

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Ann Lewis at 7:00pm.

The Vice President led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Noone, Board Secretary/Treasurer took attendance. Present were: Mary Ann Lewis, Sandi Denniston, Sherline Eugene, and Eric Noone. Advisory Board members in attendance included Jill Shoesmith.

Motion was made by Sherline Eugene and seconded by Sandi Denniston to approve the July 25, 2024 agenda. Motion carried (4-0).

The Board did not enter into Executive Session. There were no visitors present and no correspondence from the public to discuss.

Evergreen Director, Jill Shoesmith reported on current activities:

The roof project has been started. Building Permit has been secured.

Annual Report including additional information requested by Pocono Mountain has been submitted.

Reconciliation Reports for each District have been completed and forwarded to school districts.

REAP Grant has been approved for 2024-25.

Request for new students records have been submitted and information is coming in.

In the Instructional Report, Jill reported that several teachers have finished their professional development classes and most have completed their 20 hours of time at Evergreen also.

The Math department is reviewing Geometry textbooks to approach the material from a different angle.

Gradelink is the new software system we will be using for record keeping and communications.

The Mental Health and School Safety Grant has been approved for \$70,000 and must be spent within 2 years. This money will be used for additional security equipment, training, and per diem resources.

Under items for Discussion:

Mary Ann Lewis made a motion to appoint Eric Noone as President, seconded by Sherline Eugene. The motion was approved (4-0).

Eric Noone made a motion to appoint Sherline Eugene as Secretary, seconded by Sandi Denniston. The motion was approved (4-0).

The Board discussed starting hourly wages for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Sherline Eugene and seconded by Eric Noone to set the starting rate at \$33.00/hr. Motion passed (4-0).

Under Items Requiring Board Action:

Mary Ann Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 27th, 2024 meeting. Sandi Denniston seconded the motion which passed. (4-0).

Eric Noone made the motion to approve Bryan Dunlap to the Board position recently vacated by Joe Spinelli. Motion was seconded by Mary Ann Lewis and passed (4-0). Board members discussed pros and cons to increasing Board size.

Eric Noone made the motion to approve the current financial statements and payment to vendors. The motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and approved (4-0).

Sandi Denniston made the motion to approve the current Grant spending. The motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and passed (4-0).

Mary Ann Lewis made a motion to approve the IU#20 contract for services. The motion was seconded by Eric Noone and passed (4-0).

Eric Noone made a motion to accept Joe Spinelli's review of the Charter Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and passed (4-0).

Sherline Eugene made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Responsibility Code. The motion was seconded by Sandi Denniston and passed (4-0).

Eric Noone made a motion to hire one new full time science teacher (Mrs. Jamie Reeger) and one half time history/resource teacher (Mrs. Claire Gierwatowski). Motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and passed (4-0).

Under Other Items:

Sandi Denniston announced that PA is considering a grant to supply phone security pouches. Board members agreed to consider this option if and when it becomes available.

With no other business before the Board, Mary Ann Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and passed (4-0).

The next scheduled meeting is August 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.