EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 231
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2026

The June 23, 2026, 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 6:30 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. Tom Schergen, Mr. Larry Symanski. Absent: Mr. Tom Marsan. Also physically present: Mr. Thomas O'Malley, Superintendent; Mr. Matt Dugan, Principal; Mr. Terry Masterson, Facilities Director.

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

4. **Communications**. Mrs. Zofkie announced that the summer theater camp performances will be presented on Thursday through Sunday.

5. **Approval of Minutes**.

   5.1. May 26, 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on May 26, 2026. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

6. **Principal's Report**.

   6.1. Achievements. Mr. Dugan reported on:

   - Athletic achievements including varsity baseball and softball team championships and All-State recognition in discus competition.
   - Summer programs including summer school and Bridge. Thirty-eight students are enrolled in summer school and 16 incoming freshmen are enrolled in Bridge.
   - Five hundred seventeen students, or 57% of the student body, earned honor roll status in Term 2.
   - Mr. Dugan referred the Board to the annual college and scholarship reports. Students were awarded $15 million in scholarships.

   6.2. Student Handbook. Mr. Dugan gave credit to Mr. Rob McCarthy for his work to update the student handbook in association with the Illinois Principals Association. Emphasis has been placed on addressing absences and tardies. The student handbook, athletic handbook, and activities handbook are now in alignment.

   A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the 2026-27 student handbook. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

7. **Facility Director's Report**. Mr. Masterson reported on the status of summer work including roofing projects, English office and home ec classroom renovations. Work at the sports complex, including the bowling alley, is 50% complete.

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

   - Complimented the administrative team for their work to revise and update the student handbook, which was a major undertaking.
   - Complimented Mr. Masterson and the custodians for their work on more projects than in previous summers.
   - Recognized Mr. Masterson for his leadership and work with the architects during these significant summer projects. Through his efforts, he saved more than $300,000 over the plans of the architects and engineers.

   8.1. Monthly Financial Report. Mr. O'Malley said the budget to actual is in very solid financial shape. The fund balance is the highest it has ever been. This month's bills of $541,077 are in line with the budget.

   8.2. Transportation Resolution. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, 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. Schergen, Mr. Symanski

8.3. CLIC Insurance Renewal. Mr. O'Malley reported that the renewal quote is 1.4% lower than last year. A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve renewal of CLIC insurance for 2026-27. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

8.4. Letter of Engagement. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve the Baker Tilly Letter of Engagement to conduct the audit for FY26. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

8.5. July Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Symanski, 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. Schergen, Mr. Symanski

8.6. Overnight Field Trip. Mr. O'Malley recommended Board approval on the consent agenda of an overnight field trip to a cheer camp on June 27-28 to the University of Wisconsin.

9. **Committee Reports**.

- IASB. Mrs. Kutschke informed the Board that the delegate assembly will be held on Saturday and trade shows will be held at both the Hyatt and the Sheraton. She also reported that the Property Tax Relief Grant was restored.
- Foundation. Mr. Kress reported that the alumni golf outing realized a profit of more than $10,000. The annual scholarship fundraiser will be held on November 22 at Bourbon Street.

10. **Closed Session**. At 7:00 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Symanski, to recess to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, collective bargaining, litigation, and student residency. Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

11. **Open Session**. At 7:22 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. Approval: Department Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve appointment of Dan Wyack as special education department chair. Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

12.2. Employment: Paraprofessional. A motion was made by Mr. Symanski, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve employment of Olando White as a paraprofessional, contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements. Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

12.3. Employment: Coach. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Schergen, to approve employment, contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements, of assistant boys soccer coach Andres Bermudez. Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

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

- Payroll: May 15, 2026: $589,467.52
  May 31, 2026: $233,237.73
- Monthly Bill List: $541,077.23 (Education Fund: $318,119.61; Building Fund: $154,604.81; Debt Service Fund: $3,158.53; Transportation Fund: $60,204.28; Capital Projects Fund: $0; Tort Fund: $0; Life Safety Fund: $4,990.00)
- Destruction of closed session audio recording dated December 17, 2024
- Overnight field trip to cheer camp at University of Wisconsin on June 27-28, 2026

Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

14. **Announcements**. The next Board meeting will be held on August 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Professional Development Room.

15. **Adjournment**. At 7:26 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