

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EVERGREEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 9, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Nora Kiefer, Jason Miller, Don Smith and Matt Vaculik. Zach Murry was absent.

President Nora Kiefer asked if anyone wished to add, delete, or separate any items of the consent agenda as proposed. Item F. Accept Tax Rates was added the Financial Consent Agenda.

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith to approve the meeting agenda as presented for the Regular Board meeting on March 9, 2020. **36-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2020. **37-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**FINANCIAL**

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Denise Leu reviewed the financial reports, noting that revenues and expenditures continue to trend very close to expectations. She also reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> half 2019 real estate tax settlement has been received and that for FY20, real estate taxes were up 2.97% in Fulton County, and 1.49% in Lucas County, with an overall increase of 2.6% over last fiscal year. Mrs. Leu also reported that now that all PUPP taxes have been received, including revenue from both the Rover and the NEXUS pipelines, she will be updating the five-year forecast for that line item only to be approved at the April board meeting. All other adjustments and updates will be reflected in the required May forecast update.

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve February 2020 financial reports including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary report (FINSUMM), Financial Report (FUNDSUMM), and Annual Spending Plan (Form SM-2).
- B. Approve a fund-to-fund advance of \$1,096.17 from 001-7410-921 Advances to 551-5210-9020 Title III LEP – FY20 Advance-In.
- C. Approve the following state grants for the 2019-2020 school year (FY20):
  - 499-9220 - K-12 Prevention Education Initiative Grant - \$15,723
- D. Approve the following donations:
  - \$50.00 gift card from Chief, Wauseon to 018-1820-9227 Donations/Gifts-General Activity – MS for food for breakfast for state testing days.
  - \$16.22 from Brian Zientek to 007-1820-9098 Zientek Family Scholarship
- E. Approve a revised Auxiliary Services Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$82,221.76, for services of Auxiliary Services personnel for the benefit of Holy Trinity School and to amend resources and modify appropriations accordingly.
- F. Accept the amount and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for FY21 (Attachment A).

**38-20** Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller to approve the February 2020 financial reports and other financial items.

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None                      Motion Carried

### **PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve the request for FMLA for Nicole Zeigler tentatively beginning on April 1, 2020 and tentatively ending on May 24, 2020.
- B. Approve Mandy Rupp as a home instructor/part-time tutor, to be used to tutor a student who was ill and could not come to school on an as-needed basis for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

As recommended by Eric J. Smola, Superintendent, Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik to approve the preceding personnel items. **39-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik to enter into a contract with Beilharz Architects Incorporated to provide the architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the existing high school locker rooms, weight room, and athletic office areas, and any other construction associated with this project. The Board will agree to pay Beilharz Architects Inc. a fee amounting to 7.5% of the total project cost. **40-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller to authorize the Treasurer, Denise Leu to advertise for bids and set the day and time for bid openings as this relates to the renovation and expansion of the existing high school locker rooms, weight room, and athletic offices and any other related work associated with this project. **41-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Fischer to the Library Board of Trustees to complete the term vacated by Ms. Shannon Loar, to begin immediately through December 31, 2023. **42-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller to approve a Special meeting of the Evergreen Local Schools Board of Education on April 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a facilities walk through. **43-20**

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

### **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported that as a result of the incident on February 21<sup>st</sup> we have adjust a number of security protocols to improve campus safety and improve communications. Adjustments made include, but are not limited to:

- Security Cameras
- Radio communications
- Increased security drill schedule

He also reported that Coronavirus information has been post to the district website, stating that we are taking the potential threat of the coronavirus seriously and have therefore increased the scope and frequency of our cleaning protocols in order to combat the spread of any illness. The safety of our students is always our top priority and we continue to collaborate with the Fulton County Health Department on how to best monitor the coronavirus threat and any actions that may need to be taken.

Finally, he informed the Board that he and the Treasurer have researched and consulted comparable districts in northwest Ohio, and have worked at developing an administrative salary schedule. With the search for a new Athletic Director underway and administrative contract renewal coming this spring, he asked the Board if they would like to officially adopt an Administrative Salary Scale or just use it as a guideline when hiring new administrators. The Board of Education indicated that they would like district administration to use the Administrative Salary Schedule as a guide when hiring new administrators.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY REPORTS**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following district events:

- **Family Literacy Night** at the Elementary has been rescheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> as a result of the boys' basketball team advancing to the Regional Semifinal this Wednesday.
- **MVP** will be hosting the **Elementary School Fair** on March 27th starting at 5:30PM. This is a great night of family fun.
- On April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Scott Frank from the Digital Empowerment Project will speak to H.S. and M.S. students about how to protect themselves online. Mr. Frank is a former ICAC investigator and Internet safety expert. We will also host a parent presentation on April 8 at 6:00 pm in the high school gym.
- We are exploring the possibility of offering a STEAM class next school year to our 8th grade students. The class would be part of a student's regular class rotation and allow students to engage in an integrated approach to learning where students apply knowledge from Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics in real-world project based experiences. STEAM class provides an opportunity for students to discover and learn academic and life skills that are reality based and personally relevant while engaging in self-evaluation and reflecting on progress, points of interest, talents.

- Evergreen H.S. was approved by Amazon to participate in the Future Engineering Program. Costs for the program will be subsidized largely by Amazon to offer potential computer programming and computer science curriculum to Evergreen students.
- Evergreen H.S. has partnered with The American Red Cross with their Red Cord Honors Program. This program offers red graduation cords to graduating seniors who have participated in blood donation. The program is intended to encourage blood donation and to recognize those students who have committed to this valuable need. Graduating seniors who have donated blood two times over the course of their high school career will be given red graduation cords to be worn during graduation.

Delores Swineford, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director presented three options regarding a new grading scale for the high school that would be effective beginning the 2020-2021 school year. After speaking with several districts, NWOCA, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, she stated that she is proposing a weighted grading scale, where honors, AP, and CC+ courses are weighted.

- In Option A and all students will be switched to the new grading scale beginning in August.
- Option B will be where incoming freshmen, current freshman, and current sophomores will be on the new grading scale. Current juniors that will be seniors will not have the new grading scale. This will allow for the class ranking for current juniors to be unchanged.
- Option C will only affect incoming freshmen, meaning that current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will remain on the current grading scale.

Advantages and disadvantages were listed for all options. In addition, Mrs. Swineford shared a tentative timeline for implementation, and that a two-question survey will be sent to the community after spring break to obtain community feedback on the proposed grading scale. Information regarding the survey will be posted on our website, shared through email addresses we currently have, as well as a link in The Navigator. Feedback and an administrative recommendation will be provided to the Board in April.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller to adjourn the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Vaculik, Miller, Smith, Kiefer  
Nays: None                      Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Denise K. Leu, Treasurer

