

**EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 231
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2022**

The May 24, 2022, 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 Larry Symanski.
2. **Roll Call.** On roll call, the following members were physically present: Mr. Larry Symanski, Mrs. Mary Zofkie, Mrs. Maryann Kutschke, Mr. Chris Brett, Mr. Tom Marsan. Absent: Ms. Laura McRae, Mr. Tom Schergen. Also physically present: Mr. Thomas O'Malley, Superintendent; Mr. William Sanderson, Assistant Superintendent/Principal; Mr. Terry Masterson, Facilities Director; Student Ambassadors Mary Grace Kane and Malik Kelly.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Symanski.
4. **Communications.** Mr. Symanski invited public comment. Hearing no comments from the Board or the audience, Mr. Symanski continued with the meeting.
5. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - 5.1. April 26, 2022. A motion was made by Mrs. Zofkie, seconded by Mr. Marsan, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on April 26, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan
Abstain: Mr. Brett
6. **Principal's Report.** Mr. Sanderson complimented Nurse Vicky Tracy and Aide Amy Lanigan for their exceptional work during the year to keep the administration informed. He also complimented the Maintenance Department staff for their efforts and the faculty and staff for providing what was needed for student success during a challenging year.
 - 6.1. **Achievements.** Mr. Sanderson reported that Mrs. Carol McCormick did a great job of coordinating AP testing. Two hundred five students took 322 tests. He also thanked the Board for providing this opportunity for students by covering the testing costs.

English teacher Michael Carey and paraprofessionals Chris Burras were voted staff members of the month.

The Senior Celebration, under the direction of Matt Kovacs and Tammy Pietruszynski, was a tremendous success.
 - 6.2. **Student Ambassador Report.** The student ambassadors reported that the students generally were not in favor of changing the dress code to require students to wear EP spirit wear every day. They also commented on AP testing, the success of the Senior Celebration, and offered a suggestion that the seniors' last day of school should not be a test day.

Mr. Sanderson thanked the student ambassadors for the great job they did soliciting student input. Mr. Symanski then presented gifts from the Board.
7. **Facility Director's Report.** Mr. Masterson reported that he is finalizing the 2022-23 capital improvements list that will be presented following the June 7 Facility Committee meeting.
8. **Superintendent's Report.**
 - Mr. O'Malley congratulated the student ambassadors and all the seniors. The students' excitement for the seniors was evident during the Senior Clap-Out.
 - Mr. O'Malley thanked Ken and Amy Kazin on planning an enjoyable awards banquet that was attended by 75 students and parents and three Board members.
 - Ben Nesler and NHS sponsored a very successful blood drive, collecting 60 pints of blood from students and staff.
 - The Sports Complex will begin accepting pool membership and year-round fitness memberships. Information is available on the website.
 - Mr. O'Malley praised the staff for their dedication and facing the challenges presented during the last 2 years. The focus always remained on student success.
 - Mr. O'Malley congratulated coach Michelle Vucsko on being named South Suburban Coach of the Year and Lily Strand for being named South Suburban Conference Player of the Year.

- 8.1. Monthly Financial Report. Mr. O'Malley reported that the monthly bills totaling \$663,000 and payroll are within budget.
 - 8.2. FOIA Request. A request from the Illinois Department of Employment Security requesting details from a Quarterly Contribution report was fulfilled in accordance with FOIA.
 - 8.3. Textbook Adoption. A motion was made by Mrs. Zofkie, seconded by Mr. Brett, to approve adoption of the textbook *Forensic Science: Fundamentals and Investigations*. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan
 - 8.4. Overnight Field Trip. Mr. O'Malley reported that the Leadership Team requested approval to attend the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute at Eastern Illinois University from July 17-21, 2022.
9. **Committee Reports.**
- Facility Committee. The Facility Committee will meet on June 7 at 5:30 p.m.
 - AERO. Mrs. Zofkie provided an update on the new AERO facility project. An appraisal of the current property will be done closer to vacating the building. The tentative budget will be approved in June.
 - SCOPE. Mr. Marsan reported on topics discussed at the meeting: delay of property tax payments due to a new system, a literacy summit at ISU, and extension of time to use COVID relief funding.
 - Foundation. The Foundation is soliciting donations for the golf outing.
10. **Closed Session.** At 7:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Brett, seconded by Mr. Marsan, to recess to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, litigation, and collective bargaining. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan
11. **Open Session.** At 7:58 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Zofkie, seconded by Mr. Marsan, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.
12. **Action Items.**
- 12.1. Employee Discipline. A motion was made by Mr. Brett, seconded by Mr. Marsan, to issue disciplinary consequences to employee #1583 as discussed in closed session. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan
 - 12.2. Student Technology Workers. A motion was made by Mrs. Zofkie, seconded by Mr. Marsan, to approve Chris Bennett and Rocco Cipolla as summer technology workers. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan
 - 12.3. Student Ambassadors. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mrs. Zofkie, to appoint Jack Donnelly and Helen Joyce as student ambassadors to the Board for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan
13. **Consent Agenda.** A motion was made by Mrs. Zofkie, seconded by Mr. Brett, to approve the consent agenda to include:
- Payroll: April 15, 2022: \$525,514.90
April 30, 2022: \$457,488.18
 - Monthly Bill List: \$663,215.98 (Education Fund: \$521,163.98; Building Fund: \$73,447.70; Debt Service Fund: \$2,583.25; Transportation Fund: \$66,021.05; Capital Projects Fund: \$0; Tort Fund: \$0; Life Safety Fund: \$0)
 - Destruction of closed session audio recording dated November 17, 2020
 - Overnight field trip to attend Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute at Eastern Illinois University from July 17-21, 2022.
- Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Symanski, Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Brett, Mr. Marsan

14. **Announcements.** The next Board meeting will be held on June 28, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Professional Development Room.
15. **Adjournment.** At 8:01 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Brett, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

President

Secretary

Sheri Sochacki
Recording Secretary