

EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 231
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024

The May 28, 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, Mr. Mike Kress, Ms. Merikay Marzoni, Mr. Tom Schergen. Absent: Mr. Larry Symanski. Also physically present: Mr. Matt Dugan, Principal; Mr. Terry Masterson, Facilities Director. Absent: Mr. Tom O'Malley, Superintendent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Zofkie.
4. **Communications.** There were no comments from the Board or the audience.
5. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - 5.1. April 23, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni to approve the open and closed session minutes of the Board meeting on April 23, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni
Abstain: Mr. Schergen
 - 5.2. April 29, 2024. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the special Board meeting on April 29, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni
Abstain: Mr. Schergen
6. **Principal's Report.**
 - 6.1. Achievements. Mr. Dugan commented on:
 - Honors Night and Alumni Hall of Fame induction
 - AP tests taken by 221 students
 - Tony Knight baseball game honoring the Knight family
 - Annual ice cream treat for students provided by Stampede
 - Mustang Pride award recognizing 22 students
 - Perfect Attendance breakfast for 16 students
 - Graduation on May 22. Mr. Dugan recognized Mrs. Sekula, Mr. Masterson and the Facilities staff, and all who contributed to making the event special.
7. **Facility Director's Report.** Mr. Masterson provided an update of summer facilities projects:
 - Installation of the new turf on the football field is complete.
 - Installation of the LED lighting will be complete by the end of the week.
 - The video board will be installed by June 24.
 - The track resurfacing will be completed soon. Weather has slowed the progress.
 - Work on the pool roof is in progress and completion is expected in one week.
 - Signage for the sports complex is in progress.
 - Renovation of the locker rooms is on track.
8. **Superintendent's Report.** In Mr. O'Malley's absence, Mr. Dugan presented the superintendent's report and Mr. O'Malley's recommendations for Board approval of the AERO budget, AERO resolution, health insurance renewal, school improvement plan, and the overnight field trip requests that will be approved on the consent agenda.
 - 8.1. Monthly Financial Report. This month's bills of \$2,320,052 are in line with the budget.
 - 8.2. FOIA Requests. Two requests were received; one from Smart Procure and one from the Association. Responses have been sent in accordance with FOIA.
 - 8.3. AERO Budget. Mrs. Zofkie commented that the 6.35% increase in the budget is due to the increase in salaries which is necessary in order to offer competitive compensation.

A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to approve the FY 2025 AERO budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

- 8.4. AERO Resolution. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Schergen, to approve the resolution ratifying proposed amendments to the AERO Special Education Cooperative Articles of Joint Agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 8.5. Overnight Field Trips. Three requests were submitted for approval: varsity cheer to attend camp at Carthage College from July 12-14; Leadership to attend camp at Eastern Illinois University from July 14-18, and drum majors to attend camp at Eastern Illinois University from July 21-26.
- 8.6. Health Insurance Renewal. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve the renewal of health, dental, and life/LTD insurance. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 8.7. School Improvement Plan. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve the 2024-25 school improvement plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen

9. **Committee Reports.**

- AERO. Mrs. Zofkie reported that AERO phase 3 is now complete and the DCEO grant is being closed out at just under \$50 million.
- SCOPE. Mr. Marsan reported that the concerns about HB 305 regarding school treasurers offices have been alleviated. He also reported that Illinois will be returning to administering the ACT.
- IASB. Mrs. Kutschke reported that at the annual conference, workshops will be offered to student representatives.
- Foundation. The golf outing on June 7, 2024, is still accepting sponsors.

10. **Closed Session.** At 7:20 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to recess to closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, student residency, and collective bargaining. Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

11. **Open Session.** At 8:06 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

12. **Action Items.**

- 12.1. Employment: Certified. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Schergen, to approve employment contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements, of English teacher Kelsey Ryan. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 12.2. Extracurricular Sponsors. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve Julia Mackel and Anera Reid as class co-sponsors, Carl Raczka and Katie O'Connor as leadership sponsors, and Kylie Boksa as fall color guard. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 12.3. Summer Technology Interns. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, to approve Chris Bennett and Rocco Cipolla as summer technology interns. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 12.4. Summer Temporary Custodians. A motion was made by Mr. Schergen, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve Micky Joyce and Aidan Gleeson as summer temporary custodians. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 12.5. Volunteer Coach. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to approve Kelly Harrigan as a volunteer coach for cheer, contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen
- 12.6. Employee Discipline. A motion was made by Mr. Schergen, seconded by Mr. Kress, to issue disciplinary consequences to employee 2091 as discussed in closed session. Motion carried on roll call vote.
Yes: Mrs. Zofkie, Mrs. Kutschke, Mr. Marsan, Mr. Kress, Ms. Marzoni, Mr. Schergen

12.7. Residency Case.

12.7.1. Residency Report. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, that based upon the Board's consideration of the hearing officer's decision resulting from the evidence and testimony presented before the hearing officer at the residency hearing held on May 8, 2024, to accept the decision of the Board's appointed hearing officer that Student 2700176 has not been a resident of Evergreen Park School District 231 at any time during the 2023-24 school year and is not entitled to attend Evergreen Park High School on a tuition-free basis. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

12.7.2. Disenroll Student. A motion was made by Ms. Marzoni, seconded by Mrs. Kutschke, to disenroll Student 2700176 because of non-residency, effective immediately. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

12.7.3. Charge Tuition. A motion was made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Ms. Marzoni, that pursuant to the Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a and b, the parent who enrolled Student 2700176 be charged a per diem equal to the number of days in attendance for the 2023-24 school year at a rate which does not exceed 110% of the per capita cost of conducting and maintaining the schools in the prior school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

12.8. Student Ambassadors. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Kress, to appoint Makayla Knight and Rosebud Summers as student ambassadors to the Board of Education for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

12.9. Interim Superintendent. A motion was made by Mrs. Kutschke, seconded by Mr. Kress, to approve a contract with Dr. Michael Riordan to serve as interim superintendent. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

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

- Payroll: April 15, 2024: \$571,775.07
April 30, 2024: \$504,181.45
- Monthly Bill List: \$\$2,320,052.41 (Education Fund: \$551,628.39; Building Fund: \$1,661,766.02; Debt Service Fund: \$2,583.25; Transportation Fund: \$64,199.75; Capital Projects Fund: \$0; Tort Fund: \$0; Life Safety Fund: \$39,875.00)
- Destruction of closed session audio recording dated November 15, 2022
- Overnight field trips for varsity cheer camp at Carthage College, July 12-14, leadership camp at Eastern Illinois University, July 14-18, and drum major camp at Eastern Illinois University, July 21-26, 2024

Motion carried on roll call vote.

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

14. **Announcements.** The next Board meeting will be held on June 25, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Professional Development Room.

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

President

Secretary

Sheri Sochacki
Recording Secretary