


Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
December 17, 2025

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order & pledge of allegiance: Meeting called to order by President H. Borseth at 6:00 PM.
2. Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: 6 members present - H. Borseth, S. Brown, C. Ellsworth, V. Hahka, M. Urbis and M. Brown. Absent: R. Maki
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as written M. Brown and supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Read and Approve Minutes from Past Meetings: Motion by S. Brown and supported by C. Ellsworth to approve minutes as written. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Correspondence: Letter to Superintendent - Michigan Board of Education and support on the passing of our ballot. Letter and gift of \$537.95 to the Ewen - Trout Creek School for classroom supplies for the teachers. Motion from S. Brown and supported my M. Urbis to send a thank you note to Gerald Manninen.
6. Administrative Report: Provided in the electronic board packet.
7. Public Comments: Emma Besonen and Hannah Ferguson - Senior Class Representatives. Seeking approval for Disney World, this is the same trip that other classes have done. No classes missed for the trip, as it will be during Spring Break.
8. Discussion & Action Items:
 - a. Addition of Senior Class Trip: Motion by H.Borseth to support the Senior Class Trip to Disney World, supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Financial Report & Payment of Bills: Motion by V. Hahka to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Supported by H. Borseth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - c. Bond PQ: Motion by H. Borseth to accept the preliminary application of the bond.Supported by C. Ellsworth, all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Resolved to apply for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in his application.
 - ii. That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election on said bond issue.
 - iii. Resolved that this Board of Education will present a final qualification application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district.
 - iv. Read this application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the BOard.

- v. Authorized the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this Preliminary Application and submit same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.
- d. Special Ed Teacher: Motion by H. Borseth to hire Logan Maki as a full time position, he will start the 2nd semester as a part-time Special Ed Teacher and supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Neola 2nd Read: Motion by C. Ellsworth, supported by M. Brown to accept the Neola 2nd Reading. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Ewen Property: Information sharing - Ewen Property-Resolution from the attorney for purchasing the property from Wisconsin Electric. After we purchase this property, we can bundle the two properties and list them for sale. Motion made by H. Borseth to make the Ewen Property a discussion and action item for January. Supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- g. Enerco Corporation Agreement - Two quotes for the water treatment program - \$1400 and 2-3 visits a year, yearly filter change for a longevity of ~3-5 years, but it is a yearly contract. Motion by H. Borseth to accept the bid from the Enerco Corporation Agreement for a one-year contract that will come back to the board for renewal 90-days prior to the expiration. Supported by M. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.
- h. 31AA: Motion by S. Brown, supported by M. Urbis to have the E-TC Board of Education to authorize Superintendent Basanese to receive the 31AA funding, if the court rules that the language is unconstitutional and removes the Government Immunity Clause. If the court does not find in our favor, then we authorize the Superintendent to remove the school from the 31AA funding for the 25-26 School Year. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- i. GOISD Contract: ISD contract has come back with keeping the contract rate the same for the year because we continue to use the Business Manager services, even though there are reduced services being used. Motion by S. Brown to direct Mr. Basanese to explore other options for business manager support besides the ISD. Supported by M. Urbis, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. 2nd motion - Motion by S. Brown that we agree to a 1 - year contract for Business Manager Services with the intent to move forward without the ISD contract in the future if the ISD is not willing to negotiate. Supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- j. Mike Urbis: When the school was built there was an agreement that REA would charge a fair and flat rate to the school. Power rates are significantly high. There was a request to give Michael Urbis the ability to speak on behalf of the Board of Education with the REA and power electric bills. Motion by S. Brown to authorize Mike Urbis to represent the school district on investigating power bill agreements on behalf of the school. Supported by C. Ellsworth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by H. Borseth, supported by C.Ellsworth, adjourned the meeting at 7:00. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.



President



Secretary