Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees
Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Noone at 7:00pm.
Eric Noone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Sherline Eugene recorded attendance. Present were: Eric Noone, Mary Ann Lewis, Sherline Eugene and . Dot Lewis. Bryan Dunlap was absent. Advisory Board members in attendance included Jill Shoesmith, Nancy Lewis and Steven Richard.

Motion was made by Mary Ann Lewis and seconded by Eric Noone to approve the June 25, 2026 agenda. Motion carried (4-0).

There was a request for Executive Session.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 7:15.

There were no visitors in attendance.

Evergreen Director, Jill Shoesmith reported on current activities:
Nancy Lewis provided the breakdown of students per grade for the 2026-27 Academic year.
In addition to the repairs to the storage area in the basement and creating a new classroom for electives, Summer upgrades included: replacing the hallway wall in the Physics hall, installing new carpeting throughout the entire front hallway, replacement of an exterior door, and installation of heat tape in the gutters.
The bidding process has been completed for the LSA Grant Bus. We are looking for approval to accept the bid from Wolfington Bus Company.
Evergreen did receive the REAP technology grant ($34,000) which we use primarily for instructional technology and supplies.
Parent Orientation meeting will be September 16th at 6:30pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 6:30-7:00. Then all families are invited.

In his Instructional and Safety Report, Mr. Richard informed the Board that safety inspections continued throughout the summer and repairs were made to various entries and recreation equipment. The gates have been installed and work great. We have updated and ordered new signage identifying classrooms, and traffic flow. These improvements were all recommendations from the State Police visit. Our generators are all in good working order and capable of providing power to the water pump, auxiliary heat, and refrigerators. In the future we will be looking into having direct wiring for various parts of the building.

Staff meeting is this coming Wednesday at which time we will go over safety/evacuation drills. Professional Development during the year will include Act 55 focusing on suicide and bullying. We will also be exploring AI implications in the classroom. Jessica Fuehrer and Denise Keiling have developed a reading screening program for all new students in an effort to help teachers identify reading difficulties and develop strategies to assist those students. We will continue the bi-weekly meetings with middle school and high school teachers, in addition to our quarterly staff meetings. Britany Calderone our subcontracted counsellor will be returning this school year. She will be seeing individual students who may need assistance as well as develop programs for the middle school students. In addition, Britany has agreed to be a member of our threat-assessment team.

Items for Discussion

Items Requiring Board Action
Eric Noone made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2023 Collins 30 passenger bus from Wolfington Bus Company for the price of $75,000. The full cost will be covered by the LSA Grant awarded last month. Sherline Eugene seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

Mary Ann Lewis made the motion which was seconded by Eric Noone to approve the June 25, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (4-0).
Eric Noone made the motion which was seconded by Sherline Eugene to table the current Financial Statements due to a computer problem for our accountant. Motion passed (4-0).

Under Other Items
Sherline Eugene made a motion which was seconded by Mary Ann Lewis to approve a 5% pay increase for all staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

Eric Noone asked if there had been any parental comments regarding the new cell phone policy. Mr. Richard explained that early in August we sent out our responsibility code to all families which included a bell-to-bell ban on all electronic devices connected to the internet. The only exception being school issued chromebooks or kindles. As of today, we have had no parent push back on this new policy. The slight changes to the dress code included a restriction on sleepware and swimwear. It also requires that shirts must meet or exceed the waistline of the pants or shorts. We did hear from one family that this change may impact female students more than male. Our main point is to try to portray an appearance conducive to learning. Enforcement of this policy will be handled by the school nurse or administration quietly and privately to avoid any humiliation.

Having no other business before the Board, Dot Lewis made the motion seconded by Sherline Eugene to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed (4-0).

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026 at 7pm.