

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
March 18, 2024 6:00pm

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

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on March 18, 2024.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried. **28-24**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 20, 2024.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **29-24**

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent:

- Notice of Resignation: Shane Bergman

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jim Zoltowski - Softball Parent Group - Field Turf

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the February 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
- \$500.00 from Fulton County Cattle Feeders Association to 200-9210: FFA

- \$150.00 worth of supplies/materials from Ohio Homemakers and Community Education to the Kinderstart Program

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

- Increase 200-9220: \$2,000.00
- Increase 200-9210: \$6,000.00
- Increase 200-9211: \$200.00
- Increase 018-9221: \$2,500.00
- Increase 507-9924: \$4,714.30

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

- Career Awareness and Exploration Grant: \$8,252.50
- Attorney General School Safety Grant: \$5,114.02

Approved a revised Auxiliary Services Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West for the 2023 - 2024 school year in the amount of \$81,059.64, for services of Auxiliary Services personnel for the benefit of Holy Trinity School and to amend resources and modify appropriations accordingly.

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

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

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

- Barry Bock, EHS Teacher - M.A. Step 4

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

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

- Madyson Zoltowski Assistant Softball Coach (1/3 contract)
- Madison Mockensturn Assistant Softball Volunteer Coach

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

Accepted the resignation of Shane Bergman, Intervention Specialist, effective August 31, 2024.

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

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the Evergreen High School and Evergreen Middle School for the 2024 - 2025 school year. The Board agrees to conduct Evergreen's athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the revised Administrative Compensation Program and Board Employee Compensation Program for the 2024 - 2025 school year and beyond.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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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 2024 - 2025 at an estimated cost of \$965,178.34. The Board and NwOESC agree that \$890,178.34 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:

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Academic Programs & Facilities Survey:

We are in the process of analyzing our recent survey results. Overall, participation was less than we had hoped for but results are consistent with the last two district surveys. Academically, there is the need for opportunities for students entering the trades or workforce. Our music and performing arts are highly valued at all levels. There is interest in expanding Ag. and industrial arts offerings. Additionally, there is strong support for facility upgrades to the middle school, Ag. facilities, and for our performing arts. Based on these results we will begin exploring facility options to share with the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Curriculum Director, Dolores Swineford, reported on the following items: (Attached)

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

We are in the process of getting quotes on two options to improve traffic flow at the elementary for next school year. One option includes a new drive for parent pickup and the second involves the relocation of buses to improve traffic flow. Quotes will be shared with the Board once we receive them.

Lifewise Academy is looking at the possibility of opening an Evergreen Chapter for elementary students for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Evergreen Board Policy 5223 allows for release time for religious instruction with explicit provisions. We plan to cooperate with Lifewise to work out a schedule for students who want to participate.

We have our next round of Community Conversations scheduled for April so community members can meet with Brian Carroll, Treasurer, and me to discuss all aspects of the district. The meetings are:

April 5 - Wolf it Down at 11:00am

April 10 - Country Charm Cafe at 9:00am

April 11 - US 20 Diner at 8:00am

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Don Smith, 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, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Time in: 6:38

Time out: 7:05

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith, to adjourn the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Carr, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer