

**Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education
Regular Board of Education
August 31, 2026**

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order & pledge of allegiance: Called to order by M. Brown, Vice President at 6 PM.
2. Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: 5 members present - V.Hahka, C. Ellsworth, M. Urbis, M. Brown and S. Brown, Members Absent:H. Borseth
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented by S. Brown and supported by V. Hahka. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Read and Approve Minutes from Past Meetings: Motion by C. Ellsworth to approve the July meeting minutes as one combined set of notes as written by the Secretary. M. Brown supported. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
5. Correspondence: Donation of wood chip labor by Mr. Huettl of Brad Huettl Trucking. Thank you for your donation.
6. Administrative Report: Provided in the electronic board package.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Discussion & Action Items:
 - a. Financial Report & Payment of Bills: Motion by V. Hahka to accept the financial report and pay the bills, supported by C. Ellsworth. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. MHSAA Alternative Path to Athletic Eligibility (Home School) - Information sharing and a request for board to consider proposed amendments to school policies to allow for the District to convert a parent-led home school into a District program (topic - Athletics).
 - i. Request to add school bullying and climate to the agenda for future meetings by board trustee.
 - ii. Superintendent seeking MHSAA and legal review and response, and assignment to Policy Committee.
 - iii. Re-establishment of the School Improvement Committee.
 - c. New Account Resolution: Resolution offered by V. Hahka to establish a new checking account with Zeal Credit Union for the purpose of receiving and distributing bond proceeds. Supported by R. Maki. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - d. Bus Bids: Nelson, Holland, Zaremba - Bids received from Holland and Zaremba - \$278,562 for two buses from Holland. Zaremba had a bid response but did not meet District requirements. Motion made by S. Brown and supported by M. Urbis to support the Holland Bus Bid - Roll Call Vote - Maki: Y, Brown: Y, Ellsworth: Y, Urbis: Y, Brown: Y, Hahka: Y
 - e. Property: Point of order that C. Ellsworth is no longer on the Bergland Township Board.

- i. Motion by S. Brown to rescind the December 18, 2024 motion to approve Bergland Township Transfer until the District legally owns the deed of property. Support by M. Urbis. Roll Call: Maki: N, Brown: Y, Ellsworth: N, Urbis: Y, Brown: N, Hahka: Y - tie vote, tabled till September Board Meeting.
 - f. 2026-2027 Food Service Bids: Motion to approve Jilbert food service bid by C. Ellsworth, supported by M. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - g. Approve Support Staff Contracts: M. Brown motion to accept the support staff contract, supported by S. Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - h. Approve Non-Teaching Staff Contracts: Motion by M. Brown to approve the non-teaching staff contracts, supported by C. Ellsworth. Roll Call: Maki: Y, Brown: Y, Ellsworth: Y, Urbis: Y, Brown: Y, Hahka: Y All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Neola 2nd Read: Motion made by M. Brown, supported C. Ellsworth to accept the Neola 2nd Read policy. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by V. Hahka and supported by M. Urbis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



President

Secretary