

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees
Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2024

The Meeting was called to Order by President Joe Spinelli at 7:00pm.

The President led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Joe Spinelli, Mary Ann Lewis, Sherline Eugene, Eric Noone, and Sandi Denniston. No Board members were absent. Advisory Board members were also all in attendance and included Jill Shoesmith, Nancy Lewis, and Steven Richard.

With no need for discussion of legal and/or personnel matters, there was no Executive Session.

There were no visitors present and no email correspondence to report.

Evergreen Director, Jill Shoesmith reported on several items:

The progress of the Charter Renewal. The application was submitted at the end of October 2023. A request for additional information was received on February 3, 2024. Our responses were reviewed by our attorney and submitted by February 15, 2024. A walk-through has been scheduled for March 5, 2024.

Field Trips which were scheduled included a visit to Meesing Nature Center for the Maple Sugaring Program, Sledding at Skywood Park, and reading to children at Countryside.

The Finals for the County-wide Spelling Bee is Scheduled for March 25, 2024. We will be sending finalist for both junior and senior divisions.

The Monroe County Art Show was held in Stroudsburg and resulted in two of Evergreen's 11th graders placing 1st and 3rd.

Evergreen's community service club, Alpha Helpers, held an evening activity chaperoned by English teacher, Ben Cohen, devoted to making blankets for the dogs from AWSOM.

Evergreen seniors are receiving letters of acceptance from various colleges across the country.

The new FASFA application has been difficult this year, Kathy Yerkes has made herself available for additional help.

Nancy Price continues to work closely with her Spanish students via Zoom instruction, while her substitute supervises the physical classroom. Senora returns March 18th.

The Chemistry classes worked on a lab in the cooking classroom to determine the reactions which take place during the process of baking bread.

Evergreen has been granted permission from the township supervisors to use the new municipal facility for pickleball, volleyball, and basketball during the upcoming mud season.

Evergreen Principal, Steven Richard reported on his efforts to complete the PCCD Mental Health and Security Grant application. Evergreen could secure \$70,000 to be used for access to community counseling, staff training, and screening software.

Items requiring Board Action included:

A motion was made by Mary Ann Lewis and seconded by Sherline Eugene to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting. The motion carried (5-0).

Financial Reports

Approval/Disapproval of payments to vendors via the 2023 Check register

Approval/Disapproval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD (website).

Approval/Disapproval of Grant Spending

A motion was made by Sandi Denniston and seconded by Eric Noone to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried (5-0).

During Open Discussion, Jill Shoemith reported on the request by a Board member for clarification regarding last month's difference in Special Education insurance spending. This was a result of reimbursement for a deductible expense in our employees' health plan. Mary Ann Lewis suggested that we create a poster showcasing the impressive list of colleges which have accepted Evergreen students. Eric Noone acknowledged the educational significance that today was the first moon landing since 1969.

With no other business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Eric Noone and seconded by Joe Spinelli. Motion carried (5-0).

The next scheduled meeting is March 28th, 2024 at 7 P.M.