

**REGULAR MEETING
EVERGREEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 6:00PM**

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

President Nora Keifer asked if anyone wished to add, delete, or separate any items of the consent agenda as proposed. Item D (increase in hours) was removed out of personnel.

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on February 16, 2021.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried.

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Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 12, 2021.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Eric Smola reported that Paige Radel was named to the Ohio All-State Second Team for the 2020 soccer season.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the January financials including the General Fund graph, payroll and benefits report, and income tax collection update.

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220 Student Assistance Fund

- The following companies donated time and/or resources in order to complete the batting cage concrete decks for the baseball and softball programs:
 - Keller Builders (Scott Keller)
 - Mika Construction Inc. (Mitch Mika)
 - Pahl Ready Mix Concrete Inc.
 - M & R Ready-Mix Inc.
 - Carter Lumber (Dave Pinkelman)

Approved the following appropriation modifications:

- Increase 516-9021 IDEA by \$2681.99
- Increase 587-9021 ESCE by \$.89

Mr. Carroll provided an update for school funding. ESSER II funds will be available soon for Ohio Schools. Administration is meeting this week to discuss how we want to spend those funds. State funding was reduced this fiscal year but not to the extent that was originally purposed. Our January income tax collection was only 88% of last January's collection.

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

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer
Nays:

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

Offered supplemental contracts and approved the following volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year pending completion of all pupil activity permits:

Tori Wright	Middle School Track Coach
Haley Senn	Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer
Shane Chamberlin	Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer
Keven Knight	Assistant Bowling Coach - Volunteer
Kelsey Ford	Assistant Volleyball Coach - Volunteer

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

Rescinded the following supplemental contracts:

Mollie Youtzy	Middle School Track Coach
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Approved Renee Mack as Head Cook of the MS/HS kitchen effective January 21, 2021.

Approved FMLA leave for Abby Pennington tentatively beginning March 22, 2021 and ending May 28, 2021.

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

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **22-21**

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Jason Miller, to approve an overnight trip for the Evergreen Wrestling Team to participate in the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament on March 13-14th should any wrestler qualify.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **23-21**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to enter into a contract with Simplex Grinnell for a fire pump replacement at a cost of \$41,300.

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer
Nayes:

Motion Carried **24-21**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Eric Smola informed the board that Evergreen staff members are able to receive the COVID vaccine at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Saturday February 27th between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. Staff will be divided into groups per 30-minute window to allow for a timely inoculation process. All necessary information has been provided to employees to insure they can make a well-informed decision about receiving the vaccine. Staff must complete a screening form and bring identification to the site. Insurance will not be charged for the vaccine.

Mr. Smola also thanked Kim Cupp, Health Commissioner, and the Fulton County Health Department for making this possible for our staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Athletic Director, Derrick Stoup reported on the following items:

Evergreen Athletic Boosters

- Meetings have returned to campus, taking place in the Media Center of the High School on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Some meetings will happen off-campus in hopes to benefit a local small business.
- Want to thank the Evergreen Athletic Boosters for their support of Evergreen Athletics and the continued support of our student-athletes through various donations and sponsorships throughout this challenging year.

Batting Cage Project Completion

- Big thank you to the following companies/organizations that donated time and/or resources in order to complete the batting cage concrete decks for the baseball and softball programs:
- Evergreen Athletic Boosters
- Keller Builders (Scott Keller)
- Mika Construction Inc. (Mitch Mika)
- Pahl Ready Mix Concrete Inc.
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Athletic Department Finances

- To date (2/9/21) Athletics have generated \$54,290.47 in athletic admission revenue with a 15% restriction. Which is within 71% of the previous year's (\$76,658.40) admission total. Several basketball games and track invites will still be taking place, which will bring us closer to closing the gap.
- In total, Athletics have generated revenue of \$108,401.92 to date, which is within 77% of the total revenue generated from the year prior (2019-2020)
- For the foreseeable future, the Athletic Department has taken the position to only approve purchases that are deemed absolutely necessary to the operation of athletics at Evergreen Local Schools. Knowing some items that have been denied will potentially need to be purchased in the future.
- Revenue generated this year has been slightly better than expected, operating above 70%, yet still incurring around 95% of expenses. Athletics will still potentially need assistance with future costs associated with operation.

Uniform Rotation

- As the 7th-12th grade Athletic Director, I am working to create an equitable uniform rotation and create consistency
- Excited to be working with our Treasurer (Brian Carrol) on what that will look like
- Evergreen to my knowledge has not had a structured uniform rotation in the past

Wall of Fame

- We are still working on a plan for the Wall of Fame, and in discussion in regard to how we can best honor more student-athletes.

League Discussion

- Several dominoes have begun to fall with several schools beginning to shift from one league to another.

- Elmwood exiting the Northern Buckeye Conference (NBC), to the Blanchard Valley Conference (BVC) to replace the void left by Leipsic heading to the Northwest Conference (NWC). This leaves a void in the NBC that they will be looking to fill, creating more uncertainty
- Movement in other leagues has the potential to affect membership within the NWOAL. Evergreen Athletics' goal has been and will remain to put our student-athletes in the best position possible if any shifts were to happen.

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Calamity Days:

Today was the 5th calamity day for the district because of road conditions. In addition, we have had two delayed starts for the year. We began the 2020-2021 school year with 129 hours above the state requirement for instructional time. With the time and days already missed, we have used 35.25 hours of instruction. We have a remaining balance of 93.75 hours above state requirements. That equals 15 school days for the remainder of the school year.

District In-Service:

On Friday, February 12th we held a district in-service day. The morning session was building focused with the elementary exploring behavior strategies, the middle school looked at instructional strategies for differentiation, and the high school implementation of the traditional schedule.

The afternoon sessions tied to the district strategic plan, The Viking Compass and addressed Goal II, Culture.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Don Smith mentioned he would like to have a board meeting for community members in regards to our sports league.

Matt Vaculik and Nora Kiefer discussed a special board meeting to talk about our league.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith to adjourn the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education. (6:36pm)

Ayes: Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Miller, Kiefer

Nayes:

Motion Carried

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

Brian Carroll, Treasurer