

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
April 15, 2024 6:00pm

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Don Smith, Rusty Carr, 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 Don Smith, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on April 15, 2024.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried. 37-24

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18, 2024.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried 38-24

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent:

- Notice of Resignation: Natalie Mendez
- Notice of Resignation: Janice Smith
- Notice of Resignation: Elizabeth Batt

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the March 2024 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

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

- Increase 451-9023: Data Communication \$5,854.29
- Increase 300: Athletic Department \$12,000.00
- Transfer \$750 from 001 to 018-9221- Strategic Plan
- Transfer \$750 from 001 to 018-9224 - Strategic Plan
- Transfer \$750 from 001 to 018-9227 - Strategic Plan

Approved the following grants and to increase appropriations and amend resources accordingly:

- Title III: \$469.61

Approved the items (books and overhead projectors) for disposal from Holy Trinity, per their letter dated March 18, 2024.

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

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

39-24

PERSONNEL

Offered the following teacher a one-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2024 - 2025 school year:

- Eleanor Shuder, Gifted Teacher - M.A.+30 Step 16

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

Accepted the following resignations:

- Janice Smith, Custodian, effective March 22, 2024
- Natalie Mendez, World Language Teacher, effective August 31, 2024
- Elizabeth Batt, EES Teacher, effective May 31, 2024

Offered the following non-teaching continuing contracts, effective March 22, 2024

- Janice Smith EES Cook
- Janice Smith EHS/EMS Dishwasher

Non-renewed all supplemental and pupil service contracts, including coaches, club moderators, etc. for the 2023 - 2024 school year, effective at the conclusion of the current school year.

Approved professional leave for Jonathan Torrence, EES Music Teacher, from April 25, 2024 until May 14, 2024 to travel, perform and teach with the U.S. Embassy Goodwill Tours delegation in Indonesia.

Approved Joe Blystone as a summer custodial worker as needed from May 1, 2024 until September 30, 2024. Compensation is set at \$13.00 per hour at a maximum of forty (40) hours per week. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will coordinate hours and make all work assignments.

*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:

- Jamie Goedde

Approved payment of designated stipend amounts as determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to district staff upon providing proof of completion of the ODE approved Science of Reading Professional Development Modules. Payment funds will be reimbursed to the district by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

Offered a 2-year administrative contract, effective August 1, 2024 to:

- Sherrie Brown EES Principal
- Lucas Burkholder EMS Principal

Offered a 5-year administrative contract, effective August 1, 2024 to:

- Eric Smola Superintendent

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

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried

40-24

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the granting of high school graduation diplomas to the members of the Class of 2024 on May 19, 2024, pending their successful completion of all graduation requirements as determined by the high school principal.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

41-24

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve a three-year preventative maintenance agreement with Dunbar Mechanical Inc. for a cost of \$124,047.00. The agreement covers inspections, equipment monitoring, planned maintenance, and emergency and trouble call coverage.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

42-24

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve a service agreement between Healthcare Process Consulting (HPC) and Evergreen Local School District for the purpose of HPC assisting in managing the district's Ohio Medicaid School Program (OMSP), in order to procure federal medical reimbursement for Medicaid eligible services provided by the district. The term of this agreement shall be for three years, commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027, at an annual fee of \$4,000.00. Renewal and/or amendments of this agreement can be made upon mutual agreement of both parties prior to its expiration.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

43-24

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 2025 calendar year.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

44-24

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to authorize the Treasurer, Brian Carroll, to advertise for bids and set the day and time for bid openings as this relates to the resurfacing and expansion of district parking lots.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

45-24

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve a two-year agreement with Brandon Wood Educational Consulting, LLC. to support and oversee the implementation of universal

mental health and/or social, emotional, behavioral screenings at a cost \$48,000.00. Cost will be paid using the Stronger Connections Grant.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **46-24**

Don Smith moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to authorize the purchase of a new K-12 social studies curriculum program from TCI, SAVVAS, Studies Weekly, and McGraw-Hill. The new programs align better with Ohio’s Learning Standards and includes textbooks, workbooks, web-based software for five years, teacher materials, and initial and ongoing professional development for implementation at an approximate cost of \$130,000.00.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **47-24**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the proposed policy revisions to current Evergreen Local Schools Board Policy. The following policy revisions are recommended for approval:

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| Policy 2623 | Student Assessment & Academic Intervention Services (Revised) |
| Policy 2623.01 | Third Grade Reading Guarantee (Revised) |
| Policy 3120.04 | Employment of Substitutes (Revised) |
| Policy 3140 | Termination and Resignation (Revised) |
| Policy 4124 | Employment Contract (Revised) |
| Policy 4140 | Termination and Resignation (Revised) |
| Policy 5310 | Health Services (Revised) |
| Policy 8600 | Transportation (Revised) |
| Policy 8600.04 | Bus Driver Certification (Revised) |
| Policy 8640 | Transportation for Non-Routine Trips (Revised) |
| Policy 8650 | Transportation by Vehicles Other Than School Buses (Revised) |
| Policy 8660 | Incidental Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle (Revised) |

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **48-24**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the following overnight trip for the Evergreen Track Team to participate in the OHSAA State Track and Field Tournament at Welcome Stadium in Dayton, Ohio. Athletes would stay at Drury Hotels in Dayton on May 30th and 31st, should any team members qualify for the state tournament. Coach Alex Lutheran will be the trip supervisor.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

49-24

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Summer Projects / District Facilities:

As we look ahead to summer projects, our big projects include resurfacing the high school parking lot and adding an additional exit at the elementary school to facilitate a smoother exit for parent drivers. We will be potentially upgrading approximately 30 HVAC units in high school classrooms. These projects will be bid and completed before the start of school in August. Along with annual cleaning and floor waxing, we will be moving the necessary furniture and resources for the fifth grade from the elementary to the middle school.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Athletic Director, Dylan Henricks, reported on the following items: (Attached)

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

We held our latest series of Community Conversations over the past two weeks. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to hear from community members and answer any questions they may have. We appreciate those who take the time to meet with us and we find these conversations very valuable. Our next round of meetings will be in the fall after the next school year begins.

Open Positions: we currently have two open teaching positions for next school year, kinderstart and high school intervention specialist. We have these positions posted and hope to get them filled before the end of this school year.

The district nurse posting has been closed to applicants. We have received 19 applications of qualified candidates. We are currently screening applications and plan to start interviews next week.

Finally, interviews for the head boys basketball coach will begin this week.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Don Smith asked for an update on Food Service.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, to adjourn the April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Carr, Miller, Smith, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer