

**Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
May 26th, 2021**

1. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by 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, Tammy Gibson, and 8 guests

3. Approval of Agenda - Approval of May 26th, 2021 agenda: motion by S. Brown, supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Approval of regular April meeting minutes and Bergland workshop minutes approved: motion by S.Brown, supported by M.Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments: 2 guest speakers. Mary Johnson and Gloria Johnson from the Bergland/Matchwood Historical Society. Both provided the information and opinion from the Bergland/Matchwood Historical Society. The Historical Society has been in place for around 30 years and located at the Bergland Administrative property for many years. Their opinion is the land should be left with the Bergland Township. If conveyed to the Ewen-Trout Creek School District, it should not be sold by the School District. Instead it is their opinion the land should stay with the Bergland Township.
6. Correspondence: None.
7. Admin Reports: Principal's report provided prior to meeting.
 - a. Superintendent Radovich highlighted the Ontonagon Girls winning the conference championship for Track & Field Events. Congratulations to the coach and students.
 - b. Principal Witt highlighted that this was a tough month for the school (staff and students) with the loss of a student. There was extra support from the ISD, counselors, etc. With that it has been a welcomed relief that the school has begun to hold various in-person events (Prom, Awards Ceremonies, Graduation, etc). COVID restrictions have loosened outside, but safety protocols are in place within the school through the end of Spring semester. Further the 8-11th graders are already

registering for classes. The new teacher hired will be placed in lower elementary providing support to joint class schedules (1st & 2nd grades). This decision included staff recommendations on the best place to assign duties.

8. Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills provided in the board package. Motion to pay the bills by M. Urbis and supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. GOISD General Education Budget: The GOISD is fiscally strong. Motion was made by S. Brown to accept the GOISD General Education Budget, M. Urbis supported. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. There was a motion by M. Brown and supported by C. Ellsworth at 6:22 PM to move into closed session 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. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. At 6:30 PM there was a motion by S. Brown, with support by M. Brown to move back into open session. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - ii. President Schutz provided a brief report out of closed session that more information is needed before any decisions can be made. Further discussion to occur in the future.
- d. Rescind Joanna Holmstrom Letter of Retirement: The letter was provided based on the understanding that the permit was expiring. In fact, if Ms. Holmstrom earns 6 credits by September 1st, 2021 she can come back as a part-time or full-time position. The plan is to utilize her as a part time position. Motion to rescind her letter of retirement by M. Brown and supported by H. Borseth, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Letter of Resignation - Klinger: There was a motion to regretfully accept and thank Mr. Klinger for his ~1.5 years of teaching Science by S. Brown and support by H. Borseth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Contract Approval - Building Secretary/Pupil Accounting: Recommendation to approve the contract for P. Besonen replacement starting mid-August. Motion made by S. Brown, with support by V. Hahka to approve the contract for the new Building Secretary, Katie Hemming. Roll call vote, ayes have it, motion carried.
- g. Athletics Zero Activity Period - June 28 to July 2nd, 2021: Motion made by H. Borseth supported by S. Brown accepted the athletic zero activity period from June 28th - July 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- h. NEOLA Policy Update - 1st Reading = No Action: All updates recommended by NEOLA are based on legal and legislative updates necessary. Superintendent Radovich will provide a summary of further changes in upcoming and additional meetings with the NEOLA representative.
- i. 2021-22 Calendar: Calendar has been updated and solicited amongst school staff and teachers for changes. The calendar is fluid. Motion by S. Brown and supported by M. Brown to accept the 2021-22 calendar as current. All in favor, none opposed.
- j. - k. COVID Update & Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Monthly Update: Happy to report there were no positive tests for athletics. Prom was successful. Upcoming vaccination clinic at school. There is current class scheduling/planning on-going. The goal is to begin in the fall with 5 days a week and a regular schedule. The board is recommending to pre-plan our options and be prepared for all scenarios. Superintendent Radovich will check on options. There is a waiting period to understand how the State moves forward with requiring Extended Continuity plans or not. We cannot change from our current plan now, unless it is formally revised.

Meeting Adjournment was motioned by S.Brown and supported by M. Brown, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

President

Secretary