

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
February 21, 2023 4:30pm

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 February 21, 2023.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried.

20-23

Don Smith moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2023.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the January 2023 financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, Disbursement Summary, General Fund Graph, and Payroll and Benefits Graph, and Income Tax Graph.

Accepted the following donations:

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

Approved the following transfers, appropriation modifications, and to amend resources accordingly:

- Decrease 572-9023 \$1,381.27
- Decrease 516-9023 \$725.16
- Increase 018-9221 \$5,000.00
- Increase 590-9023 \$459.32
- Increase 499-9220 \$1,000.00
- Increase 401-9023 \$12,038.40
- Increase 599-9023 \$250,000.00

Approved the following grant(s), and to modify appropriations, and amend resources accordingly:

- Title III - \$160.63
- ARP Homeless - \$19,284.03
- Career Awareness and Exploration - \$8,152.14

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

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

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

Approved FMLA leave of absence for Mrs. Kim Reckner, elementary teacher, effective January 2, 2023 through March 24, 2023.

Approved an unpaid leave of absence for Mr. Tony Williams, bus driver, effective February 5, 2023 through May 26, 2023.

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

- Lynne M. Chase

Rescinded and offered the following supplemental contracts and approve volunteers for the 2022 - 2023 school year pending completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

- Evan Karchner Rescind Weight Room Supervisor, ½ contract approved 5/16/22
- Joe Blystone Weight Room Supervisor, ¼ Supplemental Contract
- Benton Miller JV Baseball Coach
- Shane Kinnee 7/8 Track Coach
- Dylan Henricks Volunteer Baseball Coach

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

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

Motion Carried

23-23

OTHER BUSINESS

Zach Murry moved, supported by Jason Miller, to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the Evergreen High School and Evergreen Middle School for the 2023 - 2024 school year. The Board agrees to conduct Evergreen's athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA.

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

Motion Carried

24-23

Jason Miller moved, supported by Zach Murry, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to amend its service agreement with Mercy Health – St. Vincent Medical Center LLC approved on March 21, 2022 to provide athletic training services provided by certified athletic trainers. This agreement shall be modified to increase service expectations from 30-hours per week to 40-hours per week at a prorated revised rate of \$20,000.00 for the 2022 – 2023 school year, \$20,000.00 for the 2023 – 2024 school year and \$22,000.00 for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

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

Motion Carried

25-23

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to authorize the Evergreen Board of Education to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one or more 72-passenger school buses. The Evergreen Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one or more 72-passenger school buses.

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

Motion Carried

26-23

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve an overnight trip for the Evergreen varsity softball team to participate in the Prebis Invitational at Wellington Community Park in Wellington, Ohio. The team will compete against others from throughout the state. The team will

depart on April 28, 2023 and return on April 29, 2023. They will stay at the Courtyard by Marriott Elyria and be transported by parent volunteers or school transportation. Coaches Jim Zoltowski, Haley Senn, Skylee Raker and Matt Keller will be the trip supervisors.

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

Motion Carried

27-23

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve an overnight trip for Evergreen FFA students to attend the Ohio FFA State Convention at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio. Students will learn about agricultural topics, leadership, communication and public speaking. Students will depart on May 3, 2023 and return on May 5, 2023. Parents and FFA Alumni member drivers and a school van, if needed, will transport students to the convention. Teacher Alexis Howell and parent chaperones will be the trip supervisors.

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

Motion Carried

28-23

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

June Board Meeting:

Move the June 19th Board meeting to June 26th.

Potential Fifth Grade Transition:

Board discussed this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Technology Director, Angela Infante, reported on the following items:

We signed a contract with NBEC and DataServ for the district-wide phone upgrade. We are working with them to prepare for the new 911 requirements.

Preparation for state testing:

All students in grades 3-12 have been uploaded in to the testing website so that testing coordinators can get the rosters and personalized accommodations set for the students.

Preparation for next school year:

Chromebooks have been ordered for grades 3, 6, and 9. We went back to the Lenovo Chromebooks due to the price and availability. Once the new Chromebooks arrive we will have media center aides get them inventoried, labeled, and put in cases.

We are getting dates set for Chromebook check-in. We are again offering the graduating seniors the option to keep their Chromebooks if all of their graduation obligations have been met. Chromebooks will still be turned in so that they can be removed from inventory and cleared of all school applications. The Chromebooks will be available for pickup during the month of June. Any Chromebook that has not been picked up before June 30th will be recycled.

We are getting quotes prepared for interactive displays for elementary, middle school, and high school classrooms.

This is an off year for purchasing new laptops for staff. Next year we are planning to replace all intervention specialists' laptops as part of the five-year replacement rotation.

We received iPads back from Holy Trinity that are no longer being used due to their age. They are iPads that the district purchased for them through a grant several years ago. We are looking at possibly offering them to community members at a very low cost.

I have been working with Tony to ensure a smooth transition for him into the director of technology role following my retirement.

Tony Doble reported on the following items:

HUDL camera in the high school gym is installed. HUDL had to send an entirely new unit as the one they sent was not working.

e-Fax update

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Community Conversations:

Mr. Carroll and I are continuing the Community Conversations at local businesses that we began last fall. These are opportunities for community members to meet with us and ask questions in an informal setting. Our next two meetings are in March, the first on March 8th at 9:00 am at The Country Charm in Metamora. The second is on March 23rd at 4:00 pm at Wulf It Down, in Lyons.

Food Service Program:

We are in the process of evaluating Taher Inc. as our food service provider. We have met with head cooks to hear their perspective and we have sent out a survey to students in grades 6-12 for their feedback. Surveys are open until the end of the day tomorrow. Unfortunately, finances for the year are trending in the red and we are considering our options going forward. Student feedback will provide meaningful guidance as to the direction we need to go.

We have an annual contract with Taher Inc. that can be non-renewed at the end of the school year. Once we have additional data, we can determine if we need to prepare a request for

proposal (RFP) to see what other providers can offer the district. I will provide the Board with additional information in the next week.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

Zach Murry moved, Matt Vaculik supported, to omit the Executive Session on the Board Agenda.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

29-23

ADJOURNMENT

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to adjourn the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer