual Academy as additional curriculum options, supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- i. 2021-22 Athletic Handbooks - Motion by S. Brown to accept minor revisions and approve the 2021-22 Athletic Handbooks, supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- j. Ratify Contract Settlements - Teachers: Superintendent Radovich negotiated on behalf of the board with the teachers. This is the last year of a three year contract. The certified staff ratified a 1% increase on salary schedule, including steps and lanes. Two letters of record stating if ESSR II and III fund applications are accepted each current certified staff

would receive a \$1250/fund stipend for the additional work directed by State mandates such as: on-line learners, classroom protocols and for remediation. S. Brown motioned to accept and approve the ratified teachers' contract settlements, supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Brown to pay the merit pay according to the schedule of contract, supported by C. Ellsworth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Merit pay is based on the teacher's evaluation and attendance.

- k. Ratify Contract Settlements - Support Staff: Superintendent Radovich negotiated on behalf of the board. The support staff ratified a 2% raise on salary. Two letters of record stating if ESSR II and III fund applications are accepted each current support staff would receive a \$1000/fund stipend for the additional work directed by State mandates such as: on-line learners, classroom protocols and for remediation. S. Brown motioned to accept and approve the ratified teachers' contract settlements, supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- l. Approve Contract Settlements - ESS Contracted Staff: 2% hourly wage increase on non-negotiable contract. S. Brown motion to accept and approve contract settlements for the ESS Contracted Staff, supported by C. Ellsworth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- m. Approve Contract Settlements - Administrative: Mr. Radovich and Mrs. Gibson both accepted their 21-22 contract, ratified by the board. There were no changes to the 20-21 contracts. Mrs. Witt's 3 year contract was already ratified for 20-23. Motion by S. Brown to accept and approve contract settlements for the two administrative contracts, supported by V. Hahka. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- m. Juul Litigation - Covered above in Administrative Superintendent update.
- n. Parking Lot Paving - Parking lot estimate came in at \$67,000. With outside estimate review it is acceptable. There is no money to pay for repaving at this time. May be an option in the future for a taxpayer sinking fund to include other things.
- o. COVID Update - The Ewen-Trout Creek School District Board makes the statement that based on current COVID-19 rate of spread and high rates of vaccination that school will resume for the 2021-22 year with following COVID-19 guidelines. Safety measures and conditions may change based on the local county risks and increased numbers. Thank you to our students, teachers and community for following safety measures in place last school year.

- Masks will be voluntary, and not required. Masks will be made available at all times for those that wish to wear them.
- School will return to a 5-day in-person schedule.
- Cohorts will not be enforced and back to a normal schedule, including lunch schedule for students.
- Bus seating arrangements and requirements will be at the discretion of the bus driver.

The School will continue to:

- Implement and maintain the cleaning protocols as adopted last year.
- Social distancing will continue to be encouraged.

Motion by S. Schutz to have a board statement outlining the conditions for COVID- 19 and changes to the 2021-22 School year pending the requirements of Michigan Department of Health and Center of Disease Control, supported by S. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- p. Hiring of Science Teacher - Motion by S. Brown hire Josh Scribner as the Science Teacher pending his MTTC Score and a successful permit, supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjournment was motioned by S. Brown and supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

President

Secretary