

**Evergreen Local Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education**  
**November 21, 2022 6:00pm**

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Don Smith, Matt Vaculik, Zach Murry, Jason Miller, 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 November 21, 2022.

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

**Motion Carried.** **136-22**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2022.

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

**Motion Carried** **137-22**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Members:

- Nora Kiefer mentioned she attended many sessions at Capital Conference, had great things to say about The Veterans Day Program, Just Desserts, and The Reverse Raffle from the Boosters.

Superintendent:

- Mrs. Sharon McCabe: Letter of Resignation, effective January 1, 2023
- Mrs. Angela Infante: Letter of Resignation, effective August 1, 2023

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**FINANCIAL**

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the October 2022 financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, Disbursement Summary, General Fund Graph, Payroll and Benefits Graph, and Income Tax Graph.

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- \$260.00 from Class of 1992 to 007-9094: Dress Down Day Scholarship

Approved the following grant(s) for the 2022-2023 school year (FY23) and to modify appropriations and estimated resources accordingly:

- OFCC K-12 School Safety Grant - \$50,000.00

Approved the following transfers and debt payments and to modify appropriations and estimated resources accordingly:

- Transfer \$14,588.00 from 003-7200-910-9011 HB264 PI Transfers Out to 002-5100-9011 HB264 Energy Conservation Project Transfers In
- Transfer \$80,000.00 from 003-7200-910-0000 PI Transfers Out to 002-5100-9011 HB264 Energy Conservation Project Transfers In
- Pay refunded series 2001 bond principal and interest of \$839,775.98
- Pay refunded series 2002 bond principal and interest of \$140,395.00
- Pay series 2010 HB264 Energy Conservation Bond principal and interest of \$94,588.00 (\$88,336.00 due 12/1/2021, \$6,252.00 due 6/1/2022)

Approved the Five Year Forecast to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30, 2022.

Approved a new checking account (clearing account) at State Bank for the purpose of accepting ACH and/or Wire payments.

Approved the transfer of \$50.00 from Student Council (200 Fund) to Athletics (300 Fund) for the purchase of popcorn for Trivia Night.

Mr. Carroll also gave an update on our investments.

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

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**138-22**

**PERSONNEL**

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

- Jim Zoltowski - 7 / 8 Boys Basketball
- Denise Beale - Assistant Cheer Volunteer
- Nathaniel Frost - Assistant Wrestling Volunteer
- Michele Fulton - Assistant Wrestling Volunteer

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

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

- Rachael Hoffman
- Courtney Robertson
- Hunter Vaculik

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

Approved Dawn Spradlin for additional hours for training based on her per diem rate as Transportation Coordinator.

Accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Sharon McCabe, Elementary Cook. Mrs. McCabe's resignation will become effective on January 1, 2023. Mrs. McCabe's service to our district is greatly appreciated.

Accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Angela Infante, Technology Coordinator. Mrs. Infante's resignation will become effective on August 1, 2023. Mrs. Infante's service to our district and students is appreciated and will be missed.

Approved an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Lindsey Abrams from her 2.5 hour kitchen position effective November 21, 2022 until May 26, 2023 unless she is able to return sooner.

Offered Tana Mugler a non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective October 31, 2022, for the 2022 - 2023 school year as a 2.5 hour Cashier.

Offered Vanessa Martinez a non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective November 21, 2022, for the 2022 - 2023 school year as a 2.0 hour Dishwasher.

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

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

- Amy Heuerman
- Melissa Good

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

Approved Students for Other Students (SOS) grant approved tutors for the 2022 - 2023 school year at the Ohio minimum wage rate.

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

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**139-22**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve The Viking Compass 2022 - 2025, the district strategic plan to direct the course for district leadership for the next three years.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**140-22**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to allow Evergreen High School student athletes to participate in the 2022 - 2023 indoor track & field season using the Evergreen High School name. Athletes will be under the supervision of adult volunteers that have valid pupil activity permits, and all participation will cease before the beginning of the outdoor track and field season. If approved, the Evergreen Local School District will assume no cost or liability for indoor track participants and coaches/volunteers.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**141-22**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to allow Evergreen High School female student athletes to participate in the 2022 - 2023 wrestling season using the Evergreen High School name. Athletes will be under the supervision of adult volunteers that have valid pupil activity permits. If approved, the Evergreen Local School District will look to possibly establish an agreement to make Girls Wrestling a school sanctioned sport.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**142-22**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the proposed existing policy revisions to current Evergreen Local Schools Board Policy. The following policy revisions are recommended for approval:

Policy 1617	Weapons (revised)
Policy 2220	Adoption of Course of Study (revised)
Policy 2280	Preschool Program (revised)
Policy 2413	Career Advising (revised)
Policy 2430	District Sponsored Clubs and Activities (revised)
Policy 2431	Interscholastic Athletics (revised)
Policy 3120.08	Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra Curricular Activities (revised)
Policy 3217	Weapons (revised)
Policy 4217	Weapons (revised)
Policy 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Non-resident Students (revised)
Policy 5111.02	Education Opportunity for Military Children (revised)
Policy 5200	Attendance (revised)
Policy 5335	Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions (revised)
Policy 5336	Care of Students with Diabetes (revised)
Policy 5350	Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (revised)
Policy 5460.01	Diploma Deferral (revised)
Policy 6700	Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (revised)
Policy 7217	Weapons (revised)
Policy 7440	Facility Security (revised)
Policy 7440.03	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (revised)
Policy 7530.01	Cell Phone Policy (revised)
Policy 8210	School Calendar (revised)
Policy 8320	Personnel Files (revised)
Policy 8330	Student Records (revised)
Policy 8600	Transportation (revised)

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**143-22**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to approve the appointment of Ms. Suzi Holland to the Library Board of Trustees for a seven-year term, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2029.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**144-22**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Zach Murry to approve the following tax levy resolution for the Evergreen Community Library.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN FULTON COUNTY, WHICH AREA CONSTITUTES THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, THE QUESTION OF A .4 MILL RENEWAL TAX LEVY FOR PURPOSE

OF THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTIONS 5705.23, .19 AND .25.

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, the Board of Library Trustees of the Evergreen Community Library adopted Resolution No. 1 pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.23 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to levy a tax of four tenths (.4) mill tax levy for five years and requesting the Fulton County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District within Fulton County, which area constitutes the district of the Evergreen Community Library, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the School District within Fulton County, which area constitutes the district of the Evergreen Community Library, is \$196,364,530, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a .4 mills tax levy would be \$78,321 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of the County Auditor's certification, the Board of Library Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2 on November 17, 2022, requesting this Board to submit to the electors of the School District the question of a .4 mill tax levy described therein and in Resolution No. 1, pursuant to Sections 5705.19(A) and (D), and 5705.23 of the Revised Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Evergreen Local School District, County of Fulton, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. In accordance with the resolutions of the Board of Library Trustees of the Evergreen Community Library described in the preambles above, it is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by this Board within the ten-mill limitation by tax levies will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Evergreen Community Library, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses of the Evergreen Community Library in the amount of four tenths (.4) mills for five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for tax year 2023, the proceeds of which levy would first be available to the Board of Library Trustees of the Evergreen Community Library for calendar year 2024, if a MAJORITY of electors vote in favor of the tax, and such tax being a RENEWAL of an existing tax of four tenths (.4) mill.

Section 2. Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. The question of a tax of four tenths (.4) mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses of the Evergreen Community Library for five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2023, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the Library in calendar year 2024, shall be submitted under the provisions of Sections 5705.19(A) and (D), and 5705.23 of the Revised Code to the electors of Evergreen Local School District which reside in Fulton County, which area constitutes the district of the Evergreen Community Library, at the PRIMARY election to be held therein on May 2, 2023, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Fulton County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Ballot Form. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

A renewal of a four tenths (.4) mill tax for the benefit of the Evergreen Community Library for the purpose of current expenses of the Evergreen Community Library at the rate of .4 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 cents for each one

hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

Section 4. Notice of Election. The Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer, or otherwise authorized officer of the School District or the Library, be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, the aforementioned resolutions of the Board of Library Trustees delivered to this Board in connection herewith, and the aforementioned certificate of the Fulton County Auditor, to the Fulton County Board of Elections, before the close of business on December 15, 2022.

Section 6. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 7. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**145-22**

## **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

### **Potential Fifth Grade Move to EMS**

We began looking at the potential to move the fifth grade to the middle school over a year ago. The motivation for the move covered multiple facets ranging from academic programming, gifted services, leadership opportunities, student ratios to name a few. Ultimately, for such a move to make sense we need to offer more to the students in fifth and sixth grades than they are currently receiving and we believe that this move can achieve that.

We are still developing this plan that would include a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade cohort and a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade cohort. The schedule is the critical piece that we are currently working on that sets the foundation for the success of this move. We understand the need for encore classes as well as a recess or activity period in the schedule and that has proven to be the challenge in creating the schedule.

Our goal is to have the framework of the plan, including the schedule, finalized for Board approval in December.

Calendars:

We welcome community feedback on the calendars developed by the Calendar Committee and the Administrative team. The 2023-2024 was tentatively approved last December and the 2024-2025 calendar proposal is very similar. After receiving any feedback, we will seek Board approval of these calendars in December.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Athletic Director, Dylan Henricks reported on the following items:

- Recognize Fall Athletes
  - 30 All League, 9 All District, Tyson Woodring who received PLayer of the Year in the NWOAL and 2nd Team All State, 18 Scholar Athletes
- Recognize Tom Ott for donating a treadmill to our weight room.
- Head Coaches Evaluations have been completed. I would also like to thank all of our coaches and event staff for all their hard work in the fall.
- Lockers are installed on the girls side. We are just waiting on 2 replacement doors.

**Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:**

First, I would like to thank the Evergreen Community for supporting and passing our levy renewal that was on the ballot this month. The .25% income tax renewal will allow us to continue our current programs and services and add additional opportunities for students consistent with our revised strategic plan.

With the passage of our revised strategic plan tonight, we are excited to work to achieve our goals for the next three years. Our goal areas in the plan are: Academics, Culture, Engagement, Student Supports, and Facilities. Academics is always going to be our number one focus, but students supports is an area that we are really focusing on in order to help our students progress going forward.

Finally, I would like to thank our students, staff and guests for celebrating an excellent Veterans Day program on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This is one of my favorite district programs and everyone involved did an outstanding job, so I want to say, thank you.

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

None.

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, for the members of the Evergreen Local Board of Education, Superintendent, Treasurer, and invited guests to go into executive session for the following reason:

- To consider the employment of public employees: ORC 121.22(G)(1).

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

**Motion Carried**

**146-22**

**Time in: 6:45**

**Time out: 7:04**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Zach Murry, to adjourn the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

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

**Motion Carried**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer