

**Evergreen Local Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education**  
**April 17, 2023                      6:00pm**

President Nora Kiefer called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Don Smith, Matt Vaculik, Zach Murry, Jason Miller, 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 Matt Vaculik, to approve the meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting on April 17, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried. 44-23**

Don Smith moved, supported by Zach Murry, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 20, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting held on March 28, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried 45-23**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent:

Evan Karchner, Notice of Resignation  
Katie Brannan, Notice of Resignation

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**FINANCIAL**

Treasurer Brian Carroll reviewed the March 2023 financials including the Cash Reconciliation, Financial Summary, Cash Summary, Disbursement Summary, General Fund Graph, and Payroll and Benefits Graph.

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- \$2,000.00 from Evergreen After Prom 2023 to Junior Class of 2024

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

- Increase 200-9375: Class of 2026 - \$600.00
- Increase 006: Food Service - \$150,000.00
- Increase 002: Bond - \$742.08
- Transfer \$1,282.00 from 300-0000 (Athletics) to 018-9224 (EHS Principal Fund)

Approved the following grant and modify appropriations and estimated resources accordingly:

- School Bus Purchase Grant - \$135,000.00

Zach Murry moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve the preceding financial motions, reports, and other financial items.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nays:

**Motion Carried**

**46-23**

**PERSONNEL**

Approved to non-renew all supplemental and pupil service contracts such as coaches, club moderators, etc. for the 2022 - 2023 school year, effective at the conclusion of the current school year.

Accepted the resignation of Evan Karchner, district substitute. Mr. Karchner's resignation will become effective on May 26, 2023.

Accepted the resignation of Katie Brannan, EES teacher. Ms. Brannan's resignation will become effective on May 26, 2023.

Approved Shane Bergman, summer school coordinator, for a maximum of one hundred (100) hours to coordinate summer school instruction on an hourly basis per the negotiated agreement.

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

Approved Joe Blystone as a summer custodial worker as needed from May 1, 2023 until September 30, 2023. Compensation is set at \$13.00 per hour 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.

Offered the following counselor a one-year limited teaching contract, effective with the start of the 2023 – 2024 school year and extended/additional ten (10) days at per diem rate with 5 transition days during the 2022 - 2023 school year:

- Lindsay Skowron, EMS Guidance Counselor – M.A. Step 0

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

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

- Lucas Schang

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

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**47-23**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Don Smith moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve and agreement with Julian and Grube for Medicaid School Program reporting at a cost of \$1,700.00 for the 2023 - 2024 school year and \$1,700.00 for the 2024 - 2025 school year

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**48-23**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Don Smith, to authorize the superintendent and treasurer to accept the best bid from Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC to purchase and install HALO 2C IOT Sensors in EMS and EHS restrooms and locker rooms at a cost of \$68,317.31. The expense will be paid from Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**49-23**

### **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

Position change:

- Miriam Hernandez, EES fourth grade teacher, will be moving to the fifth grade for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
- Kelsey Ford, EES fifth grade teacher, will be moving to the fourth grade for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Athletic Director, Dylan Henricks, reported on the following items:**

I would like to start by recognizing our winter sport teams on a competitive season. Evergreen had the pleasure of hosting the NWOAL Bowling and Wrestling tournaments this year. I would like to thank all of the workers/volunteers and coaches that helped with either tournament as we had many compliments from league officials on how smooth they both ran.

We had a total of 152 athletes competing in the winter season and 144 athletes out for the Spring season. I am looking forward to seeing how each sport continues to compete as we are about halfway through the spring season.

The Evergreen Athletic Department this year is continuing the Fall/Winter/Spring Sportsmanship Award. The Fall Award Winners were Will Parquet and Ellie Johnson. The Winter Award Winners are Michael Laver and Lucy Serna. They will be added to the board in the cafeteria along with the Spring Award Winners at the end of the year.

I will begin to get quotes for the baseball and mainly the softball field on what it would cost to recertify the fields. The majority of this cost would be to bring in infield material to replace what has been lost to natural causes over the years. In order to save the District money in the long run I am looking to develop a schedule on our fields instead of trying to do everything at once.

We are looking forward to hosting the TJ Rupp High School Track Invite on May 1 starting at 5:00. Coach Alex Lutheran is hosting an open 4x100 relay to start the invite for any alumni, parent or community member from any of the competing schools as long as they are graduates. The first 8 teams signed up will be accepted. Evergreen will also be hosting the NWOAL Junior High Track Championships on May 13 starting at 10:00.

**Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:**

**Fifth Grade Transition:**

The scheduling committee continues to meet to develop a viable schedule for the potential fifth grade transition to EMS for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Classroom locations are also being evaluated to address community concerns with a potential move. We plan to share additional information with the Board prior to the May meeting so a decision can be made in May.

Food Service:

We continue to evaluate Taher as our food service provider. We are waiting on ODE to approve our RFP to explore other vendors for next year. We do plan to return to serving students out of the middle school kitchen next school year and have minimal equipment needs to make this a reality.

Staffing:

Interviews are being scheduled for our open fifth grade positions and elementary PE position. We also have technology and gifted positions posted. We are still looking at numbers for Pre-school and Kindergarten to determine staffing at those grade levels. There is a high demand for teachers at all levels so our goal is to fill open positions as soon as possible.

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

Nora Kiefer mentioned that students and staff did a great job at the Musical.

Don Smith moved, Matt Vaculik supported, 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: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**50-23**

Time in: 6:29

Time out: 7:11

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to adjourn the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**51-23**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer