

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
August 15, 2022 6:00pm

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Matt Vaculik, Zach Murry, Jason Miller, Don Smith, and Nora Kiefer.

President Nora Kiefer asked if anyone wished to add, delete, or separate any items of the consent agenda as proposed. No changes were made.

Zach Murry moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on August 15, 2022.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried. **111-22**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 18, 2022.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **112-22**

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the July financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, Disbursement Summary, General Fund Graph, Payroll and Benefits Graph, and Income Tax Graph.

Approved permanent appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the preceding financial motions, reports, and other financial items.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

113-22

PERSONNEL

Offered the following supplemental contracts and approve volunteers for 2022 - 2023, pending the completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

- John Langenderfer - Basketball - JV Boys
- Alexander Lutheran - Head Track Coach
- Kahlan Schuster - Volunteer E-Sports Coach

Approved the following High School and Middle School paid and/or volunteer event workers for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

- Mary Carson
- Brittany Henricks
- Ashley Herr
- Leah McVey
- Steve Feedback
- Tara Henricks
- Logan McKelvey

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy.

Approved the classified and certified substitute lists provided and maintained by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) and the district classified substitute list for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Assignments will be made by the Superintendent and/or Superintendent's designee.

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy.

Approved Barb Oyer as a substitute high school counselor at a per diem rate of \$250.00 for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy.

Approved the following additional/extended days for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

- Cindy Pinkelman EHS Guidance 5 days
- Amanda Brehm EMS Guidance 10 days

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy.

Approved all Evergreen teachers for the 2022 - 2023 school year, for approved additional hours or to supervise and/or instruct students including but not limited to ZAP, SOS Tutoring, after school detention or Friday School, at the current hourly contracted rate.

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy.

Offered the following non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective at the start of the 2022 - 2023 school year:

- Rita Brand (Bus Driver)

*All other pay and benefits will be according to Board adopted policy and agreements, with work assignments delegated by the Superintendent.

Amended the Limited Contract for Non-Teaching Employee Melissa Nagy, Accounts Payable, to include EMIS/District Enrollment Coordinator responsibilities and to increase the contracted days to 260 with a total annual salary of \$49,329.90 effective August 3, 2022.

As recommended by the Superintendent, Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the above listed personnel items.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

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OTHER BUSINESS

Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to authorize the superintendent to enter into agreements with accredited colleges and universities with Educational Preparation Programs for the purpose of allowing the placement of Education Preparation Students in our district schools for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

115-22

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve Nora Kiefer as the Evergreen Local Board of Education delegate, and Don Smith as the Evergreen Local Board of Education alternate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting at the OSBA Capital Conference on November 14, 2022.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

116-22

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to enter a Day Treatment-Purchase Service Agreement with A&G Education Services LLC, a special needs Education Company for the sole purpose of providing educational services in accordance with placement at the “Leap Program”. Students placements will be at a per diem rate of \$145.00 per student. (2021-2022 rate was \$145.00).

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

117-22

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the following overnight trip for Evergreen Ag. Students / FFA members, teacher Alexis Howell and parent chaperones to travel to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, for workshops and educational leadership opportunities. Students will stay at the Holiday Inn Indianapolis, 251 Pennsylvania Parkway Carmel, Indiana 46280. Attendees will depart on October 26, 2022 and return on October 28, 2022.

Please Note: The trip costs will be paid through student contributions and FFA Alumni.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

118-22

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to support the educational option program administered by the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), the Juvenile Residential Center (JRC) of Northwest Ohio, and the Wood County Alternative School (ALC). For the 2022 – 2023 school year, the Evergreen Board of Education agrees to pay:

\$80 per student per day for students assigned to JDC (last year \$79)

\$85 per student per day for students assigned to JRC (last year \$85)

\$70 per student per day for long-term placement to the ALC (last year \$68)

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Lindsey Abrams will be transferring from a 4-hour bus route to a 2-hour bus route for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Income Tax Levy Renewal

Mr. Bryon Hansel, Chairman the Levy Renewal Committee has been working to prepare for the upcoming levy. I will be asking him to present at the September meeting to update the Board on the committees' efforts and plans.

Evergreen is currently funded by three income tax levies that when combined totals 1.5%. The levy breakdown includes:

0.75% continuing

0.50% expiring in 2024

0.25% expiring in December 2022 – up for renewal on November 8, 2022.

This levy on the ballot in November is not a new tax, not an increase, not more money, not new money.

District administration is developing a Frequently Asked Questions page to put on the district website to provide the community information about this levy renewal. A few questions we received this week are:

What percentage of the district's income comes from property tax?

What percentage of the district's income comes from income tax?

Does the district have to send any of our income tax money to the state or do we get to keep all of it?

What does the income tax pay for?

Here is a breakdown of revenue by source for the district. We are looking at the last four years, which goes back to when the Board reduced one of the income tax rates by .25%. District revenue is 30.4% Income tax, 30.7% Real Estate tax and 38.9% State funding.

We do pay minimal administrative fees to the state for processing our income tax dollars.

Funds from this income tax renewal levy are used to pay for academic programs, student activities, outstanding teachers and staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Transportation Director, Carrie Brown reported on the following items:

We are all ready and routes are being wrapped up for Wednesday the first day of school. The afternoon dismissal is expected to go more smoothly with the service road back open and less traffic on Co Rd 6.

Tuesday evening all of the drivers will be at the elementary open house to meet the families. Terrie Ferguson, our OBI, will be there with her bus in the bus parking lot for any students who are new. We will have her talk to the students and go over bus rules with them.

We have one route that is open and will be filling it as soon as we have one of our new drivers trained and ready.

20 am/pm routes 1 pm route and 2 preschool routes. Avg of 1.5 hours a day for the length of time the buses are on a given route. At this time we have about 1000 students riding which include our Holy Trinity students also.

We have 3 days this year to transport HT students when Evergreen does not have school. I am working on those routes with the first one being Sept 2nd.

We are expecting our 3 new buses in January, the last we have heard and replacing bus 14, 24, & 28.

The buses have all been gone over and only one is out being serviced.

I will be checking weather conditions and communicating with neighboring districts throughout the year.

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Start of the School Year

- We are ready and excited to start the new school year on Wednesday. District and building meetings took place this morning, teachers will be in their classrooms preparing tomorrow and we will be ready to welcome students into the buildings on Wednesday.

Personnel

- We are still looking for a high school counselor for this school year. We do have a plan to provide services to our students in the interim.

School Safety Grant

- EMS did receive \$50,000 from the Senate Bill 310 School Safety Grant Program. These funds will be used to update building security devices. We are collaborating with the Fulton County Sheriff Department and Metamora Fire Department for additional safety grant funds to improve emergency response communications for the district and surrounding community.

Website

- The district website has been revamped and hopefully streamlined and easier to navigate. The goal is to reach any piece of information with just two clicks. If you have not seen the updated website, please check it out.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Nora Kiefer asked about the Cardinal Bus trade-in value.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to adjourn the August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer