

EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting
District Board Room
Hybrid
(In-person or via Zoom)

May 19, 2025

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, Jack Kahl at 6:00 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Regular Board of Education Session with President Kahl presiding.

Mr. Kahl noted the District is audio recording the meeting, which will be posted on the District website. Mr. Kahl also inquired if anyone in attendance was recording the meeting; no one indicated audio recording the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Kahl.

Roll Call

Board Secretary, Lori Mosser, called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Kantner, Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Moyer; and Messer's Ferrari, Jr., Kahl, Kramer, Ondrusek, Santos, and Ziegler. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Mrs. Vicente, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Mathias, Mrs. DeHaven, Ms. Haas, Mr. Treese, Dr. Gerhart, Mrs. Ressler, ~~Mrs. Houck~~, Mrs. Springborn, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shoemaker, ~~Mr. Boltz~~, ~~Dr. Mecca~~, ~~Mr. Mealy~~, Mr. Ludwig, ~~Mr. Dresch~~, Mrs. Hanichak, Lori Mosser, Board Secretary; and faculty/staff and community residents (in-person and via Zoom).

Board President Communications

- Welcome to everyone attending.
- A brief Executive Session will be held directly after the Regular Board of Education meeting tonight.
- Thanked staff and students for a successful school year.
- The FFA Banquet and the Barn Pitch were well received by those that attended.

Student Council Report

- Nicole Books, Student Council President, reported on the following activities:
 - For Teacher Appreciation Day, May 6, Student Council delivered doughnuts and coffee to teachers and staff as an act of appreciation.
 - Thursday, May 22, Student Council will be hosting a talent show and lawn lunch.
 - Thursday, May 22, will be the RaiderTHON End of Year Event to be held at the stadium 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Election of Treasurer

President Kahl opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Treasurer. Mr. Santos nominated Mr. Kramer for Treasurer. Seeing there were no other nominations, Mrs. Morrissey made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Ferrari. Mr. Kahl declared by unanimous consent that Mr. Kramer be elected Treasurer for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Election of Board Secretary

President Kahl opened the floor for nominations for the Office of School Board Secretary. Mr. Kramer nominated Lori Mosser for School Board Secretary. Seeing there were no other nominations, Mrs. Morrissey made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Moyer. Mr. Kahl declared by unanimous consent that Lori Mosser be elected School Board Secretary for the term July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029.

Presentation

- 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget – Mrs. Elaine Mathias, Business Manager

Board Committee and Rep Reports

- Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer
 - Policies 701 through 718 were reviewed and will move forward to first reading.
 - Policy 709.1 was recommended to be retired due to revisions in Policy 709.
 - Policies 317, 317.1, and 621 were reviewed and will move forward to first reading.
 - Committee discussed a draft of Policy 253; the policy will be sent to the solicitor for review.
- General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos
 - Utility Rate Analysts presented information on electric and natural gas rates and services.
 - Recommended approving a contract with Miller Flooring to coat and seal gymnasium floors.
 - Reviewed two proposals to add sound and AV equipment to High School music rooms.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - Mr. Ludwig presented an overview of the Food Service Program.
 - The IU13 Joint Authority Resolution was presented.
 - Recommended moving forward with agreements/contracts with Asset Control Solutions and CLEAR Residence Verification Tool.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner
 - Mrs. Shoemaker presented information on the Purple Star School designation.
 - Dr. Davis provided an overview of Federal Fund Grants and how those funds are utilized.
- Personnel Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey
 - New staff hires, staff resignations, and other staffing changes were discussed.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - Budget discussions are taking place.
 - Next meeting will be June 25, 2025.
- PSBA Report – Mr. David Ziegler
 - Check the PSBA website for information on the Infrastructure Campaign.
 - School Safety Summit to be held June 27, 2025.
- CTC Report – Mr. JP Santos
 - Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025.
 - Awards Program will be held May 22, 2025.
- Lebanon County Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. Thomas Ferrari, Jr.
 - No Report.
- ELCO Education Foundation – Mr. Howard Kramer
 - Meeting held May 13 where the Spring Grant recipients were selected.
 - Looking for people who would be interested in joining the Foundation Board.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 04-22-2025 were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's Report of 04-30-2025 was approved.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey, Chairperson

No Items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Morrissey, seconded by Mrs. Moyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Personnel Committee Items A -T were approved:

- A. Approved the employment of Cindy Hassler, as a part-time Food Service worker (subject to assignment) at an hourly rate of \$13.13, 5.0 hours/day (10-month position) start date effective and retroactive to May 13, 2025, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.
Background: This position is being filled due to a resignation.
- B. Approved the employment of Brianna Wentzel, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional (subject to assignment), at an hourly rate of \$15.07, 7.5 hours/day (10-month position), start date effective TBD, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.
Background: This position is being filled due to a resignation.
- C. Approved a change in the employment status of Kimberly Wilson *from* Assistant Director of Food Services/Middle School Manager *to* Assistant Director of Food Services at an hourly rate of \$28.27, 8.0 hours/day (10-month position) effective May 20, 2025.
Background: This change in position title is a result of restructuring in the Food Service Department.
- D. Approved a wage adjustment for part-time/full-time Food Service Workers as part of the review of food service wages within the District, effective May 20, 2025. (Board Attachment)
Background: This review was presented to the Personnel Committee in April 2025 and Finance Committee in May 2025; both committees recommend and support the wage adjustments. Compensation adjustments are incorporated into the Food Service budget.
- E. Accepted a "Letter of Retirement" from Judy Umbenhauer, Technology Integrator, effective July 31, 2025.
- F. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Kirsten Whitman, Paraprofessional, effective June 5, 2025.
- G. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Nadia Kazimirova, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to May 15, 2025.
- H. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Allison Wagner, JV Girls Soccer Coach, effective and retroactive to April 17, 2025.
- I. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from John Carley, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, effective and retroactive to May 14, 2025.

- J. Approved the following staff members to assist the Technology Department this summer, beginning July 7, 2025, through August 7, 2025, for 3.5 hours/day at their current hourly rate.
Background: Job responsibilities will include updating, backing up, and preparing student iPads for the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. This staffing request has been budgeted.

Kelly Blakeslee	Leann Clark
Erica Fisher	Melanie Kauffman

- K. Approved the following teachers to serve as ELCO+ summer schoolteachers at a rate of \$155/day from June 23, 2025, through July 31, 2025, as listed:
Background: Teachers will support students enrolled in the secondary ELCO+ credit recovery program.

Kelly Espenshade	Sara Faust
Mitchell Gray	Matthew Landis

- L. Approved the following 2025 SPA teachers at a rate of \$155/day, as listed:

Alysha Burkholder	Kathleen Jackson
McKenna Kolovani	Krysta Krause
Haley Thunberg	

- M. Approved the following 2025 SPA paraprofessionals at a rate of \$60/day, pending receipt of all required documentation (as needed), as listed:

Mary Gassert	Lindsay Laysen
Jaycee Schott	Sharon Stewart

- N. Approved the following Specialized Paraprofessional to support Extended School Year (ESY) services at their individualized hourly rate for the 2024-2025 school year, during the period of June 23, 2025, through July 24, 2025.
Background: Paraprofessional staff are needed to support district-operated based ESY programs during Summer 2025.

Brianna Wentzel

- O. Approved the following paraprofessionals to serve as Specialized Paraprofessionals with a temporary \$2.00/hour rate increase to support Extended School Year (ESY) services, during the period of June 16, 2025, through July 17, 2025, as listed:
Background: This increase in compensation reflects a temporary hourly rate adjustment due to the additional responsibilities while serving as a Specialized Paraprofessional.

Haley Thunberg	Kiri Arndt
Crystal Kimmel	

- P. Approved the following ELCO teachers to provide Extended School Year (ESY) services to students at their individual per diem hourly rate, during the period of June 16, 2025, through July 17, 2025, as listed:
Background: The District will provide ESY services to students attending district-operated special education programming during Summer 2025.

Diane Bidelspach	Kendra Heck
Haley Thunberg	Kelsey Thorley

- Q. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Zachary Cook, High School Social Studies teacher, in the amount of \$577.50 for unanticipated work during the period of January 8, 2025, through January 31, 2025.
Background: The additional work was due to a teacher on leave.

- R. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Richard Casterline, High School Social Studies teacher, in the amount of \$157.50 for unanticipated work during the period of January 8, 2025, through January 17, 2025.
Background: The additional work was due to a teacher on leave.
- S. Approved the following individuals as 2025 Summer Weight Room Monitors, as listed:
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| Robert Miller | Robert Williams |
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- T. Approved adding the following individuals to the ELCO volunteer listing for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed, (noting all required documentation, clearances, and trainings are on file):
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| Eric Brandt | Mary Drahovsky | Stephanie Ebersole |
| Benjamin Fisher | Zachary Kuhn | Joshua Melendez |
| Lauren Shuey | Tyler Stricker | Travis Thome |
| Emily VanOverbeke | Donna Zercher | Brian Marquette |
| Amy Grube | Autumn Brungart | Hayley Bollinger-Bucher |
| Stephanie Eachus | DeAndre Clark | Tynea Holloman |
| Stephanie Sayer | Mikayla Sampson | Kyle Foore |
| Nicole Yohn | Khyle Keener | Altagracia Pena |

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner, Chairperson

Item F separated for Roll Call Vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Mrs. Moyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Curriculum Committee Items A - E were approved:

- A. Approved a trip and travel request from Madison Balthaser, FFA Advisor, chaperones and approximately 30 FFA students, to travel and participate in the State FFA Convention to be held June 10-13, 2025, at Penn State University, State College, PA.
Background: This is an annual event. The costs have been budgeted.
- B. Approved a trip and travel request from Liana Raihl, Varsity Head Cheerleading Coach, chaperones, and approximately 27 students, to travel and participate in the Pine Forest Cheerleading Team Camp, to be held June 14-17, 2025, Pine Forest Camp, Greeley, PA.
Background: The costs of this trip will be shared by both students/parents and the Booster Club.
- C. Approved a trip and travel request from Matthew Fittery, Varsity Head Wrestling Coach, Craig Ziegler, Assistant Coach, and approximately 40 students, to travel and participate in the Lycoming College Wrestling Team Camp, to be held June 21-24, 2025, Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA.
Background: The costs of this trip will be shared by both students/parents and the Booster Club.
- D. Approved a trip and travel request from Brad Connors, Head Varsity Basketball Coach, Wes Soto and Doug Strickler, Assistant Coaches, and approximately 20 students to travel and participate in the Jack McCloskey Basketball Camp to be held July 18-20, 2025, at Alvernia College, Reading, PA.
Background: The costs of this trip will be shared by both students/parents and the Booster Club.
- E. Approved the listing of the 2025 graduating seniors, pending successful completion of all requirements. (Board Attachment)

A motion was made by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Mrs. Moyer and approved by unanimous Roll Call vote, 9 voting Aye, and 0 voting Nay, Curriculum Item F was approved.

Mr. Ziegler – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mr. Ferrari – Aye
 Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Aye
 Mr. Kahl - Aye

- F. Approved Eastern Lebanon County School District Resolution #05-19-2025-I. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)
Background: This was discussed in Curriculum Committee and is moving forward on their recommendation. This resolution was created as part of the Purple Star School application process.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer, Chairperson

Item U was separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mrs. Kantner and approved by Voice vote, 9-0, Policy Committee Items A – T were approved:

- A. Approved Policy 701 – Facilities Planning for the first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to the policy; the review date will change.
- B. Approved Policy 702 – Gifts, Grants, Donations for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to the policy; the review date will change.
- C. Approved Policy 702.1 – Crowdfunding for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This is a new policy being recommended by PSBA. The committee reviewed the draft policy and recommended moving forward to first reading.
- D. Approved Policy 703 – Sanitary Management for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to this policy; the review date will change.
- E. Approved Policy 704 – Maintenance for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Added recommended language on maintaining an inventory of critical spare parts.
- F. Approved Policy 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. The policy title was changed to “Safety and Loss Control” to more accurately reflect the updated policy content. Removed redundancy of language more appropriately addressed in Policy 805: Emergency Preparedness and Response. Language was also added to comply with health and safety plans.
- G. Approved Policy 705.1 – School Police Equipment for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. PSBA recommends retiring this policy, but the committee decided to keep this as a stand-alone policy due to the fact that ELCO does have a police force. No revisions were made to current policy.

- H. Approved Policy 706 – Property Records for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Minor language changes to reflect a timeframe in which inventory should be completed.
- I. Approved Policy 706.1 – Disposal of Surplus Property for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Minor language changes for better clarity.
- J. Approved Policy 707 – Use of School Facilities for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Revisions were made to remove the brand name of tobacco or vaping products from the policy.
- K. Approved Policy 708 – Lending Equipment and Books for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Language was removed from the district’s purpose statement to eliminate redundancy for requests submitted in writing.
- L. Approved Policy 709 - Building Security for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Language specific to audio recordings or recording devices in locker rooms and restrooms was removed due to concerns with the law, including privacy protections under FERPA.
- M. Retired Policy 709.1 – Camera Surveillance for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. PSBA recommends retiring this policy. Language related to camera surveillance has been included in Policy 709.
- N. Approved Policy 710 – Use of Facilities by Staff for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to this policy; the review date will change.
- O. Approved Policy 716 – Integrated Pest Management for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to this policy; the review date will change.
- P. Approved Policy 717 – Cellular Telephones and Radios for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. The committee decided to maintain the current policy, “Cellular Telephones and Radios,” and to retain the language about radios.
- Q. Approved Policy 718 – Service Animals in Schools for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. There are no revisions to this policy; the review date will change.
- R. Approved Policy 621 – Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Minor revisions were made to the policy and the Administrative Regulation to reflect the current eligible taxes.
- S. Approved Policy 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. The policy was updated to reflect the Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for educators.
- T. Approved Policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. This policy contains minor language updates to comply with current regulations.

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Ondrusek and approved by Voice vote, 9-0, Policy Committee Item U was approved:

U. Approved the following policies (revised/reviewed/and/or new) for 2nd reading. (Board Attachment)

1. Policy 614 – Payroll Authorization
2. Policy 615 – Payroll Deductions
3. Policy 616 – Payment of Bills
4. Policy 617 – Petty Cash
5. Policy 618 - Student Activity Funds
6. Policy 619 – District Auditing
7. Policy 620 – Fund Balancing
8. Policy 622 - GASB Statement 34
9. Policy 624 - Taxable Fringe Benefits
10. Policy 625 – Credit Cards
11. Policy 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement
12. Policy 715- Commercial Advertising, Partnerships, Sponsorships and Naming Rights
13. Policy 807.1 – Display of Flags

General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mr. Santos and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, General Services Committee Items A - G were approved:

- A. Approved Miller Flooring Company to provide coating and sealing to the High School, Middle School, and the Intermediate School gymnasiums at a total cost of \$14,330.00. (Board Attachment)
Background: Annual summer gym coating and sealing to be contracted with Miller flooring with the price structure based upon Costars. This is a budgeted expense.
- B. Approved a proposal with NRG Building Services. LLC to purchase and install three (3) heat pump controllers at the Intermediate School at a cost of \$6,420.00. (Board Attachment)
Background: The current heat pump controllers are not operating; this is the cost to replace and install. This is a budgeted expense.
- C. Approved an agreement with Shenk Audio Design at a total cost of \$7,770.00, for audio and video solutions for the High School Music area. (Board Attachment)
Background: The agreement is for wall mounted speakers, amplifier, audio tuner, and wiring to projection units that were not part of the high school construction project and should be included in order to equip the band room, music lab, and choral room for instructional needs. This quote also included a short-throw projection unit for the band room due to the ceiling height. Costs have been budgeted.
- D. Allowing administration to enter into a 60-month retail adder agreement for electricity and an initial energy hedge for 50% of FY 2026 and 25% of FY 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, between (supplier – Constellation) (URA – School District Energy) and Eastern Lebanon County School District for all electric accounts. (Board Attachment)
Background: This motion will instruct Utility Rate Analysts (URA – School District Energy) to lock in prices when they are at or below the quotes provided in the agreement. The supplier will determine when the prices are locked in.

- E. Allowing administration to enter a 48-month fixed agreement for natural gas, between (supplier – WGL Energy) (URA – School District Energy) and Eastern Lebanon County School District for the High School, Middle School, and Maintenance Building and between (supplier – NRG) (URA – School District Energy) and Eastern Lebanon County for Jackson Elementary and Intermediate School.
Background: This motion will instruct Utility Rate Analysts (URA – School District Energy) to lock in prices when they are at or below the quotes provided in the agreement. The supplier will determine when the prices are locked in.
- F. Approved the January 29, 2025, and the April 23, 2025, meeting minutes of the ELCO Agricultural Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC). (Board Attachment)
- G. Approved the 2024-2025 ELCO Agricultural Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) members. (Board Attachment)

Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek, Chairperson

Items I and J were separated for Roll Call vote.

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Ferrari and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Finance Committee Items A - H were approved:

- A. Approved payment of bills as found listed and attached to the May 19, 2025, Board Agenda for payments made April 2025, in the amounts indicated: (Board Attachment)

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$2,594,461.85
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$189,141.50
Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Debt Service payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$107,980.70
Flex Spending Payments in the amount of	\$837.98
Student Activity payments in the amount of	\$30,190.52

- B. Approved the renewal to the “Wellspan Sports Medicine and Physician Services Agreement” with Wellspan Medical Group for sport medicine and physician services for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, with no change in rates or services. (Board Attachment)

Background: This is an annual approval for services which have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year. This agreement was initially board approved in July 2024. This is a budgeted expense.

- C. Approved an agreement with John Paul II Learning Center to provide Extended School Year (ESY) services for two (2) secondary students.

Background: This is an approval for ESY services from June 23, 2025, through August 7, 2025. This is a budgeted expense.

- D. Approved a contract with Asset Control Solutions to provide an on-site assets inventory service to inventory, evaluate and report on the building’s movable assets and site improvements at a cost of \$7,250.00 (Board Attachment)

Background: This service is needed to provide GASB 34 values for the annual audit. The inventory and valuation process will include an inspection of all five (5) of our building locations. This is a budgeted expense.

- E. Accepted a three-year contract with Thomson Reuters CLEAR to provide a software platform to research student residency at a cost not to exceed \$13,406.60 annually. (Board Attachment)

Background: This tool will be used to research and verify student residency within the boundaries of the ELCO school district. This is a budgeted expense.

- F. Accepted a donation from emuamericas, llc in the amount of \$12,375.00 for 99 chairs.
- G. Approved Budget Transfers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. (Board Attachment)
- H. Granted authorization to submit the Treasurer's Reports for approval in September that would normally be presented during the months of June, July, and August.

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Zeigler and approved by Roll Call vote 9 voting Aye, and 0 voting Nay, Finance Item I was approved.

Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mr. Ziegler – Aye
 Mr. Ferrari – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Aye
 Mr. Kahl - Aye

- I. Approved Resolution #05-19-2025 II to extend the life of the Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority for the period ending May 1, 2075. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Mr. Kramer a Roll Call vote was taken, 4 voting Aye and 5 voting Nay, the motion for Finance Item J was lost.

Mr. Santos – Nay
 Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mr. Ferrari – Nay
 Mr. Ziegler – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Nay
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Nay
 Mrs. Moyer – Nay
 Mr. Kahl - Aye

- J. *Move to approve the Proposed Final 2025-2026 ELCO School District General Fund Budget. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)*

Discussion was had.

Mr. Ferrari made a motion to approve Finance Item J at a 4.2% increase to the ELCO School District General Fund Budget, the motion was not seconded, the motion did not move forward.

- J. *Move to approve the Proposed Final 2025-2026 ELCO School District General Fund Budget. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)*

Discussion was had.

Mr. Santos made a motion to approve Finance Item J at a 4.0% increase to the ELCO School District General Fund Budget, seconded by Mr. Ondrusek, a Roll Call vote was taken, 4 voting Aye and 5 voting Nay, the motion for Finance Item J was lost.

Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mr. Ziegler – Nay
 Mr. Ferrari – Nay

Mr. Kramer – Nay
 Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Nay
 Mr. Kahl – Nay

*J. Move to approve the Proposed Final 2025-2026 ELCO School District General Fund Budget.
 (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)*

Discussion was had.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Ferrari made a motion to approve Finance Item J at a 4.4% increase to the ELCO School District General Fund Budget, seconded by Mr. Kramer, a Roll Call vote was taken, 4 voting Aye and 5 voting Nay, the motion for Finance Item J was lost.

Mr. Zeigler – Nay
 Mr. Ondrusek – Nay
 Mrs. Kantner – Nay
 Mr. Ferrari – Aye
 Mr. Kramer -Aye
 Mr. Santos – Nay
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Nay
 Mr. Kahl – Aye

*J. Move to approve the Proposed Final 2025-2026 ELCO School District General Fund Budget.
 (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)*

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve Finance Item J at a 4.5% increase to the ELCO School District General Fund Budget, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, a Roll Call vote was taken, 5 voting Aye and 4 voting Nay, the motion for Finance Item J was approved.

Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mr. Santos – Nay
 Mr. Ondrusek – Nay
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Nay
 Mr. Ziegler – Aye
 Mr. Ferrari – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Nay
 Mr. Kahl - Aye

*J. Approved the Proposed Final 2025-2026 ELCO School District General Fund Budget.
 (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)*

Superintendent's Report

Principals Report:

Mrs. Megan Ressler – Jackson Elementary School

- Our 2nd graders will be visiting Lake Tobias on Monday, May 20. They will have many opportunities for hands on learning experiences.

- June 2, 2025, our 2nd graders will be visiting the Intermediate School. They will “move up” to visit the classroom of the next grade level and meet future teachers.
- We are gearing up for our Summer Pre-K Academy (SPA) program. Invitations will be sent home to eligible families.

Mrs. Ressler on behalf of Mrs. Houck – Fort Zeller Elementary

- Our 2nd graders will be visiting Lake Tobias on Wednesday, May 15. They will experience animal exhibits and go on a safari tour.
- June 3, 2025, our 2nd graders will be visiting the Intermediate School. They will tour the building and get a preview of what is to come next school year.
- We are gearing up for our SPA program. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who worked hard with the kindergarten screenings and the preparations for the SPA program.

Mr. Michael Gerhart – ELCO Intermediate School

- 5th grade camp will take place May 27-28, 2025.
- Move Up day will be June 2, 2025.

Mr. Jonathan Treese – ELCO Middle School

- Our school counselors Mrs. Garrison and Miss Wagner did an excellent job organizing the event and engaging our students with Career Day presentations. Each student completed a career interest assessment that guided the career session they attended.

Ms. Jennifer Haas – ELCO High School

- Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce held their annual Excellence in Education event which celebrated our top 5% in the 2025 graduating class.
- Our annual Scholarship and Awards Night will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.

