

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
December 18, 2023 5:00pm

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.

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on December 18, 2023.

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

Motion Carried. **144-23**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2023.

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

Motion Carried **145-23**

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Members: None

Superintendent: None

Treasurer: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the November 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
- \$1,139 donation to the music program from Wayne and Madeline Doble

Approved the following appropriation modifications, amend resources accordingly and send updated reports to the County Auditor:

- Increase 200-9375 (Class of 2026) - \$800.00
- Increase 200-9244 (SADD) - \$100.00
- Increase 200-9211 (FCCLA) - \$100.00
- Increase 007-9095 (Scholarship) - \$1,500.00
- Increase 018 (Activity Funds) - \$7,000.00
- Increase 572-9024 (Title I) - \$11,675.40
- Increase 590-9024 (Title II) - \$1,814.83
- Increase 584-9024 (Title IV) - \$71.63
- Increase 516-9024 (IDEA-B) - \$10,741.71
- Increase 001 - \$37,873.00

Approved an Auxiliary Services Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$81,075.30, for personnel for the benefit of Holy Trinity School, and to amend resources and modify appropriations accordingly.

Approved an increase to the Athletic Petty Cash Account from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00.

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

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

146-23

PERSONNEL

Offered the following non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective December 18, 2023, for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

- Taylor Miller Bus Driver - 4 hour route

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

Approved the following High School and Middle School paid and/or volunteer event worker for 2023 - 2024 school year:

- Robert Pennington

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

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

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

147-23

OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to adopt the 2024 - 2025 District School Calendar, and tentatively approve the 2025 - 2026 District School Calendar as recommended by school administration and the calendar committee, after receiving public input, to include the following significant dates:

2024 – 2025 Calendar

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|----------------|---|
| Aug. 19 | District/EHS/EMS/EES Meetings – Workday |
| Aug. 20 | Teacher Workday |
| Aug. 21 | First Student Day |
| Aug. 30 | No School for Students – District In-Service Day |
| Sept. 2 | No School – Labor Day |
| Sept. 3 | No School – Jr. Fair Day |
| Sept. 30 | No School for Students District In-Service Day |
| Oct. 16 | District Parent / Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 17 | District Parent / Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 17 | End of First Quarter (39 student days) |
| Oct. 18 | No School – Teacher Workday |
| Nov. 27-29 | No School – Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec. 20 | End of Second Quarter (41 student days) |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 2 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 3 | No School for Students – Teacher Workday |
| Jan. 6 | First Day of Second Semester |
| Jan. 20 | No School – MLK Jr. Day |
| Feb. 13 | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Feb. 14 | No School for Students – District In-Service Day |
| Feb. 17 | No School – Presidents’ Day |
| Mar. 14 | End of Third Quarter (47 student days) |
| Mar. 17-21 | No School – Spring Break |
| Apr. 18 | No School – Good Friday |
| May 18 | Senior Graduation |
| May 26 | No School – Memorial Day |
| May 29 | Last Day of School – 1-Hour Early Dismissal (47 student days) |
| May 30 | Teacher Workday |

179 Student Days = 1,117 hours
(State Requirements: 1,001 Hours for grades 7-12, 910 Hours for grades K-6)

Student make up days if necessary: June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

2025 – 2026 Draft Calendar

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|----------------|---|
| Aug. 18 | District/EHS/EMS/EES Meetings – Workday |
| Aug. 19 | Teacher Workday |
| Aug. 20 | First Student Day |
| Aug. 29 | No School for Students - District In-Service Day |
| Sept. 1 | No School – Labor Day |
| Sept. 2 | No School – Jr. Fair Day |
| Sept. 29 | No School for Students - District In-Service Day |
| Oct. 15 | District Parent / Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 16 | District Parent / Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 16 | End of First Quarter (38 student days) |
| Oct. 17 | No School – Teacher Workday |
| Nov. 26-28 | No School – Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec. 19 | End of Second Quarter (42 student days) |
| Dec. 22 | No School – Teacher Workday |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 2 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 5 | First Day of Second Semester |
| Jan. 19 | No School – MLK Jr. Day |
| Feb. 12 | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Feb. 13 | No School for Students – District In-Service Day |
| Feb. 16 | No School – Presidents’ Day |
| Mar. 13 | End of Third Quarter (47 student days) |
| Mar. 16-20 | No School – Spring Break |
| Apr. 3 | No School – Good Friday |
| May 17 | Senior Graduation |
| May 25 | No School – Memorial Day |
| May 28 | Last Day of School – 1-Hour Early Dismissal (47 student days) |
| May 29 | Teacher Workday |

179 Student Days = 1,117 hours
(State Requirements: 1,001 Hours for grades 7-12, 910 Hours for grades K-6)
Student make up days if necessary: June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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

Motion Carried

148-23

Zach Murry moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to join in membership with the Ohio School Board Association and authorize the Treasurer to pay the \$5,679.00 membership for 2024 (2023 - \$5,504.00).

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

Motion Carried **149-23**

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve an agreement with RFS Behavioral Health to provide social and emotional support services to Evergreen students. The agreement specifies that student participation in the receipt of services is voluntary and based upon the informed consent of his or her legal guardian. Services are provided without any financial cost imposed upon Evergreen Local Schools.

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

Motion Carried **150-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the following overnight trip for Evergreen Ag. students Jessica Campbell and Taylor Johnson, and teacher, Alexis Howell, to travel to the National FFA Grow Next Generation Conference in Dallas, Texas, for educational workshops and to explore agricultural communications careers. Students and teacher will stay at the Embassy Suites 2401 Bass Pro Dr. in Grapevine, Texas. Attendees will depart on March 5, 2024 and return on March 8, 2024.

Please Note: The trip costs approximately \$2,000 per student and will be paid by the school FFA account, FFA Alumni, student's parents and community sponsors.

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

Motion Carried **151-23**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, 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 26, 2024, return on January 27, 2024, and will stay at Tru by Hilton in Sandusky, Ohio. Coaches Dalton Nicely and Kyle Keller will be trip supervisors.

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

Motion Carried **152-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Zach Murry, 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 8-11, should any wrestlers qualify for the state tournament. Coach Dalton Nicely will be the trip supervisor.

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

Motion Carried **153-23**

Jason Miller 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 1, 2024 and return on May 3, 2024. A school bus will transport students to the convention and students will stay at the Holiday Inn 55 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, Ohio. Teacher Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor along with parent chaperones.

Please Note: The trip costs approximately \$200.00 per student and will be paid by the students, FFA account, and FFA Alumni.

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

Motion Carried **154-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to set the 2024 annual Organizational Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education on January 8, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. to be held in the Evergreen High School Loren Pennington Learning Center, with the Regular Board meeting to immediately follow.

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

Motion Carried **155-23**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to elect Jason Miller as the President Pro Tempore to preside at the beginning of the January 2024 Organizational Meeting, until the newly elected President assumes the chair (Board Policy 0151 & ORC 3313.14).

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

Motion Carried **156-23**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Evergreen Facilities:

- As we enter the New Year, we will be taking a hard look at Goal V. - Facilities of the strategic plan. We will examine the needs of the district and academic programming for the future and what facilities are needed for the district to best serve our students. We plan to survey all stakeholders and hold focus group meetings to determine needs and explore options for going forward. This is a topic that we will be focusing on and sharing information with the Board and community.

- Gave insight prior to drafting resolutions for the January Organizational Meeting of the Board:
 - i. Shall the Superintendent continue to serve as the purchasing agent for the Evergreen Local board of Education, with a single-item spending limit of \$35,000? Yes
 - ii. Shall the Board adopt a resolution to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting? Yes
 - iii. Shall the Board continue to utilize a consent agenda by topic for future meetings? Yes
 - iv. Shall the Board continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM? Yes
 - v. Shall the Board continue accepting oral reports from the building principals at meetings? Yes
 - vi. Shall the Board continue to be compensated for a maximum of 13 meetings per year? Yes
 - vii. Does the Board wish to continue an Opening Ceremony of their regular meetings that consists of: The Pledge of Allegiance? Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Student Services Director, Kristy Schmidlin: (Attached)

Superintendent, Eric Smola reported on the following items:

- On behalf of the administration, teachers, staff students and families, I want to thank Zach for his service to the Board. Your willingness to serve and to make decisions in the best interest of the students of Evergreen is greatly appreciated.
- Evergreen, in coordination with Ohio Means Jobs Fulton County, has made a commercial that will begin airing in January, to recruit substitutes to all positions in the district. The commercial will air on Fox 36, 13 ABC, Fulton County internal TVs, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Skye Cinema, YouTube, and audio will air on 96.1 WMTR and 94.3 The Buck. We hope the commercials are successful in bringing new substitutes to the district.
- I would like to thank our FFA program for hosting a Farmers' Breakfast on December 1st and helping with the National Wreaths Across American Day at the Swanton cemeteries on December 16th. Our members also volunteered at the Christmas at the Cabin event at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Ms. Howell and our students are very active and represent our community very well.

- We continue to research and plan for the solar eclipse that will take place on April 8, 2024. Fulton County superintendents are preparing a coordinated plan for our schools that we feel is the safest and most educationally responsible approach. We plan to finalize and release a countywide plan in January.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to adjourn the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer