

**Evergreen Local Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education**  
**July 17, 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 July 17, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried.** **93-23**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting held on July 11, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried** **94-23**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Members: None

Superintendent: None

Treasurer: None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**FINANCIAL**

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

Approved the following federal grants for the 2023-2024 school year (FY24):

- IDEA ECSE - \$6,786.11
- Stronger Connections - \$55,000.00

Approved the Certificate of the Total Amount for all Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (Attached).

Approved the following appropriation modifications and to amend resources accordingly:

- Increase 516-9024 - \$3,129.66

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

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**95-23**

**PERSONNEL**

Offered the following teachers one-year limited teaching contracts, effective with the start of the 2023 - 2024 school year:

- Sarah Friess, EHS Teacher - B.A.+45 Step 9

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

Approved a retirement agreement with Ellen Przybylski that includes a special assignment, educational consulting, serving as an attendance liaison and building substitute until her retirement on September 22, 2023.

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

- Michela Krieger      Boys Soccer JV Coach
- Joe Blystone      Weight Room Supervisor (1/2 Supplemental Contract)

Rescinded and offered the following supplemental contract for 2023 - 2024, pending the completion of any/all certification and/or licensure requirements:

- Danett Setmire      Rescind Art Club (approved 5/15/23)
- Danett Setmire      Rescind EHS Yearbook (approved 5/15/23)
- Sarah Friess      Art Club
- Sarah Friess      EHS Yearbook

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

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

- Matt Saeger, Bus Driver

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

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**96-23**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED AND PROPOSING THE RENEWAL  
OF AN ANNUAL TAX LEVY ON SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME**

**(R.C. 5748.02)**

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter-approved income taxes upon their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Evergreen Local School District (the “Board of Education”) currently imposes a traditional income tax that expires on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2023, this Board of Education of the Evergreen Local School District (the “Board”) adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 5748.02 of the Revised Code requesting the State Tax Commissioner to estimate and certify to it the property tax rate and income tax rate that would have to be imposed in the current year to produce an amount equivalent to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) annually, a copy of said resolution was certified to the State Tax Commissioner on July 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2023, the State Tax Commissioner certified that an income tax rate of 0.3784%, rounded in accordance with Ohio law to 0.50%, or a property tax rate of 3.17 mills would be required to produce the above amount (a copy of such certification is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is now authorized, pursuant to Section 5748.02(B) of the Revised Code to adopt a resolution proposing the renewal of a levy of a school district income tax at a rate which is the rate set forth in the Commissioner’s certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Evergreen Local School District that:

**SECTION I**

The Board finds, determines, and confirms that the amount of taxes that may be raised by this Board within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of this School District, that it is necessary to renew the levy, for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of this School District, of a school district income tax at the rate of 0.50% on the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, also known as a traditional income tax.

## **SECTION II**

The question of renewing a 0.50% school district income tax upon the entire territory of the school district for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of the Board, to take effect on January 1, 2025, and run for five years shall be submitted, pursuant to Chapter 5748 of the Revised Code, to all of the electors of this School District at the election to be held on November 7, 2023.

## **SECTION III**

The Treasurer is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Fulton County immediately, but in no case less than 90 days prior to the date of the election, together with the Resolution of Necessity and the Tax Commissioner's certification.

## **SECTION IV**

The Board currently imposes an income tax pursuant to section 5748.02 of the Revised Code that is due to expire and the proposed income tax under this Resolution is proposed to take effect upon the expiration of the existing tax, thus, the proposed tax renews the expiring tax and is not an additional income tax since the tax rate being proposed is no higher than the tax rate that is currently imposed.

## **SECTION V**

The form of the ballot on this question shall be substantially as follows:

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for approval.

Shall an annual income tax of 0.50% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by the Board of Education of the Evergreen Local School District to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2024, for five years, beginning January 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing for current expenses.

## **SECTION VI**

**IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED** that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in

meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the above resolution.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**97-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to enter into an agreement with Bakers's Propane, 1299 N. Shoop Ave. Wauseon, OH 43567 to purchase propane at \$0.990/gallon (\$1.489/gallon last year), plus all applicable taxes, fees, and charges for the period of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**98-23**

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve school bus stops as recommended by the Superintendent and the Transportation Coordinator. Bus routes and stops are on file with the transportation department. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and/or his designee to change Board approved stops whenever necessary for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**99-23**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the following pricing for Fall High School Athletic Passes and for an annual, all sports family pass for the 2023 - 2024 school year (same as 2021 - 2022):

- Fall Season Sports Pass for Student - \$45
- Fall Season Sports Pass for Adult - \$65
- Fall Season Sports Pass for Family - \$200
- All Sports Family Pass (Fall, Winter, Spring) - \$350

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

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**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Staff Transfer:

Mrs. Danett Setmire, EHS Art Teacher to EES Art.

Recognition / Thank you:

Skye Cinema, LLC. 455 Airport Highway Wauseon, Ohio 43540 graciously donated the movie tickets provided to members of the Class of 2023. Thank you for your generosity to the students of Evergreen.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Athletic Director, Dylan Henricks, reported on the following items:**

- Getting into full swing of fall sports, numbers look good for all sports
  - Boys soccer numbers are very high, which will allow us to have a jv team
- Finalizing schedules and will print pocket schedules and post online
  - Something new this year will be paper and poster sized calendars with schedules on them. Along with the pocket schedules these will be passed out within our community.
- I would like to thank the Boosters who purchased digital clocks for all locker rooms for teams/officials to know how much time is left before the game begins or halftime is ending. This is a very nice addition to our facilities that many schools do not have.
- I am happy to report that last school year the Athletic Department financially finished in the black and we were still able to provide the necessities to our programs.
- This summer the state changed our scheduling system, so we are transitioning from Arbiter to DragonFly. They will also be moving myOHSAA information over to Final Forms. This would include how I do official rating/voting as well as our sports offered and tournament entry for the state.
- State legislation now requires that cash must be accepted at athletic events, we wanted to reassure that we are not changing our process and we are in compliance.
- August 5th is the Boosters Chris Miller Memorial Golf outing. They are looking for more volunteers as well as 2 more teams in the afternoon flight.
- September 15th Homecoming
- October 6th Senior Night
- Boosters Reverse Raffle is November 18th
- Looking forward to a great fall season and a successful school year.

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

Personnel:

All teaching and classroom aide positions are filled. We will hold a new staff orientation on August 16<sup>th</sup> to get everyone acclimated to the district.

Building and Grounds:

Our maintenance dept., custodial staff and summer employees have been working hard to prepare all facilities for the start of the school year. The buildings are looking good and on schedule to be ready for the start of the school year.

Parking lots will be patched and sealed next week and we are getting prices for sidewalk repairs.

Wiring is being installed to support the new 911 Inform System and we are on schedule to be operational when school starts.

Transportation:

The transportation department has been preparing the bus fleet for operation at the start of the school year; we thank them for their hard work to provide safe transportation for our students. Fortunately, we have seen new interest in becoming a substitute driver, so hopefully, we are better staffed with subs for the upcoming school year.

Communications:

The latest edition of The Viking Navigator went out at the end of June to all homes in the district.

Next week, we will be sending out the District Annual Review that will recap the past year and look at future district initiatives and projects.

Food Service:

Variety FoodService has been on campus preparing for the upcoming school year. They are excited to provide free breakfast to all our students and offer a variety of lunch options.

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith, to adjourn the July 17, 2023 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