Directors Reports:

- Mrs. Amy Shoemaker, Director of Pupil Services
 - Our Raider Pantry and Caring Closet , both located at the Middle School have been utilized by our families this school year. Approximately 40 different families have accessed one or both, with over 130 total visits. The pantry and closet continue to be stocked by donations from staff, families, and various school clubs. A huge supporter of the pantry has been the Women’s Club of Myerstown and Mrs. Holly Hartman’s Lead for Change students who were awarded a \$1000 grant they used to go shopping for the Caring Closet.
- Mrs. Amy Shoemaker on behalf of Dr. Kimberly Mecca, Director of Special Education
 - Mrs. Ann Leaman, Autistic Support teacher at the High School was awarded a \$1000 grant from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Nu Chapter. Ms. Leaman plans on purchasing a smart cash register with scanner and receipt abilities to simulate real life shopping scenarios that can be supported by our IT department.
- Mrs. Vicente on behalf of Mr. Robert Boltz, Director of Technology
 - The IT staff is in the process of upgrading all instructional staff laptops and iPads.
 - iPad collection dates have been set for each building.
 - High School parents of students in grades 9 -11 will receive an email next week informing them they may complete a consent form in PowerSchool if their child needs his/her iPad this summer for educational needs.
- Mrs. Vicente on behalf of Mr. Tommy Mealy, Athletic Director
 - Our Boys Tennis Team qualified for the 2A Team Tournament for the first time since 2015.
 - Our Softball Team played in the District III 4A quarterfinals today against Middletown and won. They are now heading to the District III 4A semi-finals.
 - Congratulations to Track and Field senior McKenna Haas for placing in both the long and triple jump at the District III 3A Championships this past weekend. Her 2nd place finish in the triple jump qualifies her for the PIAA Championships this weekend at Shippensburg University.

Mrs. Vicente shared the following:

- Our ELCO Art Show was held May 14 at the High School. This Celebration of the Arts showcased works of art from students in grades K through 12. A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated art teachers for their guidance, passion, and commitment to our students.
- Congratulations to our own Naomi Hibshman on becoming a published poet. Her poem “Green” will be published in the Fall 2025 Celebration of Poet’s Anthology. Mrs. Vicente shared her poem with the directors and audience members.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

May 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – High School Awards Program
 May 22, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Lebanon CTC Awards Program, Lebanon Expo Center
 May 23, 2025 – In-Service Exchange Day – NO SCHOOL for students K-12
 May 26, 2025 – SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day
 May 27, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at Millcreek Lutheran Church, Newmanstown
 May 29, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Commencement
 June 5, 2025 - Last Day for Students (Early Dismissal)
 June 6, 2025 – Records and Reports Day for teachers
 June 9, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. – Policy Committee Meeting
 June 10, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. - General Services Committee Meeting
 June 10, 2025 – 5:45 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting
 June 12, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – Curriculum Committee Meeting
 June 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee Meeting
 June 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- Barb Seyfert – spoke on the hardship a tax increase will have on many property owners.
- Sarah Bair – from the Myerstown Library spoke about the many summer programs the library will be offering to students of all ages.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mr. Ferrari – with the Memorial Day approaching, he wanted to thank our Veterans for their service. Very impressed with how community showed up at the Art Show.
- Mrs. Morrissey – enjoyed her time as a Junior Achievement volunteer. Thought the FFA banquet was incredible. The FFA students were very impressive.
- Mrs. Kantner – Spoke of the FFA Banquet and how wonderful it was.
- Mr. Ondrusek – Spoke of how proud he is of our FFA students.
- Mr. Santos – Encouraged board members to talk to community members about the proposed budget increase.
- Mr. Kramer – Spoke of how the programs ELCO offers our students that enhance their educational experience comes at a cost.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Morrissey and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Kahl adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Mosser
Board Secretary