

**Evergreen Local Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Evergreen Board of Education**  
**August 21, 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 August 21, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried. 105-23**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 17, 2023.

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

**Motion Carried 106-23**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Members: None

Superintendent: Notice of Resignation: Terrie Ferguson

Treasurer: None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Andrew Bettinger & Carson Wyse, Evergreen FFA

**FINANCIAL**

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

Accepted the following donations:

- \$100.00 anonymous donation to 018-9220: Student Assistance Fund
- Bruce and Janice Wetzel donation to EMS Football Program

Approved permanent appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

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

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**107-23**

**PERSONNEL**

Approved the following additional transition days for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

- Ashley Ricker, EHS Secretary      3 days
- Victoria Gauthier, EMS Secretary      4 days

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

Rescinded and offered the following supplemental contracts for 2023 - 2024, pending the completion of any/all certification and/or licensure requirements:

- Brittaney Cymbolin      Rescind S.A.D.D. Advisor 1/2 contract (approved 5/15/23)
- Amanda Brehm      S.A.D.D. Advisor 1/2 contract
- Marty Nichols      EMS Newspaper

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

Approved the following High School & Middle School paid and/or volunteer event workers for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

- Riley Lumbrezer
- Walker Lumbrezer
- Ella Smola

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

Approved a \$200.00 stipend to the following staff members for completing Youth Mental Health First Aide Training. Payment will be made using Student Wellness and Success funds.

- Elle Batt
- Moira Ruplinger
- Andrea Hesson
- Caitlin Adamczak
- Jenny Dicken
- Stacey Wyse

- Alicia Ford
- Kristi Hennessy
- Martin Nichols
- Brittaney Cymbolin
- Mary Beth Malolepszy

Approved a \$150.00 stipend to the following staff member for completing Orton Gillingham Training. Payment will be made using Learning Loss / ESSER III funds.

- Laurie Schmidt

Approved a \$200.00 stipend to the following staff members for completing Behavior Leadership Academy Training. Payment will be made using Title I funds.

- Jennifer Burkholder
- Keri Chamberlin
- Melanie Yoder

Extended an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Kim Reckner, elementary teacher, effective August 21, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Added Christina Knestrick to the approved district substitute list pending the completion of any/all licensure requirements and background checks.

Accepted the resignation of Terrie Ferguson, bus driver and cook effective August 21, 2023.

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**108-23**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Matt Vaculik moved, supported by Zach Murry, to authorize the superintendent to enter into agreements with accredited colleges and universities with Educational Preparation Programs for the purpose of allowing the placement of Education Preparation Students in our district schools for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

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

**Motion Carried**

**109-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Don Smith, for the Evergreen Local Board of Education to support the educational option program administered by the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), the Juvenile Residential Center

(JRC) of Northwest Ohio, and the Wood County Alternative School (ALC). For the 2023 - 2024 school year, the Evergreen Board of Education agrees to pay:

- \$85 per student per day for students assigned to JDC (last year \$80)
- \$90 per student per day for students assigned to JRC (last year \$85)
- \$70 per student per day for long-term placement to the ALC (last year \$70)

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**110-23**

Zach Murry moved, supported by Don Smith, to approve Nora Kiefer as the Evergreen Local Board of Education delegate, and Jason Miller as the Evergreen Local Board of Education alternate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting at the OSBA Capital Conference on November 12, 2023.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**111-23**

Jason Miller moved, supported by Matt Vaculik, to approve an overnight trip for new Evergreen FFA students to attend the FFA Greenhand Camp in Carrollton, Ohio. Students will learn about FFA opportunities and to engage with other members from across the state. Students will depart on September 22, 2023 and return on September 24, 2023. A school van will be used to transport students to the camp. Teacher Alexis Howell will be the trip supervisor. Cost of the trip is approximately \$100.00 and will be paid by attendees.

Ayes: Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Murry, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**112-23**

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Eric Smola reported on the following items:

- Anna Boger: new route
- November Income Tax Renewal Levy

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

Evergreen is fortunate to receive the Healthy Meals Incentives Grant for Small or Rural Schools. The grant will provide the district \$146,770.00 to purchase equipment and training in order to provide healthy meal options for our students. Thank you to Dr. Swineford for securing the grant.

We have updated our district mailing list for the 2023-204 school year. The district now has 3250 residential addresses that our district newsletters reach. This is up approximately 125 residences from 2019.

Variety Food Services is ready and excited to begin feeding our students. They will provide free breakfast to all students daily and offer increased lunch options in each building. The elementary will have 2 meal options each day along with a salad option. The middle school will have 3 meal options with a salad at the high school 4 daily options. They will have extra staff here to support our team at the start of the school year. Variety plans to meet with students in each building to get feedback on meals and they are open to adjusting their menus accordingly.

On August 16<sup>th</sup> we held orientation for 15 new staff members. The day was designed to acclimate them to the district and answer any questions so everyone was comfortable and confident beginning the new school year. This year we added a bus tour through the district for staff to see where are students are coming from if they are new to the area.

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Don Smith moved, supported by Jason Miller, to adjourn the August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education.

Ayes: Murry, Miller, Smith, Vaculik, Kiefer

Nayes:

**Motion Carried**

**113-23**

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Nora Kiefer, Board President

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Brian Carroll, Treasurer