

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 13, 2025

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT (6:00 P.M.)

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, adequate public notice of this meeting has been given by the Business Administrator in the following manner:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on April 4, 2025.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* and *Courier Post* on April 4, 2025.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on April 4, 2025.
- D. Posted official notice on the district’s website.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival Time
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		
Florencia Norton, Vice President	X		
Edward Besko	X		
Edward Hill	X		
Walter Maluchnik	X		
Stephanie McHugh		X	
Jamie Smith	X		

- Lianne Kane, Superintendent of Schools
- Joseph A. Firetto, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

1. FIRE EXITS

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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This meeting will now be open to the public; however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel or negotiations, we ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

- Mr. Graham asked about ExAid money

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (24-25-130)

April 29, 2025 - Budget Public Meeting (Regular Session)

April 29, 2025 - Budget Public Meeting (Executive Session) (24-25-130)

Roll Call

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko		X	X			
Edward Hill					X	
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith			X			

Motion Carries

Motion Fails

4. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Recognitions – Mrs. Kane, Superintendent/Principal

The following students were recognized as Golden Knight of the Month:

April

K- Joseph Danley

1st- Jada Searyoh

2nd- Roman Holloway-Johnson

3rd- Jaden Farr

4th- Ahmed Rehman

5th- Jayceon Thomas

6th- Shawn Gaskill

7th- John Bocchino

8th- Logan Mc Arthur

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: (Lianne M. Kane, Superintendent/Principal)

A. Information Item(s):

1) HIB Grades Report for 2023-2024 (24-25-131)

2) Department Reports

3) Liaison Reports

- Township budget updates

4) ECS Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills for Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were held at the school’s east entrance on March 26, 2025 from 8:16 am – 8:44am. Assistant Principal, Mr. Leibowitz, supervised while the bus drivers conducted the drills.

B. Discussion Item(s):

- 1) Review of Board meeting dates for September 2025 through January 2026.
 -Agreed to Tuesdays on 9/9/25, 10/14/25, 11/11/25, 12/09/25, 1/6/26 (reorg.) with 7 p.m. start

C. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the action items on the HIB Report dated May 8, 2025 as initially presented at the April 29, 2025 meeting. (24-25-132)

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill					X	
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith		X	X			

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

6. PERSONNEL: (Edward Hill, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve a ten-month contract of employment for SY 2025-2026 for Jacquelyn Diaz as Preschool Teacher, BA/Step 1 – \$60,874.00, effective September 1, 2025, pending completion of paperwork.
- 2) Recommend the Board retroactively approve Abigail Morris as a long term substitute social studies teacher from May 12, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year at the daily rate of \$150.00.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the employment of Sofie Dennis as a district substitute teacher effective May 14, 2025, pending completion of paperwork
- 4) Recommend the Board approve Dawn Dilliplane as Special Education Supervisor/School Psychologist for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the designation of Nicole McGann as the district Affirmative Action/Equity and Title IX Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members to serve on the Affirmative Action Team for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

Tanya Raible
 George Galarza

- 7) Recommend the Board appoint the following staff members as the district I&RS Team for the 2025-2026 school year:

Nicole McGann	Cathy Alderman
Corinne Katrina	Mary Ostaszewski
Charlene Bonomo	Dawn Dilliplane
Erin D'Addona	Jessica Goodman
Nicole Ragone	Carol Guzman

- 8) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members to serve on the School Culture and Climate Team for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lianne Kane	Corinne Katrina
Nicole McGann	Julie Hancock
Jenna Carrell	Guinevere McCarthy
Brian Leibowitz	Michael Shoukry
Dawn Dilliplane	Jessica Jones
Jennifer Bergen	Mary Ostaszewski
Melanie Southard	Samantha Gladis
Ashley Forsyth	

- 9) Recommend the Board appoint the following staff members as the district SCIP Team for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lianne Kane	Jennifer Bergen
Nicole McGann	Jessica Jones
Jenna Carrell	Samantha Gladis
Brian Leibowitz	Monica Dennler
Dawn Dilliplane	Melissa Clark
Corinne Katrina	Jamie Fischer
Erin D'Addona	Andrea Holster
Michael Shoukry	Mary Ostaszewski
Heather Chapman	

- 10) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members to serve on the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team for the 2025-2026 school year:

Beth Cappetti	Lianne Kane
Jenna Carrell	Brian Leibowitz
Erin D'Addona	Nicole Ragone
Dawn Dilliplane	SRO Kelley Horne
Carol Guzman	

- 11) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members to serve on the Affirmative Action team for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lianne Kane	Corinne Katrina
Nicole McGann	Dawn Dilliplane
Jenna Carrell	Tanya Raible
Kati Rutkowski	George Galarza

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill	X		X			
Walter Maluchnik		X	X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith			X			

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

7. FINANCE: (Stephanie McHugh, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(24-25-133)**
 - a. Regular Bills: \$373,394.04
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the attached request for professional development. **(24-25-134)**
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the 2025-2026 Agreements with Burlington County Special Services School District/Educational Services Unit for services with the Nonpublic for IDEA Nonpublic Grants and Nonpublic Chapters 192/193 Services.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the contract with Treadaway Transportation Consulting LLC for Professional Services at the rate of \$90 per hour at the estimated cost of \$2,800.00.
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the following 2024-2025 McKinney Vento Tuition – Receiving:

Placement	Student(s)	Tuition per Student	1:1 Aide	District of Responsibility
Greater Johnstown School District Johnstown, PA	MJ	\$12,697.20 (42 days at \$70.54 per day)	-	Greater Johnstown School District – April 15, 2025 to June 30, 2025

- 6) Recommend the Board approve the Speech and OT Evaluation for student LM from Kingsway Learning Center in the amount not to exceed \$700.00.
- 7) Recommend the Board approve the Professional Service Agreement for Therapy Services (Speech, Occupational, and Physical) at the negotiated rates for the 2025-2026 school year.

- 8) Recommend the Board approve the 2025-2026 Contract with Oncourse Systems for Education for Student Information Systems and Data Management
- 9) Recommend the Board to Confirm and Approve the Professional Service Contract with Springfield Board of Education for Education Facilities Management for the duration of May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.
- 10) Recommend the Board renew the service agreement with Paul’s Commodity Hauling, Inc for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 11) Recommend the Board approve the submission of the 2025-2026 Extraordinary Aid application to the state, due on May 23, 2025.
- 12) Recommend the Board reappoint Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc. to provide food service management services for the 2025 - 2026 school year with a fixed price per meal rate of:
 - Breakfast - \$3.8950
 - Lunch - \$3.8950
 - No Guarantee

The 2025-2026 school year will be year 2 of a 5 year agreement.

- 13) Recommend the Board approve the following cafeteria meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Lunch - \$3.50
 - Lunch Reduced Price - \$0.00
 - Breakfast - \$1.90
 - Breakfast Reduced price - \$0.00

 - Additional Lunch \$3.50
 - Additional Breakfast \$1.90
 - Second Entree (e.g., extra slice of pizza) \$2.00
 - Additional Milk \$0.55
 - 8oz bottled water \$0.70
 - 16oz bottled water \$1.10
 - Snacks and other drinks - \$.60 - \$1.75
 - Adult Meal - \$5.15

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Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith		X	X			

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8. CURRICULUM: (Jamie Smith, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board approve homebound instruction (five hours per week) for student #12052 beginning May 8, 2025, with a return date pending a psychiatric evaluation.

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President			X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko		X	X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik			X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith	X		X			

Motion Carries

Motion Fails

9. POLICY: (Kerry Douglas, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulation: **(sent via email)**

P 2624 Grading System (Revised)
 R 2624 Grading System (Revised)
 P 3351 Healthy Workplace Environment

- 2) Recommend the Board approve the abolishment of the following policy and regulation which will be replaced with Policy and Regulation 2624: **(sent via email)**

P 2330 Homework
 R 2330 Homework

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Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill			X			
Walter Maluchnik		X	X			
Stephanie McHugh						X
Jamie Smith			X			

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10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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- Mr. Dan Wythoff spoke about the district being in violation of CBA due to a handshake sidebar agreement of past practice regarding the 2025/20256 school calendar. He stated he felt it helped the students but not the ESEA. President Douglas responded noting that 'this is a lot' and we cannot discuss negotiations in public as per the notice above but will be looked into.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Edward Hill	All	

- Motion Carries
- Motion Fails

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Firetto

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary