

**Evergreen Local Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education**  
**February 20, 2024      6:00pm**

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Don Smith, Matt Vaculik, Rusty Carr, 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 20, 2024.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried.**

**20-24**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 8, 2024.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**21-24**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

President, Nora Kiefer complimented the Beyond Today event.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**FINANCIAL**

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the January 2024 financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, Disbursement Summary, General Fund Graph, Income Tax Graph, and Payroll and Benefits Graph.

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- \$50.00 from Randall and Rae Lynn Schmitz to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- \$300.00 from Knights of Columbus to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund

- \$500.00 from Pro Ag Applications LLC to 200-9210: FFA
- \$100.00 from Country Charm Cafe to 200-9210: FFA
- \$1,000.00 from Fulton County Dairy Producers to 200-9210: FFA
- \$500.00 from Cris Johnson to 200-9210: FFA
- \$250.00 from Bigs Bar & Grill to 200-9210: FFA
- \$50.00 from Luckey Farmers to 200-9210: FFA
- \$750.00 from Scott and Jenny Conrad to 200-9210: FFA

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

- Transfer \$77.78 from 006: Food Service to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- Transfer \$3,400.87 from 200-9372: Class of 2023 to 200-9373: Class of 2024
- Increase 018-9222: \$800.00
- Increase 018-9221: \$10,000.00
- Increase 200-9242: \$150.00
- Increase 572-9024 - Title I: \$1,703.92
- Increase 590-9024 - Title II: \$740.69
- Increase 516-9024 - IDEA-B - \$1,016.07
- Increase 587-9024 - IDEA ECSE - \$4.91

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

- Sources of Strength \$5,000.00
- Ohio Attorney General's Technology Linking Safety Grant \$30,000.00

Accepted the amount and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the Fulton County Auditor. (Attached)

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**22-24**

### **PERSONNEL**

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

- Dustin Hudik                      JV Baseball Coach
- Ken Hudik                         Assistant Softball Coach (1/3 contract)
- Skylee Raker                      Assistant Softball Coach (2/3 contract)
- Emma Stump                      Assistant Softball Coach (2/3 contract)

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

Offered the following supplemental contracts for the 2024 – 2025 school year, pending the completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

- Kelsey Wulf                      Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
- David Skoczyn II              Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
- Matt Gleckler                  Head Girls Golf Coach
- Jacob Ott                        Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

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

Approved the request for FMLA leave for Emily Loeffler tentatively beginning on March 18, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2024.

Approved a \$250.00 stipend to the following staff members for completing Sources of Strength Training. Payment will be made using Sources of Strength grant funds.

- Amanda Brehm
- Sharon Lapitski
- Lindsay Skowron

Offered the following a one-year limited non-teaching, non-bargaining unit contract, commencing tentatively March 11, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024:

- Ashley McGilvery-Ferner      (Assistant Treasurer)

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

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**23-24**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve a revised 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 \$1,001,404.44. The Board and NwOESC agree that \$926,404.44 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, Carr, Kiefer  
Nayes:  
Abstained: Miller

**Motion Carried**

**24-24**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Fischer to the Evergreen Community Library Board of Trustees for a seven-year term, beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2030.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**25-24**

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

**Fifth Grade Transition:**

We continue to plan for the fifth grade move to EMS. Mr. Burkholder is meeting regularly with staff to ensure a smooth transition. New furniture is being ordered and an orientation for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade is being planned. A letter was sent to fourth grade parents last week to provide additional information and welcome questions.

**Academic Programs & Facilities Survey:**

This has been sent to students, parents, staff and community members. The survey is open until February 29<sup>th</sup> and we will share the results when the survey is completed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Technology Director, Tony Doble, reported on the following items: (Attached)

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

We received valuable feedback from our food service survey. Over 90% of students and parents rated the program as satisfactory or higher. Food quality and options were seen as strengths of the program. Cost and the need for even more options were critiques sighted. We are working with Variety FoodService to further improve our food options for students.

One concern that has been brought to my attention recently by multiple community members is the number of fundraisers taking place throughout the district for school and related organizations. We are looking a way to better coordinate and regulate these fundraisers so they are not overwhelming to our students and families.

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

Don Smith asked for a financial update for Food Service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller, for 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: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**26-24**

Time in: 6:35

Time out: 7:47

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to adjourn the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**27-24**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer