Evergreen Local Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education
April 20, 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 April 20, 2026.

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

Motion Carried **44-26**

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 23, 2026.

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

Motion Carried **45-26**

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll provided the March 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

Approved the following appropriation modifications and amend resources accordingly:

- Increase 006 (Food Service) $75,000

- Transfer $701.42 from 019 (Wellness Grant) to 001 (General Fund)
- Transfer $173.88 from 300 (Athletic Fund) to 001 (General Fund)
- Transfer $8.15 from 007 (Scholarship) to 018 (Student Assistance Fund)
- Transfer $2,250 from 001 (General Fund) to 018 (General Activity) -Strategic Plan

Authorize the Treasurer to make the necessary account modifications, appropriation modifications, and to amend resources accordingly to ensure a positive year end balance on June 30, 2026 (FY26).

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 **46-26**

PERSONNEL

Non-renewed all supplemental and pupil service contracts, including coaches, club moderators, etc. for the 2025 - 2026 school year, effective at the conclusion of the current school year.

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

- Kelly Maaraba, EES Reading Specialist - M.A.+15, Step 10

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

Approved Sarah Ludwig as a home instructor, to provide special education services to a student who is currently homebound as a result of a medical condition. Instruction will be for 90 minutes per week, for the 2025 - 2026 school year at the current hourly contracted rate.

Offered a 3-year administrative contract, effective August 1, 2026 to:

- Lucas Burkholder EMS Principal

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

- Angela Infante (Technology Coordinator)

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

Offered the following individual a two-year limited non-teaching, non-bargaining unit contract, commencing on July 1, 2026:

- Amy Heuerman (Food Service Director)

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

Accepted the resignation of Andrea Donahue, 1:1 Nurse, effective March 13, 2026.

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

- Erin Cheesbro Cafeteria / Custodian

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
Nayes:

Motion Carried **47-26**

OTHER BUSINESS

Casey Schmitz moved, supported by Rusty Carr, to approve the granting of high school graduation diplomas to the members of the Class of 2026 on May 17, 2026, pending their successful completion of all graduation requirements as determined by the high school principal.

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

Motion Carried **48-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve an overnight trip for the Evergreen Track Team to participate in the OHSAA State Track and Field Tournament in Columbus, Ohio should any team members qualify for the state tournament. Athletes will stay at the Drury Inn & Suites, 4109 Parkway Centre Drive Grove City, Ohio 43123 on June 4th and 5th 2026. Coach Alex Lutheran will be the trip supervisor.

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

Motion Carried **49-26**

Rusty Carr moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve an overnight trip for the Evergreen Boys Basketball Team to attend Team Camp at the University of Findlay. Students will depart on June 12, 2026 and return on June 14, 2026 and stay at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Findlay North by IHG, 1920 Express Way, Findlay, OH 45840. Coach Kyle Bostater will be the trip supervisor and school vans 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 **50-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to approve an overnight trip for Evergreen FFA officers (8 students) to attend an Officer Retreat at Orland, Indiana. Students will be trained on how to be an officer and plan for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Students will depart on July 26, 2026 and return on July 28, 2026 and stay at an Airbnb in Orland. A school van will transport students to the retreat. Teacher Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor. Trip costs will be covered by the FFA account, alumni and community sponsorships.

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

Motion Carried **51-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Casey Schmitz, to approve an agreement with Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) to provide training, support, resources, and handbooks to all mentor program participants for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

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

Motion Carried **52-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to enter a Day Treatment-Purchase Service Agreement with A&G Educational Services LLC, a special needs education company for the sole purpose of providing educational services in accordance with placement at the “Leap Program”. Student placements will be at a per diem rate of $170.00 per student ($165.00 last year) for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

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

Motion Carried **53-26**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Rusty Carr, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to enter an agreement with Ohio Schools Council regarding the Electricity Purchase Program for selecting the supplier to supply electricity to the district.

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

Motion Carried **54-26**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

May Levy:

The district has a .25% income tax renewal levy on the ballot in May. This is not a new tax. The funds from this levy support school operations including but not limited to salaries, utilities, instructional materials, transportation, and supplies.

Summer Projects / District Facilities:

The following projects are scheduled for this summer in addition to the cleaning and waxing that is done every summer.

- At the middle school
    - Painting middle school gym walls
    - Replacing the main entrance doors (#1)
    - Replacing boiler line seals and valves
- High school
    - Replacing sidewalks from Door 7 to the softball field
    - Fixing and painting the drywall in the gym and main office lobby

- Replacing the roof on the home press box at the stadium

- An area of concern for the near future is the middle school roof.

Transfers:

- Tami Boniminio, Bus Driver / Aide to EES Library Aide effective April 6, 2026
- Matt Saeger, 2-hour bus aide to 4-hour EES aide effective April 20, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Superintendent, Eric Smola, reported on the following items:

We would like to thank our students and parents for taking the time to complete the high school programming survey. Their feedback is valuable for us to shape the future of the district. Last week, the administrative team met to review the survey results and identify potential pathways moving forward. For the 2027–2028 school year, we are exploring the development of Business, Hospitality, and Health Science pathways. As part of our long-range planning, we are also considering Construction/Trades, Fine Arts, and Pre-Apprenticeship pathways. Our next step is to research coursework and begin building potential schedules to better understand what each pathway could look like in practice.

5th Year Program

We have four students who are accepted into the 5th Year program. They are: Hailey Harmon, Xaviar Robinette, Thomas Baker, and Nolan Harmon. The 5th Year program is a 10-month experience to help students who are not sure about their plans after graduation. The experience

offers paid internships, professional soft skills, career shadowing, and skills to navigate life after high school.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Miller moved, supported by Lindsay Mossing, to adjourn the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

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

Motion Carried **55-26**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer