EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 231
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2024

The October 22, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 was held at Evergreen Park Community High School in the Professional Development Room.

1. **Call to Order**. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mary Zofkie.

2. **Roll Call**. On roll call, the following members were physically present: Mrs. Mary Zofkie, Mrs. Maryann Kutschke, Mr. Tom Marsan, Ms. Merikay Marzoni. Absent: Mr. Mike Kress, Mr. Tom Schergen, Mr. Larry Symanski. Also physically present: Dr. Michael Riordan, Superintendent; Mr. Matt Dugan, Principal. Absent: Mr. Terry Masterson, Facilities Director; Makayla Knight and Rosebud Summers, Student Ambassadors.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Zofkie.

4. **Communications**. Mrs. Zofkie invited everyone to the performance of the play, *Puffs,* on October 24 and 25.

   Terri Pool addressed the Board regarding the appointment of another interim superintendent and inquired about the process and timeline for hiring a permanent superintendent. Mrs. Zofkie responded that Dr. Riordan would inform staff about the Board's future process.

5. **Approval of Minutes**.

   5.1. September 24, 2024. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on September 24, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

   Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

6. **Principal's Report**.

   6.1. Achievements. Mr. Dugan reported that the student ambassadors were unable to attend the meeting because they were at play rehearsal. His report covered the student ambassadors' comments. He commented on the following:

   - Pre-ACT test administered to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. He thanked the counselors for coordinating, technology for technical assistance, and the teachers for learning a new testing system.
   - Shadow Days, coordinated by Jim Ramazinski, are averaging 20 students each visit.
   - EPCHS has been recognized with the AP School Honor Roll Bronze award for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit, and ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.
   - Volleyball team is having a phenomenal season.
   - Homecoming activities, which were very successful with 580 students attending the dance. The first Fan Fest was held before the game.
   - Marching band is having a very successful season.
   - Service Club took 28 students to volunteer at the Chicago Marathon.
   - Hispanic Heritage Month concluded with a folk dance presented by a freshman student.

   6.2. Presentation. Assistant Principal Rob McCarthy's presentation covered the MTSS program including personnel, team meetings, and student data, the residency verification process, the McKinney-Vento homeless process and requirements, and Dean's Office responsibilities.

7. **Facility Director's Report**. In Mr. Masterson's absence, Dr. Riordan reported that with the addition of two new custodians, we are back to being fully staffed. While the locker rooms are functional, Mr. Masterson is working with the contractors to address the finishing details. Summer projects and the timeline are being considered.

8. **Superintendent's Report**. Dr. Riordan commented on the following:

   - Worth Township Treasurer's Office Board Meeting. Dr. Riordan reported that he attended the first meeting of the new board, which was informational. Various processes were explained. He was particularly impressed with the investments process.
   - EP Podcast. Dr. Riordan and Mrs. Zofkie, along with District 124 Superintendent Dr. Woodland and board Vice President Mr. Aumiller, were invited to discuss education funding and property taxes on the EP Podcast.

8.1. Monthly Financial Report. This month's bills of $597,867 are in line with the budget.

8.2. FOIA Request. A request for purchasing information was submitted by Smart Procure. A response has been sent in accordance with FOIA.

8.3. WTTO Board Meeting. Dr. Riordan reported that he attended the first meeting, which was informational.

9. **Committee Reports**.

- Policy Committee. Mrs. Zofkie reported that the committee reviewed PRESS Issues 115 and 116, which consisted mostly of legal and reference updates. The committee recommends Board adoption of the IASB-recommended updates. The committee also reviewed the Fee Structure and Terms of Use Agreement referenced in policy 8:20 Community Use of Facilities and recommends Board approval of the updates that were made to the document. Policy 7:60 Residence was also reviewed to consider allowing children of full-time staff members to attend EPCHS at a reduced tuition rate. Changes to this policy will be considered at a future date.
- AERO. Mrs. Zofkie reported on a major incident, related to the replacement of faulty flooring at the AERO center, that caused considerable damage to the kitchen area. Dr. Roseland is working with the contractors on repairs.
- IASB. Mrs. Kutschke requested Board input on the IASB resolutions that she will vote on at the November conference. Mrs. Zofkie invited the Board to attend a presentation where AERO will receive an award for the design of the new AERO center.
- Foundation. Ticket sales for the fundraiser on November 17 are strong. Donations are also being received. Acknowledgements will be posted on Facebook.

10. **Closed Session**. At 7:53 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to recess to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, semiannual review of unreleased closed session minutes, and collective bargaining. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

11. **Open Session**. At 8:17 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

12. **Action Items**.

12.1. Employment: Noncertified. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve employment, contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements, of custodians Patrick Reidy and Jordan Peralta. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

12.2. Approval: Coach. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to approve Julia Mackel as assistant cross country coach. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

12.3. Approval: Volunteer. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Ms. Marzon, to approve Camryn Boksa as color guard volunteer, contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

12.4. Semiannual Review of Closed Session Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to approve the Board's semiannual review of unreleased closed session minutes and the Board's decision to maintain confidential treatment of these closed session minutes. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

12.5. Employment: Interim Superintendent. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve a contract with Thomas O'Malley to serve as interim superintendent. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

13. **Consent Agenda**. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to approve the consent agenda to include:

    - Payroll: September 15, 2024: $575,083.90
      September 30, 2024: $552,204.84
    - Monthly Bill List: $597,866.95 (Education Fund: $428,156.55; Building Fund: $93,007.15; Debt Service Fund: $2,583.15; Transportation Fund: $74,120.00; Capital Projects Fund: $0; Tort Fund: $0; Life Safety Fund: $0)
    - Destruction of closed session audio recording dated April 25, 2023
    - Policy Committee summary notes
    - Policies included in PRESS Issues 115 and 116 as recommended by the Policy Committee
    - Policy 7:20 Community Use of Facilities: Terms of Use of School Facilities and Grounds

    Motion carried on roll call vote.

    Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Ms. Marzoni

14. **Announcements**. The next Board meeting will be held on November 19, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Professional Development Room.

15. **Adjournment**. At 8:21 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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President

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Secretary

Sheri Sochacki
Recording Secretary