

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
January 9, 2023 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 January 9, 2023.

Ayes: Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried.

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Don Smith moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 19, 2022.

Ayes: Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brittaney Cymbolin - Girls Basketball Trip

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the December 2022 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
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Approved the following transfers, appropriation modifications, and to amend resources accordingly:

- Increase 300-0000 \$21,500.00
- Increase 300-9533 \$2,000.00
- Increase 019-9047 \$5,000.00
- Increase 018-9221 \$4,500.00
- Transfer \$428.76 from 018-9220 to 006 (Student Assistance Fund to Food Service)

Accepted a STEM Classroom Grant of \$5,000.00

Approved the Five-Year Forecast and Debt Schedule as the tax budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 (FY24). The tax budget is required to be filed with the Fulton County Auditor.

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

Approved an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Kim Reckner, elementary teacher, effective January 3, 2023 until January 31, 2023.

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

- Brenda Wyatt

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

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

Motion Carried

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OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve an overnight trip for the Evergreen wrestling team to participate in the Division III State Duals at Sandusky St. Mary's High School. The team will compete against other teams from throughout the state. The team will depart on January 27, 2023 and the team plans to return on January 28, 2023. Coaches Dalton Nicely, Jesse Beverly and Andrew Bailey will be the trip supervisors.

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

Motion Carried

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Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the following overnight trip for the Evergreen Wrestling Team to participate in the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus, Ohio on March 11-13, should any wrestlers qualify for the state tournament. Coach Dalton Nicely will be the trip supervisor.

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

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Bullying Report:

Based on Board criteria, I am happy to let you know that the district had zero cases of bullying for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Potential Fifth Grade Transition:

We continue to accept public feedback on the potential move of the fifth grade to EMS. So far five families have responded to the information I sent out to elementary and middle school parents. We have additional meetings set with the fourth and fifth grade teachers as well as all middle school teachers for next week.

We continue to believe a move of the fifth grade to EMS provides additional educational opportunities for our students. Based on our research, our administrative team believes a move for the 2024-2025 school year would be the best plan. We think waiting another school year would allow ample time for transition teams to plan for: building utilization, instructional planning, staff transition, and team building. Up to this point, all of the planning has taken place administratively and for a successful implementation to occur, teachers and staff involvement is critical.

We plan to seek Board approval of this move at the February meeting. Any questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Maintenance Director, Brent Miller, reported on the following items:

I am working with the Athletic Director on how to get a rotation of maintenance needs for the baseball and softball fields. How often dirt is needed, mounds being rebuilt etc. for budgeting

purposes. Also looking at new equipment to drag fields and prep for games. Looking at renting a roller to work on the outfields better and working on a better fertilizer plan.

I am looking at what parking lots need to be resealed and if we need to grind and repair any areas this summer.

Looking at budgeting for new equipment in the schools. Hot water heaters are 22 years old and are inefficient. I would like to see new ways to work on efficiency and save money. Boilers in the high school and middle school are all 80% efficient and almost or over 20 years old. Would like to see something like what we have at the elementary and run a more efficient system that is about 95% efficient.

Snow equipment is ready to go.

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

I want to take a moment as we start the new calendar year to thank each of you as board members for your service to our students, parents and staff. I'm sure you do not hear thank you enough for your time and commitment to our students. Most people do not see the work you do to implement policy and provide direction so our students receive the best possible education. Evergreen Local Schools is fortunate to have a group committed to putting the needs of our students first. On behalf of the entire community, I say thank you!

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to adjourn the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer