

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
March 20, 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 March 20, 2023.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried. 31-23

Don Smith moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2023.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried 32-23

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent: Connie Snider, Notice of Resignation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alexis Howell and Meegan Gleckler, FFA Trip

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the February 2023 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
- \$25.00 donation from Gary and Luann Pennington to 200-9223: E-Sports Club

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

- Increase 200-9210 \$8,250.00
- Transfer \$24.15 from 018 to 016 (Student Lunches)
- Transfer \$5,400.00 from 451-9023 to 001 (Reallocate grant funds)

Approved a revised Auxiliary Services Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$88,038.40, for services of Auxiliary Services personnel for the benefit of Holy Trinity School and to amend resources and modify appropriations accordingly.

Zach Murry 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

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PERSONNEL

Approved an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Kim Reckner, elementary teacher, effective March 25, 2023 through May 26, 2023.

Accepted the resignation of Connie Snider, elementary aide. Mrs. Snider's resignation will become effective on June 1, 2023. Mrs. Snider's service to our students and the school is greatly appreciated.

Offered the following supplemental contracts for the 2023 - 2024 school year pending completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

- Barry Bock Head Football Coach
- Steven McDowell Head Cross Country Coach

Approved to pay stipend for Orton Gillingham training to the following teacher out of 516-9923 (ARP IDEA-B Funds). Stipend is based on completed hours of training.

- Shannon Leu \$30.00

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

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve continued participation in the **OHI (Optimal Health Initiatives)** Charter Workers Compensation Group Rating Program for the 2024 calendar year.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

35-23

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve an overnight trip for Evergreen FFA officers (10 students) to attend an Officer Retreat at 4H Camp Palmer in Fayette, Ohio. Students will be trained on how to be an officer and develop the 2023-2024 FFA school year. Students will depart on July 22, 2023 and return on July 24, 2023. Parents and a school van will transport students to the retreat. Teacher Alexis Howell and will be the trip supervisor. Trip costs will be covered by the FFA account, alumni and community sponsorships.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve an overnight trip for Evergreen Esports team (8 students) to attend the Esports State Championship at the University of Akron. If qualified, students will compete against peers from throughout the state. Students will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in Akron, Ohio. Students will depart on May 20, 2023 and return on May 21, 2023. A school van will be used to transport students to the event. Teacher Shane Bergman and Kahlan Schuster will be trip supervisors. Club fundraising and students' families will pay trip costs.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

37-23

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve an agreement with Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NWOESC) to cooperatively participate in special education services for fiscal year 2023 - 2024 at an estimated cost of \$789,082.47. The Board and NWOESC agree that \$714,082.47 of this amount shall be paid pursuant to ORC 3313.845 or applicable law by having this amount deducted from the Board's state foundation payment, with any remaining balance being invoiced and paid directly to the NWOESC.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

Abstained: Miller

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Position change:

Amanda Brehm moving from EMS counselor to EHS counselor for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Trip Adjustment:

The Venue has changed for the Prebis Invitational softball tournament the Board approved in February. The games will now be played: Victory Park 7777 Victory Ln. North Ridgeville, OH 44039 and LaGrange Community Park 422 West Main St. LaGrange, OH 44050 resulting in the team changing hotels to stay at the Hotel Hyatt Place Crocker Park 2020 Crocker Park Westlake, OH 44145.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent / Curriculum Director, Dolores Swineford, reported on the following items:

Evergreen Local Schools has applied for eleven grants during the 2022-2023 school year. Each grant application has specific requirements/criteria that must be met, such as purpose, population, needs, budgets, etc. Additional requirements vary based on whether the grant is a local, state, or federal grant. At this time, we have been awarded six of the eleven grants. The total funds awarded with these grants are \$332,450.66. These funds will be utilized to improve school safety, expand STEM activities, implement career exploration and awareness activities, and support our homeless and economically disadvantaged students. Evergreen has applied for five grants and are awaiting potential award notification. The total funds that have been applied for, but awaiting potential award notification are \$91,050.00.

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Ohio House Representative Jim Hoops was at Evergreen today to present Chris Lyons with an official commendation for his teacher of the year honors. I spent some time with Mr. Hoops discussing current legislation impacting education and what is best for our students and the district.

Our next Community Conversation, where Mr. Carroll and I are available to answer questions about the district, is this Thursday, March 23rd at Wulf it Down in Lyons at 4:00 pm. We encourage community members to attend.

We have two new local scholarships created to benefit our students. The Laver Scholarship (\$500.00), in honor of John and Carla Laver and the Herr Legacy Scholarship (\$250.00), in

memory of Michelle Herr. We thank the scholarship creators for their generosity in helping our graduating students with their future plans.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Nora Kiefer asked about Food Service and the potential 5th grade move.

Jason Miller moved, Matt Vaculik supported, 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
Nays:

Motion Carried **39-23**

Time in: 6:32
Time out: 7:30

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion Carried **40-23**

Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer