June 18, 2025, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

A. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The President directed a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. James Hanna-staff member.

B. Roll Call

President called the roll:

Ms. Lindsay Bush, here
Mr. Larry Campbell, here
Mr. Alan Huffman, here
Mr. Randy Reese, here
Mrs. Kathy Tate, absent – arrived 6:08 pm

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

25-048 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mr. Reese moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: Mrs. Tate – absent. All Others Present-Yes.
Motion carried.

D. Presentation(s) and Awards

- Presentation of class overnight field trips:
  - Leah Gatton – Belize - 2026
  - Amber Carpenter – England/France – 2027 (11th and 12th grades)

- 2025 Spring Athletic Awards

Softball

-Lydia Hill—2nd Team All-KMAC; 2nd Team All-District
-Cloe Tucker—Honorable Mention All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-District
-Ariana Talbott—KMAC All-Academic

Baseball

-Caden Ridenour—1st Team All-KMAC; 2nd Team All-District
-Luke Holsinger—1st Team All-KMAC; 1st Team All-District
-Shane Gardner—2nd Team All-KMAC; 1st Team All-District
-Caleb Armstrong—2nd Team All-KMAC; 2nd Team All-District
-Jaxon Lester—Honorable Mention All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-District
-Wayde Denuit—All-KMAC Academic

Track & Field

Girls

-Ava Faucett—State Qualifier; 1st Team All-KMAC; 2nd Team All-KMAC
-Cloe Tucker—State Qualifier; 1st Team All-KMAC; Academic All-Ohio
-Macie Fawcett—State Qualifier; 1st Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC; Academic All-Ohio
-Isabelle Bostic—State Qualifier; 1st Team All-KMAC; 2nd Team All-KMAC; Academic All-Ohio
-Adrian Clutter—KMAC All-Academic
-Isabella Grennell—State Qualifier; 2nd Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC

Boys

-Corbin Poff-Wengerd—State Qualifier; 1st Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC; KMAC Field Athlete of the Year
-Sylas Lamneck—State Qualifier; 2nd Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Logan Clark—State Qualifier; 2nd Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Cason Faucett--State Qualifier; 2nd Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Logan Hercenberg--2nd Team All-KMAC; Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Weston Bostic—State Qualifier; Academic All-Ohio
-Logan Whitney--Honorable Mention All-KMAC; KMAC All-Academic
-Bryer Korosec--Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Kaiden Clutter--Honorable Mention All-KMAC
-Lucas Holland-- Honorable Mention All-KMAC

E. Public Participation

- Please see Board Policy #0169.1
    - Sara Larnet – utilizing the Bladensburg ball fields for youth baseball programming.

F. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025 regular board meeting and the public hearing minutes.

Recommendation to approve the May 2025 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to authorize the treasurer to make year-end financial adjustments as necessary.

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

From	Amount	To
Anonymous	$278	FFA

Recommendation that the board authorizes the treasurer to appropriate up to $10,000 to MicroImage, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year for old student and fiscal records for permanent retention electronically per the agreement board approved on November 15, 2018.

Recommendation to approve the following Fiscal Year 2026 student activity accounts (pending submission of purpose and budget statement by activity advisors):

200-9110 Art Club
200-9130 Drama Fund
200-9302 Spanish Club
200-9310 JH Student Council
200-9320 F.C.C.L.A.
200-9330 F.F.A.
200-9026 Class of 2026
200-9027 Class of 2027
200-9630 Life Skills Class
200-9680 Yearbook Fund
200-9690 EK Elementary K-6
200-9691 CBI
200-9710 National Honor Society
200-9304 Debate Club
200-9360 JR/SR High PBIS

Recommendation to approve the FY25 Budgetary Appropriations as presented.

070	Capital Projects	$	602,379.22
006	Food Services	$	(26,326.72)
009	School Supply	$	(2,250.00)
022	Custodial	$	534.00
024	Employee Benefits Fund	$	410,000.00
300	District Managed Student Activity	$	(3,009.45)
516	Part-B IDEA	$	(34,681.83)
536	School Improvement and Support	$	(52,611.46)
572	Title I	$	(95,060.13)
584	Title IV-A	$	(1,420.50)
590	Title IIA	$	(4,250.27)

Recommendation to approve the FY26 Estimated Revenues and Appropriations as follows:

		FY 2026 Estimated Revenues	FY 2026 Permanent Appropriations
General Fund			
001	General Fund	$16,569,071.00	$14,452,354.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
002	Bond Retirement	$1,794,960.00	$1,853,018.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS			
003	Permanent Improvement	$772,560.00	$578,585.00
070	Capital Projects Fund	$-	$1,425,000.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
006	Food Services	$514,500.00	$631,211.00
009	School Supply	$4,500.00	$4,200.00
035	Termination Benefits	$-	$100,000.00
AGENCY FUNDS			
200	Student Activity	***$56,535.00***	***$59,595.00***

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
018	Public School Support	$9,800.00	$12,000.00
019	Local Grants	$-	$14,500.00
024	Employee Benefits Fund	$2,445,000.00	$2,475,000.00
300	Athletics	$93,050.00	$94,900.00
516	Part-B IDEA	$21,955.06	$21,955.06
536	School Improvement and Support	$11,219.90	$11,219.90
572	Title I	$68,978.58	$68,978.58
584	Title IV-A	$-	
590	Title II-A	$-	
	TOTAL	***$22,362,129.54***	***$21,802,516.54***

25-049 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

G. Superintendent Report and Board Discussion

- Updates/Discussion Items
  - Strategic Plan Update
  - Year End Food Service Compliance Report
  - Review of Personnel
  - Review of Oversea Trips
  - Spanish Teacher Update

H. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the cyber insurance policy renewal through Hylant from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 for $8,845.

Recommendation to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the 2025-2026 school year for free breakfast and lunch programming for all K-12 students.

Recommendation to approve the second and final reading of the revised 2025-2026 calendar (to be published on www.ekschools.org website).

Recommendation to approve the Strategic Plan as provided.

Recommendation to approve Surrogate Parents for the 2025-2026 school year:

Julie Grinstead
Leslie Reid
Bonnie Buffington
Julie Borchers

Recommendation to approve a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Speer Mechanical for the Elementary School from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 at cost $3,180 and for the Junior/Senior High School from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 at a cost of $6,802.

Recommendation to approve the shared service agreement (.5 FTE) with KCCC for CBI instructional services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with Gaggle.Net, Inc. for archiving district accounts for the period July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 for an annual cost of $6,000.

Recommendation to approve the estimate from Wohlford Electric for lighting replacement in the elementary cafeteria for $15,730.

Recommendation to approve the estimate from Carson Fence for fencing and gates in the football stadium facility for $11,113.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Custom Cutters for replacement railing at the football stadium for $8,550.97

Recommendation to approve the estimate from Lasting Impressions Concrete LLC for concrete improvements throughout the campus for $26,406.

Recommendation to approve the order agreement from Daktronics for the purchase of baseball and softball scoreboards for $15,900.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Cover Up Building Systems for a 12 x 20 garage for vocational agricultural storage for $15,754.25.

Recommendation to approve the renewal service agreement from Southeast Security for $380.10 per month for BRIVO door access controls from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2030.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Mustin Mowing for mowing at the Bladensburg property at $325 per mow for Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Recommendation to approve the quote from VEX Robotics for 2 classroom bundles for $16,999.96. Cost to be paid from grant funds received from Knox County Foundation and federal funds.

Recommendation to approve the contract training services agreement with the Knox Technical Center for CTE programming for the 2025/2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve the managed services agreement with DataServ for resource as a service for technology support from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 for $109,738.91 per year.

Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 admission fees for athletic events as set by the Knox-Morrow Athletic Conference

Varsity Events

Adult $8.00
Student $5.00
*in season athlete $2.00

All Other Events
Adult $5.00
Student $3.00
*in season athlete $2.00

Recommendation to approve the final graduation list for May 18, 2025:

Elizabeth Janett Aeppli

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Brock Valley Bailey
Hayden John Baker
Koltin James Beckett
Hazel Kae Beshears
Deacon Scott Binegar
Ayris Nevaeh Blankenship
Aubrey Ann Breckler
Arielle Pearl Burney
Zandria Rose Carson
Brody Lee Casebolt
Payson James Chavis
Noah James Coontz
Hailey Jade Cornette
Bryanna Marie Dean
Wayde Shelby Denuit
Wyatt Mustang Denuit
Ella Grace Divan
Blake Alan Elliott
Peyton Eugene Finch
Shane Christopher Gardner
Ethan Daniel Garrett
Maria Nicole Goodman
Ayden Carter Grandstaff
Isabella Lea Grennell
April Ann Hartman
Alexzander Jed Higgins
Brittany Nicole Hill
Aidan Michael Holobaugh
Luke Josiah Holsinger
Aiden Nathanel Andrew Kapper
Parker William David Kimball
Bryer Daniel Korosec
Sarah Beth Landis
Alexa Marie Allan Mack
Alexander Matthew Marshall
Aubrey Jean McCoy
Hayden Thomas Merritt
Kadence Lynae Mickley
Brody Michael Mills
Laveda Anne Moran
McKenzie Elizabeth Marie Negron
Sydney Ellann Opfer
Jada Cheyanne Pack
Sawyer Lee Louis Plank
Corbin Franklin Poff-Wengerd
Adrianna Lee Price
Ashton Thomas Priest
Jaylen Elizabeth Pruitt
Farrah Laurel Ann Redman
Andrew Carl Rettig Jr.
Alex William Rhinebolt
Gabriel Carl Rine
Joslynn Grace Rine
Sarah Nichole Rosenberg
Gianna Rose Ruhe
Amari Ann Schmidt
Keira Ireland-Starr Sivits
Karson Dean Lewis Smith
Dylan James Springer
Chloe Rae Stevens
Ariana Joy Talbott
Chance William Temple
Chase Arlan Temple
Reese Michelle Todd
Reagan Carol Tokasz
Molly Jo Totten
Mason Sandy Tynes
Quentin Ernest White

Logan Adin Whitney

Recommendation to approve the contract with Cornerstone Pediatric Therapy LTD for physical therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year at $59 per hour.

Recommendations to approve the following overnight trips for 2026 & 2027:

Brian Dodd	8th-12thMarching Band Pigeon Forge/Nashville March 30-April 3, 2026
Leah Gatton	9th-12th grd. Belize June 6-16, 2026
Amber Carpenter	London, England and Paris France (11th-12th grd.) March 21-April 1, 2027

25-050 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Campbell moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve the following resolution to declare an urgent necessity to purchase a school bus:

EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the East Knox Local School District Board of Education ("Board") utilizes approximately eleven (11) buses each day to transport students to and from school;

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, a school bus containing no students was involved in an accident and is no longer operational;

WHEREAS, this resulted in the Board being short one (1) school bus for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year;

WHEREAS, the Board previously solicited bids for one (1) 83-passenger school bus on March 22, 2025;

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the Board previously received bids from two (2) vendors, containing quotes for an 83-passenger school bus, a 77-passenger school bus, and a 61-passenger school bus with lift;

WHEREAS, the Board determined that Hill International was the lowest responsible bidder;

WHEREAS, Hill International is willing to honor its bid from April 8, 2025 and has one (1) 83-passenger school bus remaining in its inventory;

WHEREAS, the Board has been notified that the time to build a bus that is not currently in inventory is approximately ten to twelve months and the bus will not arrive in time for the start of the 2025-2026 school year;

WHEREAS, acquiring one (1) 83-passenger school bus is an urgent necessity to ensure the East Knox Local School District can transport students to and from school at the start of the 2025-2026 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Knox Local School District Board of Education hereby expressly finds and declares that a case of urgent necessity exists for the prompt purchase of one (1) 83-passenger school bus to ensure the District can transport students to and from school at the start of the 2025-2026 school year and to dispense with the requirements of R.C. 3313.46(A), and authorizes and directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to proceed with the purchase of one (1) 83-passenger school bus from Hill International consistent with the terms of its April 8, 2025 bid as soon as possible.

25-051 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve the following resolution for chiller replacement:

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PRODIGY BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECT PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 167.081 FOR CONTRACTS PROCURED THROUGH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend that the Board authorize a contract with Prodigy Building Solutions, LLC (“Prodigy”) for the Elementary School Chiller Replacement Project (the “Project”) pursuant to R.C. 167.081 for contracts procured through a regional council of governments.

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need to replace the chiller at the Elementary School and to perform other associated work required to do so.
2. R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a regional council of governments (a “COG”) without the need to engage in competitive bidding or other competitive selection methods. Specifically, R.C. 167.081 states that a COG may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a

competitive bidding procedure of a public entity that is a member of the COG or a competitive bidding procedure of a statewide or multistate consortium of which the COG is a member.

3. The Board is a member of the Ohio Purchasing Council ("TOP-C"). TOP-C is a COG established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. As a result, the Board may participate in contracts procured by TOP-C pursuant to R.C. 167.081, by virtue of the Board's membership in TOP-C.
4. TOP-C has procured and entered into an agreement with Prodigy to perform the types of work needed for the Project in which agreement the Board may participate.
5. Prodigy is an experienced contractor and has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of $383,113.00, which is based on unit pricing set forth under its agreement with TOP-C.
6. The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend procuring Prodigy for the Project.
7. The Superintendent and Treasurer also request authority to enter change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not to exceed 15% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that amount, individually or in the aggregate, will be brought to the Board for its approval.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of Prodigy.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with other administrators and legal counsel, to negotiate and enter into an agreement at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations with Prodigy for the Project in an amount not to exceed $383,113.00 on behalf of the Board, and to sign any related documentation consistent with the intent of this resolution.
3. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign change orders related to the Project in a total amount not to exceed 15% of the Contract Sum; should a change order exceed this amount individually or in the aggregate of change orders for the work, the change order will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to the work associated with the change order being performed.

25-052 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tate seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

I. 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 resignations as follows: at the end of the 2024-2025 contact year:

Staff, Position	Effective

Josh Egan, classroom teacher	End of the 2024-2025 contact year
Caleb McNichols, classroom teacher	End of the 2024-2025 contact year

Scott J. Brickner, HS Assist Principal and Athletic Director
July 15, 2025

Tara Scarazza, Teacher on Special Assignment:
Guidance/Student Success and Career Advisement
June 20, 2025.

Recommendation to approve one-year limited contracts for 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Trudy Westover, classroom teacher	MA	Step 0
Rachael Cox, classroom teacher	BA	Step 0
Hailey Smith, classroom teacher	MA	Step 3
Jayna Svoboda, classroom teacher	BA150	Step 0
Lillian Weimann, classroom teacher	BA	Step 0
Eden Carpenter, classroom teacher/title read.	BA	Step 0
Denise Patrick, 5-hour food service		Step 0
Brianna Hickman, 5-hour food service		Step 0

Recommendation to employ Sarah Davis as an elementary social worker on a one-year limited contract, for the 2025-2026 school year, 199 days, 8 hours per day, Step 5.

Recommendation to employ John Bradley as an Occupational Therapist on a one-year limited contact, from August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026, Step 12.

Recommendation to employ Emma Barteau as an Occupational Therapist, on a one-year limited contact from August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026, Step 0.

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):

Jason McElroy	Pathway A	$1,200
Tyler Sabo	Pathway E	$400
Tara Scarazza	Pathway E	$400
Ellie Hagy	Pathway C	$1,200
Amber Carpenter	Pathway E	$400
Curtis Belcher	Pathway E	$400
Melissa Frazee	Pathway E	$400

Recommendation to approve the following 2025-2026 supplemental contracts:

Ryan Powell	Head Boys Basketball Coach	Step 8
Curtis Belcher	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	Step 4
Ronald Fannin	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	Step 8
Dustin Springer	JH Boys Basketball Coach	Step 2
Dan Magers	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	Step 3
Andrew Salyers	JH Girls Basketball Coach	Step 3
Patrick Forshey	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	Step 8
Ellie Hagy	JH Girls Volleyball Coach	Step 0
Laura Faucett	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach	Step 0
Kati Weber	Asst Girls Volleyball/Freshman Coach	Step 0

Recommendation to approve the Volunteer Coach(es) for the 2025-2026 school year as followings:

Mitch McDonald JH Girls Basketball Coach

Kevin Gallwitz	JH Football Coach
Shanda Melick	JH Girls Basketball Coach

Recommendation to approve the following employees who can administer medication for the 2025-2026 school year:

Fawnda Bible Stahl
Amanda Wilson
Shannon Sprang
Laura Radermacher
Alicia Simmons
Amber Carpenter
Tom Holton
Elizabeth Pozderac
Melissa Moreland
Krista Reese
Tessa Hedrick
Brian Dodd
Jennifer O'Hara
Denise Campbell
Molly Thoma
Rowan Blevins
Olivia Campbell

Recommendation to approve Suzanne Kelley as Home Instruction for 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to pay the following teacher stipends for mentoring for field/student teaching experiences (cost reimbursed by MVNU):

Kati Weber	$35
Megan Moledor	$35
Elizabeth Pozderac	$35
Leslie Gilbert	$35
Benjamin Thompson	$35
Allison Bennett	$35

Recommendation to approve the following for Kindergarten Jumpstart to be held on July 31, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for students with one hour of additional prep for teachers at a rate of $30 per hour:

Ashley Fowler
Afton Griffith
Halie Lamb
Cara Owens

Recommendation to pay Megan Bullock a stipend of $2,100 for completion of the Orton-Gillingham Associate Level training.

Recommendation to approve a certified van/bus driver to drive a student for ESY (extended school year) educational services at their hourly rate for June and July 2025.

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

Callie Proper

Recommendation to approve compensation to Intervention Specialists for training to be held on August 5, 2025 at the professional development hourly rate.

Recommendation to pay classified employees for regular daily hours if not scheduled by contract for Monday, August 11, 2025. All hours must be documented with a timesheet completed by the employee and signed the building principal and/or student services director and superintendent.

Recommendation to pay classified employees for (7) hours or regular daily hours, whichever is greater, if not scheduled by contract for Wednesday, August 13, 2025. All hours must be documented with a timesheet completed by the employee and signed the building principal and/or student services director and superintendent.

Recommendation to pay any licensed or classified employee who obtains previous authorization from the building principal and/or student services director and superintendent. All hours must be documented with a timesheet completed by the employee and signed the building principal and/or student services director and superintendent.

Recommendation to approve the Assistant Principal Job Description as attached.

Recommendation to approve the updated administrative salary schedule as provided effective 08/01/2025.

25-053 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Tate seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to increase Krista Reese, secretary, hours to 7.5 hours per day and 191 days per year beginning with the 2025-2026 contract year.

25-054 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: Mr. Reese – Abstained; All others present – Yes. Motion carried.

*****Melissa Moreland – Elementary Principal introduced new teachers Eden Carpenter and Lillian Weimann to the board.*****

J. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

25-055 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Mrs. Tate moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

Visitors

Sara Larnet

_____ _____
President Treasurer