Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
May 18, 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.

Jason Miller moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on May 18, 2026.

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

Motion Carried **56-26**

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2026.

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

Motion Carried **57-26**

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent: Notice of Resignation - Theresa Torio

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alexis Howell - Agriculture Teacher

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Jason Miller, for the 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: Carr, Schmitz, Miller, Mossing, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **58-26**

Time in: 6:06
Time out: 6:55

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll provided the April 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
- $1,000.00 from Kristi and Ethan Salsbury to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- $1,150.00 from Brent Nofzinger to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund

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

- Increase 018-9221: General Activity Elementary - $10,000.00
- Increase 006 (Food Service) - $75,000.00
- Increase 300 (Athletic Fund) - $70,000.00
- Transfer $1,103.12 from 018 (Student Assistance) to 006 (Food Service)
- Transfer $400.00 from 200 (Student Council) to 018 (Facility Dog)
- Transfer $4,585.00 from 022 (Tournament) to 300 (Athletic)
- Transfer $9,990.00 from 001 (General) to 300 (Athletic)
- Transfer $411.45 from 018 (Student Assistance) to 001 (General)
- Transfer $32.00 from 200 (Student Council) to 018 (Coffee Cart)

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

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

Motion Carried **59-26**

PERSONNEL

Offered the following teachers a one-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- Brian Badenhop
- Eric Cooper
- Tracy Greene
- Ryan Lamb
- Sarah Ludwig
- Riley Lumbrezer
- Eleanor Shuder

- Emily Turner

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

Offered the following teachers a two-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- Bryce Bailey
- Danielle Boger
- Sarah Friess
- Amber Hansel
- Jennifer Hoffman
- Martin Nichols
- Michelle Paulson
- Thomas Polachek
- Moira Ruplinger
- Lindsay Skowron

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Offered the following teachers a three-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- Caitlin Adamczak
- Kelley Carmean
- Alicia Ford
- Ana Ford
- Emily Loeffler
- Katie Pierce
- Aaron Schmidt
- Danett Setmire
- Dan Steel
- Jonathan Torrence
- Chelsea Truckor
- Melanie Yoder

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Offered the following individuals a one-year limited non-teaching, non-bargaining unit contract, commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

- Tess Sutter (District Nurse)
- Shyanna Harper (1:1 Nurse)

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

Offered the following individuals a non-teaching one-year limited contract, effective at the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- Katie Daniels
- Laura Gomoll .
- Carolee Hartman
- Lydia Jones

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Offered the following individuals a non-teaching continuing contract, effective at the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- Victoria Faunt
- Matt Saeger
- Jeffrey Youtzy

*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 2026 - 2027, pending the completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

Kyle Bostater	Head Boys Basketball Coach
Jon Myers	Head Boys Bowling Coach
Ricky Bunting	Head Girls Bowling Coach
Korah Keller	Head Cheerleading Coach
Justin Leu	Head Cross Country Coach
Hunter Kohls	Head Football Coach
Josh Williams	Head Girls Basketball Coach
Matt Gleckler	Head Girls Golf Coach (½ contract)
Mike Prayter	Head Girls Golf Coach (½ contract)
Jake Dawson	Head Boys Golf Coach
Jacob Ott	Head Girls Soccer Coach
David Skoczyn II	Head Boys Soccer Coach
Kelsey Wulf	Head Volleyball Coach
Dawn Spradlin	Assistant Athletic Director
Darcy Feeback	Ticket Manager
Santana Villarreal	Athletic Trainer

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

Offered the following supplemental contracts for 2026 - 2027, pending the completion of any/all certification and/or licensure requirements:

Gloria Baker	DAR (payment per OAPSE Agreement)

Jackie Mossing	LPDC Chairperson
Kelley Carmean	EES Building Leadership Team
Kelsey Fiser	EES Building Leadership Team
Sharon Lapitsky	EES Building Leadership Team
Becky Laver	EES Building Leadership Team
Jackie Mossing	EES Building Leadership Team
Stephanie Sutton	EES Building Leadership Team
Stacey Wyse	EES Building Leadership Team
Becky Laver	EES Head Teacher
Jonathan Torrence	EES Music Director
Danett Setmire	EES Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Nicole Brock	EES Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Amber Doble	EES Yearbook (1/2 contract)
Tori Wright	EES Yearbook (1/2 contract)
Mollie Youtzy	EES Volunteer Coordinator
Keri Chamberlin	EMS Building Leadership Team
Lori Cobb	EMS Building Leadership Team
Sarah Ludwig	EMS Building Leadership Team
Lindsey Skowron	EMS Building Leadership Team
Danielle Urbanski	EMS Building Leadership Team
Melanie Yoder	EMS Building Leadership Team
Carrie Cline	EMS Head Teacher
Heather Christensen	EMS National Junior Honor Society (1/2 contract)
Laurie Schmidt	EMS National Junior Honor Society (1/2 contract)
Jenny Burkholder	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Heather Christensen	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Lori Cobb	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Jacob Dawson	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Laurie Schmidt	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Kelsey Wulf	Sixth Grade Outdoor Education
Lori Cobb	EMS Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Melanie Yoder	EMS Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Tori Faunt	Academic Challenge
Martin Nichols	Modern Media
Emily Turner	EMS Yearbook
Bill Blanchong	EHS Academic Challenge Advisor
Sarah Friess	Art Club
Eric Cooper	Assistant Band Director
Rob Stierman	Band Director
Rob Stierman	Band – Pep
Amanda Brehm	EHS Building Leadership Team
Sarah Friess	EHS Building Leadership Team
Doug DeSloover	EHS Building Leadership Team
Amanda Matyi	EHS Building Leadership Team
Brian Nagy	EHS Building Leadership Team

Katie Pierce	EHS Building Leadership Team
Nelson Holliday	EHS Building Leadership Team
Brittaney Cymbolin	Class Advisor - Freshmen
Jenny Dicken	Class Advisor - Sophomore
Nichole BonDurant	Class Advisor - Junior
Cindy Pinkelman	Class Advisor - Senior
Mary Desmond	Department Head (ELA)
Amanda Matyi	Department Head (Math)
Brian Nagy	Department Head (Science)
Bill Blanchong	Department Head (Social Studies)
Katie Pierce	Department Head (SPED)
Martin Nichols	E-Sports Club Advisor
Brian Nagy	EHS Head Teacher
Luke Rosen	Musical Production Director
Melanie Yoder	Play Director / Assistant Musical Director
Doug DeSloover	National Honor Society
Nichole BonDurant	Prom Advisor
Nelson Holliday	EHS Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Andy Langenderfer	EHS Student Council Advisor (1/2 contract)
Luke Rosen	Vocal Music Director
Sarah Friess	EHS Yearbook

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

Approved the following additional/extended days for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

Ashlee Ricker	EHS Secretary	5 days
Sharon Lapitsky	EES Guidance	5 days
Lindsay Skowron	EMS Guidance	10 days
Amanda Brehm	EHS Guidance	20 days
Alexis Howell	Vocational Ed.	30 days
Amy Heuerman	Food Service Director	15 days

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

Approved the classified and certified substitute lists provided and maintained by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) throughout the 2026 - 2027 school year. Assignments will be made by the Superintendent and/or the Superintendent's designee.

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

Approve the substitute teacher and classified substitute reasonable assurance of employment list for school year 2026 - 2027.

Accepted the resignation of Theresa Torio, School Psychologist effective July 31, 2026.

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

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

Motion Carried **60-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve Kyle Keller as Head Wrestling Coach for 2026 - 2027, pending the completion of all pupil activity permit requirements:

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

Motion Carried **61-26**

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Jason Miller, to offer Katrina Specht a two-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2026 - 2027 school year:

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

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

Motion Carried **62-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to offer the following supplemental contract for 2026 - 2027, pending the completion of any/all certification and/or licensure requirements:

- Kristy Schmidlin District Mentor Coordinator

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

Motion Carried **63-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve John Johnson III and Ella Smola as summer custodial workers as needed from June 1, 2026 until August 31, 2026. Compensation is set at the substitute rate at a maximum of forty (40) hours per week. The Maintenance Director will coordinate hours and make all work assignments.

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

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

Motion Carried **64-26**

OTHER BUSINESS

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to set the cost of preschool tuition at $1,000.00 for the 2026 - 2027 school year, provide a discounted price of $950.00 for families utilizing a one-time payment, and a late payment fee of $50.00. ($1,000.00 for 2025 -2026).

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

Motion Carried **65-26**

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve an overnight trip for the EHS Volleyball Team to attend volleyball camp at Hillsdale College. Students will depart on June 16, 2026 and return on June 18, 2026. Students will stay in dorms on campus. Coach Kelsey Wulf will be the trip supervisor and parents will transport students to the camp. The cost of the trip will be covered by the students and the program.

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

Motion Carried **66-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve an overnight trip for the EHS Cross Country Team to attend camp at Summerset Beach and Campground, 9822 Brooklawn Court Summerset Center, MI 49282. Students will depart on August 7, 2026 and return on August 9, 2026. Coach Justin Leu will be the trip supervisor and parents will transport student athletes to the camp. The cost of the trip will be covered by the students and the program.

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

Motion Carried **67-26**

Casey Schmitz 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 $978,804.63 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
Nayes:

Motion Carried **68-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to accept an Educational Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center for educational purposes for students during any period of detention, at a cost of $91.00 per day of instruction

(week days) effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Please Note: Last year the cost of this service was $91.00 per day.

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

Motion Carried **69-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz to approve:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW
A SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF
ALTERNATIVE TAX RATES
(R.C. 5748.02)

WHEREAS, R.C. 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose a voter-approved income tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Evergreen Local School District (the "Board of Education") currently imposes a .25% traditional income tax that expires on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be adopted and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio in order to permit the Board to consider the renewal of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such a renewal income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that:

SECTION I

This Board of Education finds, determines, and declares that it is necessary to raise annually the additional amount of $545,000 for school district purposes and to levy either an additional ad valorem property tax outside the ten-mill limitation or an income tax on taxable income as defined in division (E)(1) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, also known as a traditional income tax, for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of the Board of Education, commencing on January 1, 2028.

SECTION II

In accordance with Section 5748.02(A) of the Revised Code, the Board of Education requests the State Tax Commissioner to estimate, for the November 3, 2026 election, both: (a) the property tax rate that would have to be imposed by this Board of Education in the current year to produce an amount equivalent to the amount specified in Section I from an additional ad valorem property tax; and (b) the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an amount equivalent to the amount specified in Section I from a school district income tax.

SECTION III

The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the State Tax Commissioner at the earliest possible time, but not less than 100 days prior to the date of the election.

SECTION IV

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION V

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Motion Carried **70-26**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

May Levy Results:

- The .25% income tax renewal levy did not pass on May 5, 2026
- We will need to put this levy renewal on the November Ballot
- Does the Board wish to establish a levy committee?

Transfers:

- Christine Williams, 2-hour Cook, to EHS/EMS Head Cook (8-hours) for the 2026-2027 school year

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Kristy Schmidlin, Student Services Director, reported on the following items: (Attached)

Superintendent, Eric Smola, reported on the following items:

New Student Attendance Policy for 2026-2027 (House Bill 96):

The state of Ohio has changed the law regarding school attendance. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a doctor's note is no longer exempt from attendance hours; this means anytime a student is not in the building (for any reason) it will count toward his/her absent hours

which could result in chronic absenteeism. School administrators will continue to collaborate with the Fulton County Courts, Fulton County truancy officer, and other county schools to develop specific guidelines for the district.

Evergreen FFA:

I attended the first and second sessions of the Ohio FFA State Convention on April 30 in Columbus, Ohio. Evergreen's chapter had 25 members in attendance, and they were no strangers to the recognition stage. Among more than 10,000 attendees filling the conference center, our students proudly represented Evergreen with distinction. During my time there, Evergreen's chapter was recognized for its charitable contributions through the Gold Games initiative. The chapter earned a Gold Rating, placing among the top 10% of FFA chapters in the state of Ohio. In addition, Evergreen was ranked among the top 10 chapters statewide in the Strengthening Agriculture division. Taylor Johnson, Class of 2025, was also honored for her service as Ohio FFA State Treasurer throughout the year. It was truly an honor to witness our students represent Evergreen with such pride, leadership, and excellence.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to adjourn the May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

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

Motion Carried **71-26**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer