

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
September 19, 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.

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on September 19, 2022.

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

Motion Carried. **121-22**

Don Smith moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15, 2022.

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

Motion Carried **122-22**

CORRESPONDENCE

President Nora Kiefer complimented our Band for an outstanding performance.

Treasurer Brian Carroll mentioned that an Ohio County Auditor appealed the Nexus settlement and the Fulton County Board of Elections sent the ballot proofs for the income tax levy which were approved.

Superintendent Eric Smola shared that OMEA All-State Choir sent notification that Kyle Feeback, Melanie Krempec, and Michael Wheeler have been selected as members of the All-State Choir and will perform at the state conference later this year. Congratulations.

National Merit Scholarship Corp. sent notification that Jacob Goodson has qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist. Congratulations.

Mrs. Laura Johnson: Letter of Resignation, effective May 31, 2023.

Mrs. Gloria Baker: Letter of Resignation, effective September 12, 2022.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bryon Hansel, Levy Renewal Chairperson

FINANCIAL

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

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund

Approved the following grant for the 2022-2023 school year (FY23):

- NBHP Wellness Grant - \$2,700.00

Established the District in-state tuition rate for the 2022 - 2023 school year at \$11,600.45 and the out-of-state tuition rate at \$15,275.43, as established by the Ohio Department of Education.

Removed Derick Stoup and added Dylan Henricks to the Metamora State Bank Petty Cash account.

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

Ayes: Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

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

- Todd Woodring - Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach
- Brian Nagy - Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
- Dustin Hudik - 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach
- Jon Myers - Head Bowling Coach
- Shane Chamberlin - Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach
- Ethan Vanlooche - JV Girls Basketball Coach
- Chandler Lumbrezer - Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
- Brittany Henricks - 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach
- Aaron Schmidt - 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach
- Jesse Beverly - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Chad Richardson - Assistant Wrestling Coach Volunteer

- Adam Gleckler - Assistant Wrestling Coach Volunteer
- Dylan Nicely - 7/8 Head Wrestling Coach

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

- Mason Henricks
- Phillip Henricks
- Carson Wyse

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

Offered the following supplemental contract for 2022 - 2023, pending the completion of any/all certification and/or licensure requirements:

- Sheri Call Mentor Teacher
- Andrea Hesson Mentor Teacher
- Brian Nagy Mentor Teacher
- Laurie Schmidt Sixth Grade Outdoor Education

Approved Heather Christensen for additional hours at the contracted rate for time spent in selecting new staff members for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Offered the following non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective September 12, 2022 for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

- Tana Mugler Bus Driver 4 hour route
- Gloria Baker Bus Aide 2 hours per day
- Ana Boger Bus Aide 2 hours per day

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

Accepted the resignation of Laura Johnson, Evergreen Elementary Teacher. Mrs. Johnson's resignation will become effective on May 31, 2023. Mrs. Johnson's service to our students and the school will be missed.

Accepted the resignation of Gloria Baker from her two-hour kitchen position, effective September 12, 2022.

Added the following individuals to the approved district substitute list pending the completion of any/all certification requirements and background checks:

- Cindy Hudik
- Vanessa Martinez
- Erin Sheller

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

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

Motion Carried **124-22**

OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Miller moved, supported by Zach Murry, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to approve the appointment of Ms. Denise Decker to the Library Board of Trustees, replacing Ms. Marianne Lulfs whose current term ends December 31, 2024.

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

Motion Carried **125-22**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve a service agreement with Toledo Pediatric Speech Therapy LLC. to provide speech and language services to Evergreen Students being served at LEAP at a cost of \$75.00 per thirty (30) minute session plus mileage for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

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

Motion Carried **126-22**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Start of the School Update

I would like to thank all district staff for their dedication and commitment to the students of Evergreen as we had a successful start to the school year.

The returned use of the access road for busses has cut down on the congestion on County Road 6 and improved the flow for drop off and pick-up of students. The new traffic pattern at the elementary has also made a positive impact to improve safety and cut down on time in the lot.

Students clubs and activities are up and running in all three buildings that has resulted in increased school spirit and a positive culture. The coordination among our building principals has been great to see and beneficial for our students' experience.

Deputy Kathy Zumfelde has joined the district as our SRO this school year. She is doing an excellent job and is working with building administrators on updating our safety plans and

procedures. She will also be visible in classrooms and expanding the DARE program to the Elementary level later this year.

Income Tax Levy Renewal

I want to thank Mr. Hansel and the levy committee for their work on the levy campaign. The renewal of this income tax is critical for the district to maintain its current programs and strategically move the district forward. The committee will be providing yard signs and launching a social media campaign in October in advance of the November election.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Curriculum Coordinator, Dr. Dolores Swineford reported on the following items:

2022 Local Report Card

- a. This year, the local report cards look different. Schools and districts no longer receive letter grades, but receive star rating for six components (Achievement; Progress; Early Literacy; Gap Closing; Graduation; and College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness). In addition to the change in rating used, new calculation processes were implemented for the different components.
- b. Since the release of the 2022 Local Report Card, we have been analyzing the data to identify areas of strength and concerns. It is important to remember the 2021-2022 Local Report Card provides a snapshot of the quality of education provided to students; it does not reflect what is occurring daily in our school buildings. Our students and staff work hard and are dedicated to the learning process that occurs daily.
- c. Strengths:
 - i. Evergreen increased the number of students meeting proficiency on 13 of the 20 state assessments.
 - ii. Although the calculation is different this year, Evergreen improved the performance index from last year.
 - iii. Evergreen Elementary increased the number of students moving from "not-on-track" to "on-track", based on fall diagnostic assessments significantly.
 - iv. The number of third grade students scoring proficient on the Grade 3 Ohio's State Test for English Language Arts increased by 4.4%.
- d. Some of our district's areas of concern:
 - i. Evergreen saw a decrease in yearly growth (value-added) on multiple tests. (learning loss)
 - ii. Gifted progress, performance index, and identification/services
 - iii. Chronic absenteeism increased by 4.4%. (COVID absences of students & staff)
 - iv. Evergreen saw a decrease in 4-year and 5-year graduation rate.
- e. To address the areas of concern, we will be focusing on student supports as part of the revision process of the district's strategic plan (gifted, math curriculum resources, interventions, graduation planning meetings, chronic absenteeism, reporting processes).

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

We have been collaborating with the Fulton County Sheriff Department and Metamora Fire Department on grants in order to secure additional state funds for building safety. The grant application deadline is October 3rd and the funds will be awarded later this school year.

We have been working on revisions to The Viking Compass, the district's strategic plan. We are incorporating district report card results to target areas for improvement. The committee should have revisions completed soon and we look forward to presenting our revised plan to the Board for approval in the next couple months.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Nora Kiefer asked about the Drug Testing Presentation coming up.

Matt Vaculik asked about the locker room status.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to adjourn the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer