

Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
March 23, 2026 6:00pm

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Rusty Carr, Casey Schmitz, Jason Miller, Lindsay Mossing, 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.

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on March 23, 2026.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **31-26**

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2026.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **32-26**

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll provided the February 2026 financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, and Disbursement Summary.

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- \$100.00 from Truland Equipment to 200:9210: FFA (Next Generation Conference)
- \$100.00 from Fulton County Farm Bureau to 200:9210: FFA (Next Generation Conference)

Approved the following appropriation modifications and amend resources accordingly:

- Increase 401 (Auxiliary): \$41,409.55
- Increase 001 (General Fund) \$40,000.00

Approved the following grants, modify appropriations, and amend resources accordingly:

- School Bus Safety Grant: \$17,961.00

Approved an Auxiliary Services Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West for the 2025 - 2026 school year in the amount of \$82,854.59 for services of Auxiliary Services personnel for the benefit of Holy Trinity School, and to amend resources and modify appropriations accordingly. (Revision 3)

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

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

33-26

PERSONNEL

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

- Erin Cheesbro Bus Driver
- Myah Griggs Bus Driver
- Shyanna Harper 1:1 Nurse

Approved Jeff Youtzy and Ronnie Woods as summer grounds/custodial workers as needed from April 1, 2026 until September 30, 2026. Compensation is set at the substitute rate 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.

Approved student tutors for the Students for Other Students (SOS) grant for the 2025 - 2026 school year at the Ohio minimum wage rate.

As recommended by the Superintendent, Rusty Carr moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve the above listed personnel items.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

34-26

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve Students for Other Students (SOS) program coordinator, Addison Kiefer for the 2025 - 2026 school year at a stipend of \$1500.00.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing

Nays:

Abstained: Kiefer

Motion Carried

35-26

OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Miller moved, supported by Linday Mossing, to authorize the purchase of a new K-5 English Language Arts curriculum program MyView by SAVVAS. The new program aligns 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 \$136,157.39.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

36-26

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve continued participation in the OHI (Optimal Health Initiatives) Charter Workers Compensation Group Rating Program for the 2027 calendar year.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

37-26

Jason Miller moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve an agreement with Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) to cooperatively participate in special education services for fiscal year 2026 - 2027 at an estimated cost of \$1,047,911.50. The Board and NwOESC agree that \$972,911.50 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: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

38-26

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve an overnight trip for agriculture students to attend the Ohio FFA State Meats Judging Contest at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Attendees will depart by school van on April 24, 2026 and return on April 25, 2026 and will stay at the Holiday Inn Express at 55 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, OH 43235. Ms.

Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor. The trip costs approximately \$300.00 and will be paid by the FFA chapter.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **39-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve an overnight trip for agriculture students to attend the Ohio FFA Summer Camp at Ohio FFA Camp in Muskingum, Ohio. Attendees will depart by school van on July 6, 2026 and return on July 10, 2026. Students will stay at Ohio FFA Camp 3266 Dyewood Rd. SW, Carrollton, OH 44615. Ms. Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor. The trip costs approximately \$1,960.00 (\$280.00 per student) and will be paid by the students with any shortfall covered by the FFA Alumni.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **40-26**

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve an overnight trip for agriculture students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Attendees will depart by school van or parent drivers on October 21, 2026 and return on October 24, 2026. Students will stay at Home2Suites 9701 N by NE Blvd., Fishers, Indiana 46037. Ms. Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor. The trip costs approximately \$8,000.00 (\$400.00 per student) and will be paid by the students with any shortfall covered by the FFA Alumni.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **41-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve Mika Construction Inc. of Lyons, Ohio to replace the sidewalks on the north and northwest sides of the high school at a cost of \$64,469.26.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **42-26**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

- Tori Wright, Second Grade Teacher to Third Grade Teacher for the 2026 - 2027 school year
- Darcy Feeback, from Bus Driver/Cashier to library aide effective March 9, 2026
- Matt Saeger, from Bus Aide to Cashier effective March 30, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Superintendent, Eric Smola, reported on the following items:

We continue to receive feedback on potential programming options for our high school students. Surveys were sent to staff, students and parents. A few areas that have support are construction, all facets: management, electrical, masonry, accounting: sales and marketing, education, early childhood, law enforcement, AI and the arts. We are now looking at what other districts in the state are offering and what resources are needed. We will develop short term and long term options as part of this process. I do want to add any new options will not detract from what is offered to our students on a college prep path.

Dr. Swineford has secured another grant that will allow us to add flashing school zone signs on County Road S. We hope to have them purchased and installed as soon as possible.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to adjourn the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer

Nays:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer