

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Thursday, August 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Noone at 7:00pm.

Eric Noone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion was made by Mary Ann Lewis and seconded by Sherline Eugene to approve the August 29, 2024 agenda. Motion carried (3-0).

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:

Roof replacement project is finished.

During the summer months, floors were waxed, new carpet in the office, halls and several classrooms were painted, Siding on the south side of the building was replaced.

New teacher orientation has begun for our new half time and new full time teachers.

25 new chromebooks have been purchased to replace worn out chromes.

Pocono Mountain has requested that we change our instructional schedule by 5 minutes in order to accommodate an earlier dismissal. The hope is be able to catch the high school busses and save 20-30 minutes in getting home.

In the Instructional Report, Steve Richard reported on the Teacher Meeting held on August 28th and discussed the advantages of the new student information system. We reviewed the teacher feedback on the Cell Phone policy which the Board passed last month. Our goal is to limit the distractions from cell phones. Teachers agreed that students may not use phones to complete writing assignments, especially since every student has access to a chromebook. Mr. Richard also reported on the School Safety and Active Threat training which he attended this month. He believes that our current plan is in line. In addition, we have received permission from Barrett Township Supervisors to use their municipal space (BARC) for our temporary evacuation center.

Under items for Discussion:

Pocono Mountain has requested that copies of our most recent audit, budget, and 990's be placed on the school's website. Apparently, Evergreen Foundation is also expected to post the budget and 990's as well. We are awaiting advice from our attorney before moving forward.

Under Items Requiring Board Action:

Mary Ann Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 meeting. Eric Noone seconded the motion which passed. (3-0).

Eric Noone made the motion to approve the current financial statements, payment to vendors, and Grant spending. The motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and approved (3-0).

Eric Noone made a motion to approve the updated Title IX Policy and the Title IX Grievance Policy. The motion was seconded by Sherline Eugene and passed (3-0). The Board appointed Jill Shoesmith as the School's Title IX Officer.

Sherline Eugene made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget and forward to the PA Department of Education. Motion seconded by Eric Noone and passed (3-0).

Under Other Items:

Eric Noone asked if we had heard any more on the cell phone pouches. Steve Richard said that the State has not approved free pouches at this time.

With no other business before the Board, Eric Noone dedicated the motion to adjourn to his mother, Joanne Storer, Evergreen Board President for many years. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Lewis and passed (3-0).

The next scheduled meeting is September 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.