

**EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO DRIVE, MYERSTOWN, PA 17067**

Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

**District Board Room
Hybrid (In-person and via Zoom)**

February 17, 2026

6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Moment of Silent Meditation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Board President Communications
 - Proclamation – Commemorating 250th Anniversary of the United States of America
- VI. Student Council Report – Karli Hauck, Vice President
- VII. Student Recognition
 - Work-Based Learning Program – Presented by Ms. Jennifer Haas, HS Principal
- VIII. Presentation
 - Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Elaine Mathias, Business Manager
- IX. Board Committee and Rep Reports
 - Policy Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Personnel Committee
 - General Services Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - IU13 Rep Report
 - PSBA Report
 - CTC Report
 - Lebanon County Tax Collection Committee Rep Report
 - ELCO Education Foundation

- X. Public Comments – Items On the Agenda
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- XI. Approval of Minutes from 01-21-2026
- XII. Approval of Treasurer’s Report from 01-31-2026

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

- XIII. Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson
 - A. Move to accept a “Letter of Retirement” from Lori Newswanger, Administrative Assistant at Fort Zeller Elementary, effective June 30, 2026.
 - B. Move to accept a “Letter of Retirement” from Bernice Bricker, full-time Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2026.
 - C. Move to accept a “Letter of Resignation” from Erik Williams, Football Assistant Coach, effective and retroactive to January 23, 2026.
 - D. Move to accept a “Letter of Resignation” from Christi Kirchoff, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to January 30, 2026.
 - E. Move to approve the employment of Connor Davis, part-time support staff, at an hourly rate of \$13.24, not to exceed 29.75 hours/week (temporary position), start date effective and retroactive to February 10, 2026.
Background: This position will provide document digitization and retention of human resource files using IU13’s OnBase digitization software.
 - F. Move to approve a temporary change of employment for Elisabeth Putt as a half-time Driver’s Education teacher and half-time Long-Term Family and Consumer Science substitute teacher, at a salary of Bachelor’s - Step 4 (\$57,853), effective and retroactive to January 21, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
Background: This position is being filled due to a teacher on leave. Mrs. Putt will maintain her Driver’s Education classes part of the day and teach FCS the other half of the day. This change is temporary for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - G. Move to approve the following individuals as coaches for the 2025-2026 Spring Sports Season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), as listed:

Boy’s Baseball	Head Varsity Coach Asst. Coaches Volunteer Coaches	Brad Kreiser Derek Fulk, Zach Stuart Brian McDonnell, Lyle Krall, Travis Bicher, Lance Rhodes, Cole Miller, Corey Shaud, Joe Shanaman
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Girl's Softball	Head Varsity Coach Asst. Coaches Volunteer Coaches	Cory Derr Randy Derr, TBD Troy Hassler, Alyssa Derr, Bill Barshinger, Darian Reichard
Tennis	Head Varsity Coach Volunteer Coaches	Chris Goyrke Cathy Shaak, Malachi Bomgardner
Track & Field	Head Varsity Coach Asst. Coaches	Robert Miller Holly Hartman, Mike Harnish, Earl Thomas, Matthew Rissinger, Warren Zimmerman, Kelly Flowers
	Volunteer Coaches	Jackie Bender, Blaine Troutman, Emilee Gettle, Haley Thunberg, Cyndi Harnish, John Wetzel
Unified Sports	Head Coaches Volunteer Coaches	Megan Worley, Melanie Haas Christine Bogner, Ann Rebuck, Dustin Miller, Angie Sieber, Danelle Burkholder
Weight Room Monitors		Todd Dresch, Chad Miller

- H. Move to approve the following individuals as coaches for the 2026-2027 Fall Sports Season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), as listed:

Girls' Soccer	Assistant Coach JV Coach JH Coach	Jason Brubaker Emma Strickler Diane Bidelspach, Nate Snee
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- I. Move to approve the following ELCO faculty as Homebound teachers for the 2025-2026 school year, effective and retroactive to August 18, 2025, as listed:

Rebecca Boland	Chad Miller
Elissa McCallum	Christine Bogner
Tara Clauss	Todd Dresch

- J. Move to approve the following individual for an extra-curricular position for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Musical Pit Orchestra	Matthew Stolarski
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- K. Move to approve adding the following individuals to the ELCO substitute teacher list for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Delaney Gable – IU Guest Teacher
Jamie Keener – Substitute Teacher

- L. Move to approve adding the following individuals to the ELCO volunteer listing for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed, (noting all required documentation, clearances, and trainings are on file):

Courtney Becker	Nathaniel Gardener	Mackenzie Leahy
Morgan Shanaman	Vanessa Roth	William Jensen
Kenneth Walmer	Colby Zartman	

XIV. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner, Chairperson

- A. Move to approve a trip and travel request from Mike Harnish, Indoor Track Coach, chaperone, and approximately five (5) students to travel and participate in the Ocean Breeze Indoor Track and Field Invitational at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island, NY, retroactive to February 13, 2026.
Background: This event is for eligible student athletes. The costs have been budgeted.
- B. Move to approve a trip and travel request from Matt Fittery, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, chaperone, and approximately 13 students to attend and participate in the District III Regional Boys Wrestling Tournament to be held February 20-21, 2026 at Spring Grove High School, Spring Grove, PA.
Background: This is an annual event attended by qualifying student athletes. The costs will be funded by the Wrestling Booster Club.

