Evergreen Charter School
Virtual Meeting of the Board of Trustees
605 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11550
June 22, 2026

6:00 pm

The meeting was held at 605 Peninsula Boulevard

Members:

Mr. Gil Bernardino	**Present**
Dr. Sarah Brewster	**Present**
Ms. Nancy Iglesias-Gillen	**Excused**
Ms. Yvonne Mowatt	**Present**
Ms. Gladys Rodríguez	**Present**
Mr. Luis Ras	**Present**

Also present:

Dr. Elena Litescu, Superintendent
Ms. Christine Weigand, Principal K-1
Ms. Christine Civitano, Principal 5-8
Ms. Lisa Camilli, AP K-1
Mr. Nicolas Agosti, Principal 2-4
Ms. Brianna Golio, 5-6 Curriculum, Coordinator
Ms. Alicia Morera, Director of World Languages
Mr. Matthew Baruch, Director of Data and Attendance
Mr. Carlos Pumar, AP 7-8
Mr. Brian Hillman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction 7-12
Ms. Roland Brown, Dean HS
Mr. Joseph Pena, Dean, Loretto

Note: As always, the Board Meeting was conducted in English and Spanish.

I. Call to Order By President, Mr. Gil Bernardino

Mr. Bernardino welcomed everyone.

II. Superintendent's Report By Superintendent, Dr. Elena Litescu

BENCHMARK 1 UPDATES

Elementary/Middle/High School Proficiency:

Student Assessment:

- The fourth grading quarter ended on June 18, 2026.
- End-of-year assessments were administered; the Checkpoint B and Regents exams are still in progress;

Graduation/College & Career:

- The HS Graduation ceremony is scheduled on 6/20/2026 and it is livestreamed;
- The MS Graduation ceremony is scheduled on 6/24/2026.

ESSA Accountability Designation:

- ESSA training for the 26-27 school year started and administrators are attending it.

BENCHMARK 2 UPDATES

Shared Accountability/High Expectations:

- The formal and informal observations have been concluded.
- The end-of-year evalautions will be discussed with each staff member on Thursday and Friday of the last week of the school year.

Research-based Practices/Instructional Strategies:

- Scheduling and preparations for the 26-27 PD sessions had started.

Curriculum:

- Additions to the curriculum are in process to be ordered for the new classes offered next school year.
- Supplemental Reporteros' reading in 6th, 7th, 8th, and Spanish I classes have been implemented.

Assessments:

- Five HS Seniors met the criteria to receive the NYSSB. The NYSSB will be affixed to the students' diplomas, and they will receive a NYSSB certificate.
- The I-Ready last assessment for the year has been completed.
- An analysis of the students' progess recorded between the first and third assessment of this school year will be completed.

Educational Success/Gap Closing:

- The Saturday School, Test Prep, and Homework Help for K-12 students ended June 13, 2026.
- Summer School will take place in three schools, Peninsula (K-1 grades), Loretto (2-6 grades), and Laurel (7-12 grades) from Monday, July 6, 2026 - Thursday, July 30, 2026.
- At Peninsula, a Transition to Kindergarten Program is being offered to the incoming kindergarten students from Monday, July 6, 2026, to Thursday, July 9, 2026.

Support for Diverse Learners:

- ENL teachers will provide support to MLL students during the summer school.
- DIAL testing will take place over the summer for our incoming K students.

Academic Enrichment:

- Regents support will be provided to HS students during the summer school.

BENCHMARK 3 UPDATES

Chronic Absenteeism:

- Attendance report for the district is included.

Out Of School Suspensions:

- Reported by the Deans of Students.

School Climate, Culture Evaluation:

- The Board's President and Vice President met with the staff in each four schools to gather their feedback on their experiences this school year.

School Spirit:

- Numerous events were planned to celebrate the end of the school year with the students.

Behavior Management & Safety:

- The 6th-grade students visited the new building and they got a tour of the building to familiarize themselves with the new building and the expectations of the JrHS.

Family Engagement:

- Family members were invited to the end-of-school-year events in all four schools.
- The feedback received from the families was shared with the administrators of each school and corrective steps will be implemented as needed.

School Clubs:

- All clubs have ended for this school year.

McKinney-Vento and Unaccompanied Minors:

- Mr. Skariah is the district McKinney Vento coordinator.

BENCHMARK 7 UPDATES:

Professional Climate/Professional Development:

- The sessions are programmed for the PD of the next school year.

Staff Feedback:

- Feedback was provided to the Board President and Vice President during meetings with staff that were hosted in each school.

Contracted Services:

- BOCES is scoring the exams administered to our students.

BENCHMARK 8 UPDATES:

Mission:

- Key design elements are promoted during the morning assembly in all four schools.

Spanish Instruction:

- World Languages awards ceremonies were hosted in all four schools.

Integration of Ecology:

- At the new building, students in 7&8 grades planted seeds in spring, and they are now monitoring the plants in the suspended garden on the second floor.

Fostering Healthy Life Choices:

- Healthy breakfast and lunches are provided to students in all four schools.

Integration of Hispanic Culture and Respect for All Cultures:

- During the World Languages awards, other cultures were included.

Planning and Using the Workshop Model:

- Planning for the summer school lessons has started.

Recruitment and Enrollment Efforts:

- The administrative team started planning and recruiting for the next school year.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Board related to Superintendent's Report:

None.

V. Questions and comments from the public related to the Superintendent's Report.

None.

VI. Business Office Report, By Dr. Sarah Brewster VP of Board of Trustees in the absence of Ms. Knox, Director of Finance and Operations.

Benchmark 4: Financial Condition

- Since our last district billing 6 of 6 for this school year that was mailed out May 18, 2026, we have received payments in full for the 2025-2026 school year from 11out of 28 school districts. Seven districts are late paying two billing cycles. All claims to The Child Nutrition Administration for meals served to students from September through May amount to $761,492 and we have received all payments except for two payments for state breakfast and lunch in the amount of $1,468. The next claim for meals served in June will be sent out in the first week in July.

Benchmark 5: Financial Management

- All financial reports from July through June for this fiscal year have been submitted to our Board of Directors and School Administrators including all bank reconciliations.

- The ECS Parent Association's bank statements for the month of May show a total balance of $2,856.84.

- Copies of May's Home Depot and American Express statements have been provided to our Board of Directors and our School Superintendent. This month we paid in full all balances incurred from April to May. For American Express we paid $3,770.47 and for Home Depot we paid $1,411.13. Our American Express May's statement show a total of 372,144 reward points.

- Our 2026-2027 school budget was presented during this meeting for board approval.

Benchmark 9: Enrollment

- We continue to enrollment new students if a student moves from the district.

VII. Questions and Comments from the Board related to Superintendent's Report:

None.

VIII. Questions and comments from the public related to the Superintendent's Report.

None.

IX. Approval of Minutes

Resolved the Board of Trustees approves the minutes May 27, 2026

Motion: Trustee Sarah Brewster
Second: Trustee Yvonne Mowatt
Vote: 5:0

X. Reading of the Resolutions:

The resolutions were read in English and Spanish. Resolutions were explained.

XI. Questions and comments from the public related to resolutions:

There were none.

XII. Voting of the Resolutions:

1) **Resolved,** the Board of Trustees approves the following resolution under culture and climate.

a. Ms. Weigand, Principal at Peninsula, and Ms. Castro, Art teacher at Peninsula, are requesting approval to create a 2026-2027 Kindergarten and First Grade school calendar.

Motion: Trustee Yvonne Mowatt
Second: Trustee Gladys Rodriguez
Vote: 5:0

2) **Resolved**, the Board of Trustees approves the following staff:

(Some of these were approved earlier this month. This resolution ratifies their approval).

a) Internships:

Kelin Duran	Paid Summer Internship	Peninsula	TBD
Daniela Medina	Paid Summer Internship	Peninsula	TBD
Jamie Gutierrez	Paid Summer Internship	Peninsula	TBD
Brian Ventura	Paid Summer Internship	Peninsula	TBD
Nahema Lazarre	Paid Summer Internship	Peninsula	TBD
Nicole Zavala	Paid Summer Internship	Front St.	TBD
Genesis Aleman	Paid Summer Internship	Front St.	TBD
Kimberly Aguilera	Paid Summer Internship	Front St.	TBD
Jasmine Membreno	Paid Summer Internship	Front St.	TBD
Darwin Arevalo	Paid Summer Internship	Front St.	TBD

b) Employee Position and Salary Changes:

Name	Current Position	New Position	Effective
Ruth Contreras Guzman	Kitchen Cleaner	FT-Kitchen Cleaner	06/01/2026
Wanda E. Manuel	Saturday School Administrator	ENL Director	07/06/26
Dimitrios T. Lowe	Special Education Teacher	7-12 Assistant Principal	07/01/26
Brianna V. Golio	Curriculum Coordinator	Director of Curriculum &Instruction	07/01/26

c) Stipends/Other Services

Jorge Garavito	School Vans Maintenance	06/01/2026

d) Other Positions

a. Ms. Golio, Curriculum Coordinator at Loretto, is requesting approval to hire an In-School Suspension Supervisor/Permanent Substitute.
b. Ms. Golio, Curriculum Coordinator at Loretto, is requesting approval to hire a full-time STEM teacher for grades 5 and 6.
c. Ms. Golio, Curriculum Coordinator at Loretto, is requesting approval to establish a structured Elementary Chorus Program.
d. Mr. Agosti, Principal at Front St, is requesting approval to hire a Science Teacher for Grades 2-4.

Motion: Trustee Sarah Brewster
Second: Trustee Luis Ras
Vote: 5:0

3) **Resolved,** the Board of Trustees approves the following resolutions proposed by the business office:

a) Control Concepts NY Corp. Yearly HVAC BMS Maintenance Contract for 605 Peninsula Boulevard (Elementary School Building K-1Yearly Amount: **$13,111.00** to be paid at a monthly payment of **$1,092.58**

b) Provide online access to our staff accountant Yun Chin Hsieh to the online banking portal for Peapack Private Bank.

Motion: Yvonne Mowatt
Second: Luis Ras
Motion 5:0

4) Resolved, the Board of Trustees approves the following resolution to purchase real property located at 20 Laurel Avenue, Hempstead, NY:

a) See attached.

Motion: Sarah Brewster
Second: Luis Ras
Motion 5:0

XIII. Questions

There were none.

XIV. Additional Reports By President Bernardino

Updates:

Dr. Brewster thanks everyone for their efforts and contributions to a successful school year.

XV. Motion to Go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, or dismissal of a particular person or persons, matters concerning proposed, pending or current litigation, and matters involving Civil Service Law, Article 14.

Motion: Yvonne Mowatt
Second: Gladys Rodriguez
Vote: 5:0

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Motion: Sarah Brewster
Second: Luis Ras
Vote: 5:0

Minutes submitted by:

Gladys Rodriguez
Secretary of the Board of Trustee