EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 231
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2024

The June 25, 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. Mike Kress, Ms. Merikay Marzoni, Mr. Larry Symanski. Absent: Mr. Tom Marsan, Mr. Tom Schergen. Also physically present: Mr. Thomas O'Malley, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Riordan, Interim Superintendent; Mr. Matt Dugan, Principal. Absent: Mr. Terry Masterson, Facilities Director.

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

4. **Communications**. Mrs. Zofkie commented that the summer theater camp show, *Descendants*, is sold out.

   Ms. Theresa McInnes addressed the Board regarding her concerns about her teaching assignment for the 2024-25 school year.

   On the occasion of Mr. O'Malley's final Board meeting before his retirement, Mrs. Zofkie read a tribute to him for his leadership, vision, and numerous significant accomplishments and presented him with a gift from the Board.

   Dr. Tina Ward gave her annual presentation on LRC use and highlighted the activities and events offered during the school year. She also presented background on the books chosen for the summer read.

5. **Approval of Minutes**.

   5.1. May 28, 2024, Special Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mrs. Zofkie, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on May 28, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

   Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress
   Abstain: Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

   5.2. May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on May 28, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

   Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni
   Abstain: Mr. Symanski

6. **Principal's Report**.

   6.1. Achievements. Mr. Dugan reported:

   - Fifty-one freshman participated in the Bridge program.
   - Fifty-six students are enrolled in summer school. Twenty-six students are enrolled in two or more courses for credit recovery.
   - Fifty-five percent of all students earned honor roll status.

   6.2. College and Scholarship Report. Mr. Dugan presented the college and scholarship report that provides data on post high school plans. He reported that students received $16,521,214 in scholarship offers, which is the highest in school history.

   6.3. Student Handbook. Mr. Dugan stated that changes have been incorporated to put more emphasis on parent involvement, particularly in the area of absences. The revised student handbook was included in the Board packet.

   A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve the 2024-25 student handbook. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

   Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

7. **Facility Director's Report**. In Mr. Masterson's absence, the facility director's report was given by Mr. O'Malley. With the exception of the scoreboard, the stadium projects have been completed. The locker room project is expected to be back on schedule following a delay. The new pool roof is expected to be completed by the end of the second week in July. The sports complex pool is up and running following repairs.

   Mr. O'Malley recognized the custodians for doing a great job preparing the building for school to reopen.

8. **Superintendent's Report**. **Mr. O'Malley reported:**

8.1. Finance and Monthly Financial Report. Projections are on schedule and bills are in line with the budget. Fund balances are in a favorable position. This month's bills of $5,438,353 are in line with the budget.

8.2. Transportation Resolution. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Symanski, to approve the resolution certifying that adequate transportation for the public is available for students residing a distance of 1½ miles or more from any school to which they are assigned. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

8.3. Debt Service Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the resolution authorizing a permanent interfund transfer of $28,415.75 from the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

8.4. CLIC Renewal. A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve renewal of 2024-25 CLIC insurance. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

8.5. July Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to cancel the July Board meeting and to authorize the District Office to pay the July bills. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

As this was his last meeting prior to retirement, Mr. O'Malley addressed the Board to express his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as superintendent of EPCHS District 231. He praised the Board for their oversight and their collaborative spirit and expressed pride in the accomplishments achieved during his tenure.

9. **Committee Reports**.

- Finance Committee. Mrs. Kutschke thanked Mr. O'Malley for his leadership.
- Policy Committee. Mrs. Zofkie reported that the committee had reviewed PRESS Issue 114. While the majority of updates were related to footnotes, titles of policies related to Title IX were changed to remove the term sexual harassment.
- IASB. The Board will consider inviting the student ambassadors to attend a Friday workshop offered during the November conference.
- Foundation. The golf outing was very successful with the largest number of attendees. A final accounting is not yet available.

10. **Closed Session**. At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to recess to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee and collective bargaining. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

11. **Open Session**. At 8:19 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

12. **Action Items**.

12.1. Employment: Coach. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Symanski, to approve employment, contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements, of assistant football coach Jaleel Holloway. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

12.2. Appointment: Principal's Secretary. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to appoint Ann Sekula as the principal's secretary effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

12.3. Employment Agreements. A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the 2024-25 annual employment agreements for administrators and union-exempt employees. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

12.4. MOU: Paraprofessionals. A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Mr. Kress, to table approval of an MOU regarding paraprofessionals. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

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

- Payroll: May 15, 2024: $532,319.57
  May 31, 2024: $480,139.46
  Summer payrolls totaling $1,905,661.30
- Monthly Bill List: $5,438,352.61 (Education Fund: $475,262.73; Building Fund: $4,811,072.14; Debt Service Fund: $2,583.25; Transportation Fund: $59,471.67; Capital Projects Fund: $0; Tort Fund: $0; Life Safety Fund: $89,962.82)
- Destruction of closed session audio recording dated December 13, 2022
- Policy Committee and Finance Committee summary notes
- Policies included in PRESS issue 114 as recommended by the Policy Committee

Motion carried on roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Symanski

14. **Announcements**. The next Board meeting will be held on August 20, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Professional Development Room.

15. **Adjournment**. At 8:23 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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President

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Secretary

Sheri Sochacki
Recording Secretary