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EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00 PM - Elementary Cafeteria

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

This is a public meeting of the East Knox Board of Education for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Board Members: Lindsay Bush - President, Randy Reese – Vice President, Larry Campbell, Alan Huffman, Kathy Tate

A. Call to Order

The President calls the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

The President calls the roll.

L. Bush
L. Campbell
A. Huffman
R. Reese
K. Tate

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

L. Bush
L. Campbell
A. Huffman
R. Reese
K. Tate

D. Presentations

- Award from Auditor of State – Scott Brown
- Recognize Jason Ewalt – Track Coach
- ***Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 presenting – Ava Hoobler – 6th grade, 3rd place award***
- ***Girl Scout Troop 7618 – Silver Project – Emily Norris and Olivia Derr.***

E. Public Hearing

Opportunity for Public to comment on IDEA part B Funds.

F. Public Participation

- Please see Board Policy #0169.1

G. Treasurer Report

- Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid FY25 General Fund

H. Building Reports

- Elementary

- Jr./Sr. High School

- Athletics

I. Superintendent Report and Board Discussion

- Updates/Discussion Items
    - Strategic Plan Update
    - Spanish Teacher Update
- Ariel Atkinson – Student Board Representative

J. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the renewal of liability, fleet, crime, and property insurance with Ohio School Plan for the period July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 at a cost not to exceed ***$75,153***.

Recommendation to approve the first reading of the revised calendar for the school year 2025-2026. The staff/students will now attend school on April 6, 2026. December 1, 2025 will be a day off for staff/students.

Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mount Vernon Nazarene University for College Credit Plus as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve an agreement with Edmentum for instructional programming for the JR/SR High from August 5, 2025-August 4, 2026 for a cost of $16,100.

Recommendation to approve an agreement with NWEA for instructional programming for the Elementary and JR/SR High from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2030 for a cost of $84,735 for the five-year period.

Recommendation to approve the renewal agreement with META for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 for Lightspeed filter services for $5,591.20.

Recommendation to approve the purchase from X-Tek Partners for grades K-1 Chromebooks and accessories for $86,740.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Buckeye Power Sales for a six-year maintenance agreement for the elementary generator for $1,460 annually.

Recommendation to approve the contract addendum agreement from Active Technology Services DBA: Finalsite for CMS mobile app for the district website from May 9, 2025-June 30, 2030 as exhibited.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Martin Public Seating for folding cafeteria tables at the jr./sr. high school for $27,884.09.

Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between East Knox Local School District Board of Education and the East Knox Education Association to add Junior Varsity Cheerleader Coach to Group III, as presented.

Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between East Knox Local School District Board of Education and the East Knox Education Association for Orton-Gillingham reading training, as presented.

Recommendation to approve the service agreement for educational services with Boundless Behavioral Health, Inc. for Extended School Year Services for student #3817 for Summer 2025 for a monthly cost of $3,677.

Recommendation to approve the contract with DBA Catalyst Life Services for the 2025-2026 school year for audio-logical services at $100 per hour on an as needed basis.

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

NAMING OF THE EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Ewalt has served the East Knox Local School District and Community for the past 35 years as Varsity Track Coach, and

WHEREAS, Coach Ewalt founded the East Knox Local Schools Track Team, and

WHEREAS, as the coach and mentor of thousands of student athletes has not only led them to excel in competition, teaching them about the sport, but also serving as a role model and teaching them lifelong skills, goals, and lessons.

WHEREAS, the commitment to the students of East Knox and the community as a whole, his efforts for the students and community will be of benefit forever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the East Knox Local School District, on this 8th day of May, two-thousand and twenty-five, hereby proclaims that the East Knox Local Schools Track and Field Facility be hereafter named ***Jason Ewalt Track and Field Complex***.

Recommendation to accept the quote from Frontline Education for a comparative analytics subscription from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for $5,000.

Recommendation to approve the service agreement beginning August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 with Knox County Educational Service Center for the 2025-2026 school year for contracted special education and preschool services.

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Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (USAS 070) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING RESOURCES FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS AND AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COST CENTERS THEREIN; AUTHORIZING A TERMINATION BENEFITS FUND (USAS 035) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING TERMINATION BENEFITS OR PAYING SALARIES WHEN THE NUMBER OF PAY PERIODS EXCEEDS THE USUSAL AND CUSTOMARY FOR A YEAR; AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS TO BOTH OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND (USAS 001) TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (USAS 003)

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.13; 5705.14)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C), the board of education of a school district may establish a capital projects fund for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets of the school district;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish and maintain a capital projects fund for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, and/or improvement of fixed assets necessary to meet on-going and future capital needs of the School District as set forth hereinbelow;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(B), the board of education of a school district may establish a termination benefits fund for the purpose of paying termination benefits of its officers or employees or paying salaries when the number of pay periods exceeds the usual and customary for a year;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish and maintain a termination benefits fund for the purpose of paying termination benefits of its officers or employees or paying salaries when the number of pay periods exceeds the usual and customary for a year;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reimburse the Permanent Improvement Fund from the General Fund for the purchase of motor vehicles for student and handicapped student transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the East Knox Local School District, Knox, Coshocton and Licking Counties, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby establishes a capital projects fund (the "Capital Projects Fund") to be used for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, and/or improvement of fixed assets (within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C)) necessary to meet the on-going and future capital needs of the School District. The fixed assets that the Board intends to acquire, construct, and/or improve with the money to be accumulated in the Capital Projects Fund includes, but is not limited to, building remodeling, technology and curriculum updates on a five-year cycle, bus facility improvements, HVAC upgrades and other capital expenditures of the School District, as further described on Exhibit A attached hereto (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish such special cost centers within the Capital Projects Fund related to the Project as necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution. The Capital Projects Fund shall be funded over a maximum period of ten (10) years by: (1) transfers of School District funds for the Project; (2) donations from outside the School District for the Project; and (3) by transfers of other amounts from such funds and sources as the Board may determine from time to time, which transfers by separate resolutions of the Board shall determine the amount of money to be accumulated for the aforementioned purposes. The Board hereby authorizes an initial transfer of $12,500,00 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the acquisition, construction, and/or improvement of the fixed assets described herein.

Section 3. If the School District has not entered into a contract for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets relating to the Capital Projects Fund during a period of ten (10) years after the date of initial establishment of such fund, then the Treasurer shall return such monies to the fund or funds from which they originated or to the fund that originally was intended to receive such monies.

Section 4. The Board hereby establishes a termination benefits fund (the "Termination Benefits Fund") to be used for the purpose of paying termination benefits of its officers or employees upon future termination or retirement or paying salaries when the number of pay periods exceeds the usual and customary for a year (within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(B)).

Section 5. The Termination Benefits Fund shall be funded by transfers of School District funds for such payments. The Board hereby authorizes an initial transfer of $350,000 from the General Fund to the Termination Benefits Fund. Additional transfers of other amounts from such funds and sources as the Board may determine from time to time may be approved by the Board by separate resolutions. Interest on the Termination Benefits Fund shall be credited to such fund.

Section 6. The Board hereby authorizes a transfer from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund in the approximate amount of $187,918 to reimburse the Permanent Improvement Fund for the purchase of motor vehicles for student and handicapped student transportation.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

L. Bush
L. Campbell
A. Huffman
R. Reese
K. Tate

K. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 board meeting.

Recommendation to approve the April 2025 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to accept with appreciation and gratitude, the donation(s) as follows:

From	Amount	To
Ohio FFA Foundation	$1,500	FFA for Golden Owl Finalist
Ohio FFA Foundation	$5,000	FFA for Golden Owl Winner
Pamela Magers	$25	FFA in memory of Carol Didinger
Mickley Farms LLC	$100	FFA in memory of Carol Didinger
Knox Community Hospital (2017 Yamaha Gas Golf Cart)	***$4,995***	***EK Athletic Department***

Recommendation to approve the Budgetary Amendment(s) as follows:

001	General Fund	$13,237,310.70
300	District Managed Student Activity	$6,500.00
200	Student Activity	$515.00
002	***Bond Retirement***	***$273.84***
004	***Building Fund***	***$759.00***
035	***Termination Benefits***	***$100,000.00***

Recommendation to approve the Five-Year Forecast as presented.

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L. Personnel—(Subject to proper placement on the salary scale, contingent upon favorable report from the BCII/FBI, and receipt of proper certification.)

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Abbigail Lester, classroom teacher, at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year.

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Mackenzie Rogers, classroom teacher, at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year.

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Elizabeth Gallogly, food service, at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year.

Recommendation to approve 10-extended days for Shannon Sprang, Principal, to be worked in June/July 2025 at her 2025/2026 daily rate.

Recommendation to approve an administrative contract for David Coleman, Elementary Assistant Principal, from August 1, 2025- July 31, 2026, Step 0, contract days 220.

Recommendation to employ Callie Proper on a one-year limited teaching contract for the 2025-2026 school year, BA, Step 0.

Recommendation to approve the renewal of certificated/teaching contracts as follows effective with the 2025-2026 school year. Note: Contracts must be electronically signed by May 23, 2025 or the contract offer may, at the Superintendent's sole discretion, be considered withdrawn.

One-Year 2025-2026

Austin	Allen	BA/150	5	Alternate Scale
Gabrielle	Burkhalter	BA	2	Alternate Scale
McKenna	Cannon	BA	4	Alternate Scale
Samantha	Carey	BA/150	3	Alternate Scale
Rebecca	Dangerfield	BA/150	5	Alternate Scale
Brian	Dodd	BA/150	0	Alternate Scale
Joshua	Egan	BA	3	Alternate Scale

Abigail	Ellsworth	BA	3	Alternate Scale
Madison	Eyler	BA	3	Alternate Scale
Rebecca	Gaines	BA	3	Alternate Scale
Leah	Gatton	BA	3	Alternate Scale
Abigail	Grandstaff	MA	5	Alternate Scale
Ellie	Hagy	BA	1	Alternate Scale
Samantha	Hawn	MA	9	Alternate Scale
Jerry	Jacobs	BA/150	12	Alternate Scale
Zachary	Jenney	BA	2	Alternate Scale
Halie	Lamb	MA	2	Alternate Scale
Keara	Latham	BA	1	Alternate Scale
Caleb	McNichols	BA	1	Alternate Scale
Lauren	Mohnasky	BA	4	Alternate Scale
Michal	Pfettscher	BA/150	3	Alternate Scale
Tara	Scarazza	MA	11	Alternate Scale
Kelsey	Sinzinger	MA	11	Alternate Scale
Margaret	Snyder	BA	1	Alternate Scale
Bailey	Sprague	BA/150	3	Alternate Scale
Gage	Steinmetz	BA/150	2	Alternate Scale
Kailee	Wallace	BA	3	Alternate Scale
Kati	Weber	BA/150	11	Alternate Scale

Three-Year 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028

Kaley	Beam	MA	6	Alternate Scale
Curtis	Belcher	BA	5	Alternate Scale
Jessica	Bookmyer	MA	10	Original Scale
Megan	Bullock	MA+15	6	Alternate Scale
Ashley	Fowler	BA/150	4	Alternate Scale
James	Hanna	MA+15	9	Alternate Scale
Hannah	Hawkins	BA/150	4	Alternate Scale
Jason	McElroy	BA/150	10	Original Scale
Stephen	Sterling	BA/150	10	Original Scale
Kelsey	Walters	BA	4	Alternate Scale

Recommendation to approve 25 extended days for Tara Scarazza for the 2025-2026 school year, $7,676.

Recommendation to approve the following for summer school classes for the summer of 2025.

Gabrielle Burkhalter – Elementary Summer School Teacher
McKenna Cannon – Elementary Summer School Teacher
Angelique Van Rhoden - Elementary Summer School Aide
Paula Kapper – Elementary Summer School Aide
Ron Fannin – Elementary Summer School Coordinator
David Keck – Jr./Sr. High Summer School Teacher
Alicia Simmons – Jr./Sr. High Summer School Coordinator
Angelique Van Rhoden – Summer School Bus Driver, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate
April Hawkins – Summer School Bus Driver, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate
Kris Oldaker – Summer School Bus Driver, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate
Roxanna Burch – Summer School Bus Driver, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate
Jessica Claggett – Summer School Food Service, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate
Rebecca Casebolt - Summer School Food Service, at their 2024-2025 hourly rate

Recommendation to non-renew the following long term substitute teacher contract:

Jaimye Weaver

Recommendation to approve the KCESC board approved substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

Emma Hagy
Joseph Paul Johnson II
Kaitlyn Cecelia Grace Kimball
James Robert Long

Recommendation to non-renew, as an annual course of action, the following non-teaching contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Assistant Baseball	Derrick Steinmetz
Head Track-Boys	Jason Ewalt
Assistant Track	Brent Lange
Assistant Softball	Cameron Bailey

Recommendation to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tammy Lemley	Head Cheerleading	Step 1
Alyssa Merritt	JH Cheerleading	Step 0
Karen Meade	JH Cross County	Step 1
Ron Looney	Head Girls Basketball	Step 0
Megan Moledor	National Honor Society	Step 1
Brian Dodd	Marching Band Director	Step 1
Aaron Vance	Asst. Marching Band Director	Step 1
Nyssa Luckey	Flag Advisor	Step 3
Olivia Campbell	Majorette Advisor	Step 5
Tisha Mickley-Melick	Senior Class Advisor	Step 3
Tisha Mickley-Melick	Senior Class Advisor	Step 3
Fawnda Bible-Stahl	Junior Class Advisor	Step 4
Curtis Belcher	Junior Class Advisor	Step 1
Amber Carpenter	Jr./Sr. High PBIS Advisor	Step 1
Kailee Wallace	Elementary PBIS Advisor	Step 0
Megan Bullock	Play Directory	Step 2
Amber Carpenter	FCCLA Advisor	Step 7
Samantha Carey	Elementary Yearbook Advisor	Step 1
Lauren Mohnasky	Elementary Spelling Bee	Step 0
Gage Steinmetz	Jr./Sr. High Spelling Bee	Step 2
Elizabeth Pozderac	Yearbook Advisor	Step 8
James Price	JH Assist. Football	Step 3
John Ryan Shotts	JH Assist Football	Step 1
Elizabeth Pozderac	Head Bowling	Step 4
Lindsay Jensen	Assist. Bowling	Step 1

Recommendation to pay the following teacher stipends for proof of completion of the Science of Reading Training (full cost of stipend reimbursed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce):

Bailey Sprague	Pathway C	$1,200
Kelsey Sinzinger	Pathway E	$400

Hannah Hawkins	Pathway C	$1,200
Caleb McNichols	Pathway E	$400
Elizabeth Clark	***Pathway E***	***$400***

Recommendation to approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tyler Sabo	Cross Country Coach
Jared Stein	Jr. High Football

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Recommendation to approve Krista Reese as the Elementary Summer School Aide for summer school classes for the summer of 2025.

Recommendation pay Cody Reese a $450 stipend for OLi4 project completion (stipend reimbursed by University of Cincinnati).

L. Bush
L. Campbell
A. Huffman
R. Reese-abstain
K. Tate

M. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.

L. Bush
L. Campbell
A. Huffman
R. Reese
K. Tate