XV. Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer, Chairperson

- A. Move to approve Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Revisions were made for consistency and clarification purposes.
- B. Move to approve Policy 209.2 – Diabetes Management for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Revisions were made to align with PA School Code.
- C. Move to approve Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: The policy had no revisions, but the attachment, Procurement – Federal Programs was reviewed by committee and revised. The monetary thresholds for goods and services were increased.
- D. Move to approve the following policy (revised/reviewed/and/or new) for a second reading, as listed: (Board Attachment)
1. Policy 253 – Student Physical Privacy in School Facilities

XVI. General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos, Chairperson

- A. Move to approve a contract for IT Asset Manager Essentials through FMX in the amount of \$1,000.00 for implementation with a yearly subscription of \$3,750.00 beginning July 1, 2026. (Board Attachment)
Background: This is an annual subscription that includes licensing for the technology help desk ticketing system along with asset tracking services. The district currently uses Solarwinds, Web Help Desk, a product targeted to be sunsetted by the company. Implementation and yearly fees for FMX will be a slight reduction in cost compared to Web Help Desk. The costs have been budgeted.
- B. Move to approve a proposal from T&T\Lanco, Inc. for the disassembly and removal for two (2) HB Smith boilers and the installation of two (2) Patterson Kelly ST-5000 boilers at the Middle School at a cost of \$289,500.00 plus freight.
Background: The existing boilers can no longer be repaired due to obsolete parts. The Middle School is currently being heated by a rental boiler. Four (4) quotes were submitted to the board for consideration, and the recommendation was made to move forward with the proposal referenced above.

- C. Move to approve a proposal from LowV Systems, Inc., for the purchase and installation of four (4) interior cameras at the Fort Zeller Elementary School at a cost of \$9,725.00. (Board Attachment)
Background: The cost of this work will be fully covered by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency grant #43310.
- D. Move to approve the disposal and /or sale of items pursuant to Board Policy 706.1. (See Board Attachment)

XVII. Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek, Chairperson

- A. Move to approve payment of bills as found listed and attached to the February 17, 2026, Board Agenda for payments made January 2026, in the amounts indicated: (Board Attachment)

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$2,953,023.40
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$160,973.01
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	\$0.00
Flex Spending payments in the amount of	\$804.79
Student Activity payments in the amount of	\$5,252.47
- B. Move to approve an agreement with Select DJ Group, LLC to provide Disc Jockey services at a cost of \$1,150.00 for the 2026 Homecoming Dance. (Board Attachment)
Background: This contract is for Disc Jockey services to be provided at the 2026 Homecoming Dance. The costs will be funded through the Student Council Activity Account.
- C. Move to approve the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 IDEA Part B Use of Funds Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. (Board Attachment)
Background: This is an annual agreement for Special Education services in the amount of \$519,446, which is the District’s share of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part B funds for distribution by the IU#13.
- D. Move to approve Budget Transfers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. (Board Attachment)
- E. Move to approve Resolution 02-17-2026 I, authorizing the issuance of debt in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$9,500,000.00 to refund a portion of the School District’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2018 and Series of 2019. (Roll Call Vote, Board Attachment)
- F. Move to approve Resolution 02-17-2026 II, concerning the request for a Public-School Facility Improvement grant of \$1.5 million from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The requested funds, if received, would be used for restoration of the Jackson Elementary Boiler and Chiller Plant. (Roll Call Vote, Board Attachment)
Background: The grant application, which requires a resolution as part of the grant process, will be submitted no later than March 13, 2026.

Superintendent’s Report

- Principals Report
- Director’s Report

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

February 27 - 28, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Spring Musical - High School Auditorium
March 2, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – Policy/Curriculum/Personnel Committee Meetings
March 3, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – General Services/Finance Committee Meetings
March 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting
March 17, 2026 – 2 Hr. Late Start for students K-12
March 25, 2026 – End of 3rd Marking Period
April 3 – 6, 2026 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL for Students K-12

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XIX. Board Announcements/Comments

XX. Old Business

XXI. New Business

XXII. Adjournment