ALLEN EAST BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

REGULAR SESSION

Business Meeting **7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board in public 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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Allen East Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Steve Emerick

2. ROLL CALL:

Counts X Emerick X Mackey X McDorman X Werling X

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. STUDENT/TEACHER RECOGNITION:

Mustangs of the 1st Quarter
Focus was on "**Belong**" from PBIS **B**.L.U.E.

- 5th Grade – Ava Harrod, Gabe Keifer
- 6th Grade – Caden Counts, Sophia Spencer
- 7th Grade – Brandon Marsteller, Sadie Floyd
- 8th Grade – Cameron Spallinger, Sydney Abbey

- 9th Grade – Hailey Lawrence
- 10th Grade – Haiden Hunter
- 11th Grade – Gwendolyn Schaefer
- 12th Grade – Deacon Jones

Mustangs of the 2nd Quarter
Focus was on "**Lead**" from PBIS B.**L**.U.E.

- 5th Grade – Boston Kissling, Bree Stevenson, Zoey Cotrell
- 6th Grade – Mattie Cosart, Beau Billings
- 7th Grade – Raelynn Hall, Nathan Hawkins
- 8th Grade – Ariah Mowery, Brody Sloan

- 9th Grade – Colin Augsburger
- 10th Grade – Dominic Burkett
- 11th Grade – Jacob Jordan
- 12th Grade – Whitney Hawk

5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC: NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY (30) MINUTES. THREE (3) MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL COMMENT PER BOARD POLICY O.R.C. 3313.20.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: (#0226-2407)

Jason Werling moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION: (#2226-2408)

Amanda Fetter, Special Education Director
Derek Towster, Scott Scriven, LLP

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (#0226-2409)

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G), the superintendent recommends that the Allen East Board of Education move that the Board adjourn to executive session for the following reason(s):

a. To consider the appointment ____, employment X, dismissal X discipline X, promotion ___, demotion _, or compensation ___ of a public employee or official; (check one or more of the purposes for which the executive session is to be held);

b. Investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or student requests a public meeting except that consideration of the discipline of an Allen East Board member for conduct related to the performance of his/her duties of his/her removal from office shall not be held in executive session;

c. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is averse to the public interest;

d. Conference with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;

e. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;

f. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;

g. Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the District where disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the District.

h. Consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

   1. the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under one of the statutes referenced in R.C. 121.22(G)(8)(1), or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project, and

   2. An unanimous quorum of the Board or its subcommittee determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

* Collective bargaining meetings and Audit conferences are exempt from ORC 121.22

Crosby McDorman moved and Jason Werling seconded.

Discussion:

Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea

Adjourned 8:30 P.M.

Reconvened 10:55 P.M.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (#0226-2410)

The "Record of Proceedings" of the January 6, 2026 organizational and regular session meetings have been distributed by the treasurer and read:

Crosby McDorman moved and Jason Werling seconded.

Discussion:

McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea

10. TREASURER CONSENT AGENDA: (#0226-2411)

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Allen East Local School District, a majority of its membership therein concurring, with the recommendation from the Treasurer, that the following items be approved."

A. MONTHLY BILLS: Reports: Checks

B. FINANCIAL REPORT: Reports: Appropriation Summary, Cash Reconciliation, Cash Summary Report, Outstanding Checks, Revenue Summary, and Spending Plan Summary

C. INVESTMENTS: See "Investment Report"

D. CHANGE IN APPROPRIATIONS:

		FROM	TO
001	General Fund	$14,000,000.00	$13,100,000.00
461	Career Tech Education	$3,000.00	$2,510.46
499	Misc. State Grants	$240,538.00	$295,377.00
516	IDEA Part B	$232,831.50	$236,783.86
572	Title I	$129,264.77	$129,821.90
587	IDEA Part B Preschool	$11,499.04	$11,767.06
590	Title IIA	$22,871.33	$23,332.95

E. AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS & AMENDED CERTIFICATE TO ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR:

The treasurer requests to file an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations for the school year 2025-2026 as attached.

F. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECSSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFIYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR:

WHEREAS, THE Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Allen County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten-mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Allen East Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, by and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten-mill limitation as follows:

2025 PAY 2026 TAX YEAR
SCHEDULE A
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimated Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	$3,704,125	$1,099,090	5.050	23.626
Permanent Improvement	$205,238			2.750
Classroom Facilities	$57,200			0.500
Bond Retirement	$544,210			2.440
Total	**$4,510,773**	**$1,099,090**	**5.050**	**29.316**

SCHEDULE B				
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES				
General Fund	**Type of Levy**	**Original Date Levy Passed**	**Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied**	**County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy**
Current Expense Levy	Continuing	1976	17.550	$2,664,856
Current Expense Levy	Continuing	6/7/1983	4.500	$696,266
		Subtotal	**22.050**	**$3,361,122**
Emergency Levy	Continuing	5/4/2021	1.576	$343,003
		Subtotal	**1.576**	**$343,003**
		Total	**23.626**	**$3,704,125**
Other Funds	**Type of Levy**	**Original Date Levy Passed**	**Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied**	**County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy**
Classroom Facilities	23 Years	3/2/2004	0.50	$57,200
Bond	28 Years	3/2/2004	1.72	$384,061
Bond	28 Years	3/2/2004	0.72	$160,149
Permanent Improvement	Continuing	5/7/2019	2.75	$205,238
		Total	**5.69**	**$806,648**

G. FINANCIAL FORECAST

The treasurer recommends the Allen East Board of Education approve the Financial Forecast as hereinafter reproduced: (as attached).

Jason Werling moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea

11. REPORTS:

Mr. Rentschler – Superintendent's Report

12. PURCHASES: (#0226-2412)

The superintendent recommends the Allen East Board of Education approve the following:

- Cardinal Bus Sales & Service – 78 Passenger Conventional School Bus $142,376.00
- Cardinal Bus Sales & Service – Illuminated Stop Arms for 9 School Buses $9,981.00
- IMSE Institute for Multi-Sensory Education – OG Training for WINN $9,000.00
- Perry Pro-Tech Corp. – Mimaki Vinyl Inkjet Printer $34,074.00
- Strategic Advancement Corporate & Education Consulting, Inc. – AI Training $48.000.00

Crosby McDorman moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea

13. ANNUAL ADOPTION CONSENT AGENDA: (#0226-2413)

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Allen East Local School District, a majority of its membership therein concurring, with the recommendation from the Superintendent, that the following items be approved."

A. Approve the Allen East High School Course Descriptions for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for grades 7-12 for the 2026-2027 school year. It is agreed that Allen East will conduct their athletics in accordance with OHSAA policies.

C. Approve the Josten's Yearbook Agreement for one year (2026/2027) for the high school yearbook at an estimated cost of $6,300.00.

D. Approve the agreement with Northwest Ohio Security Systems, Inc. for the installation of three audio/video intercoms and 4 additional cameras and seven device licenses for $15,033.36.

Jason Werling moved and Claire Mackey seconded.

Discussion:

Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea

14. FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING 2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR PreK-12: (#0226-2414)

Whereas, the Allen East Board of Education under Ohio Revised Code 3313.48 will hold a public hearing at the February 17, 2026 Board meeting to adopt a school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. The public hearing will address the topics that include, but not limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length of the school day, and the beginning and end dates of instruction. Below are the essentials of the calendar being proposed:

- Teacher start time will be 7:30 am with classes starting at 8:15 am.
- Elementary students will be dismissed at 2:50 pm with middle school and high school students dismissed at 3:00 pm.
- Outside doors to the foyers will open at 7:50 am with students permitted to enter the hallways at 8:00 am.
- Classes will start for all three buildings at 8:15 am.
- Teacher collaboration time 7:30 am to 8:00 am.

Holidays
Labor Day September 7
Thanksgiving Break November 25, 26, and 27
Christmas Break December 21 – January 1 (two weeks)
Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 18
President's Day February 15
Good Friday March 25, March 26, and March 29 (Monday)

Open House
Tuesday, August 18th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Professional Development Days
August 17th 7:30 am to 3:00 pm (Monday)
August 18th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Tuesday)
September 8th 7:30 am to 3:00 pm (Tuesday) No Students Pk-12
January 15th 7:30 am to 3:00 pm (Friday) No Students Pk-12

Parent Teacher Conferences
October 15th Pk-12 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Thursday)
October 16th Pk-12 7:30 am to 12:00 pm (Friday) No School Grades Pk-12

Kindergarten Screening
August 31 and September 1 * First Day of Kindergarten Instruction September 2nd *

Teacher and Student Days

	Teacher	Student
August	3	1
September	21	21 (Pk, 1-12) 20 Kindergarten
October	22	22
November	18	18
December	14	14
January	19	19
February	19	19
March	20	20
April	22	22
May	20	20
Total	178	176 (Pk, 1-11) 174 Kindergarten Seniors 171

State Hours Calculation

910 hours is the state minimum for grades K-5
1,001 hours state minimum for grades 6-12
2 parent teachers conferences days count as student hours
2 professional development days count as student hours
30-minute lunch does not count toward student hours
Any recess amount over 30 minutes does not count toward calculation

Kindergarten Hours

Student day is 5 hours and 50 minutes long 8:15 am to 2:50 pm minus 15 minutes excess recess and minus 30 minutes for lunch.
5.83 hours x 174 days = 1,014.42 hours or 104.42 hours over state minimum

1-2 Student Hours

Student day is 5 hours and 50 minutes long 8:15 am to 2:50 pm minus 15 minutes excess recess and minus 30-minute lunch
5.83 hours x 176 days = 1,026.08 hours or 116.08 hours over state minimum

Grades 3 and 4 Student Hours

Student day 6 hours and 05 minutes 8:15 am to 2:50 pm minus 30-minute lunch
6.08 hours x 176 days = 1,070.08 hours -910 = 160.08 hours over state minimum

Grade 5 Student Hours

Student day is 6 hours and 15 minutes 8:15 am to 3:00 pm minus 30-minute lunch
6.25 x 176 days = 1,100 hours – 910 hours = 190 over state minimum

Grade 6-11 Student Hours

Student day is 6 hours and 15 minutes 8:15 am to 3:00 pm minus 30-minute lunch
6.25 hours x 176 days = 1,100 hours – 1,001 hours = 99 hours over state minimum

Grade 12 Student Hours

Student day is 6 hours and 15 minutes 8:15 am to 3:00 pm minus 30-minute lunch
6.25 hours x 171 days = 1,068.75 hours – 1,001 hours = 67.75.25 hours over state minimum

Preschool Hours Calculation

Preschool AM 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Preschool PM 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
6 hours x 176 days = 1,056 hours divided by 2 = 528 hours
State minimum is 455 hours 528-455 = 73 hours over

Quarter One 44 days ends on October 30th
Quarter Two 42 days ends on January 15th
Quarter Three 46 days ends on March 24th
Quarter Four 44 days ends on May 28th
Student 1st Day August 31 (PK, 1-12); Kindergarten September 2nd
Student Last Day May 28th
Graduation May 23rd
Senior Last Day May 21st

Claire Mackey moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea

15. APPROVAL OF UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCES: (#0226-2415)

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Allen East Local School District, a majority of its membership therein concurring, with the recommendation from the Superintendent, that the following items be approved."

The Allen East Board of Education gives the superintendent the authority to approve all employee unpaid leaves of absences for medical purposes that qualify for leave protection under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Jason Werling moved and Crosby McDorman seconded.

Discussion:

McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (#0226-2416)

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Jason Werling moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea

Adjourned 11:33 P.M.

Reconvened 12:58 A.M.

17. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA: (#0226-2417)

The superintendent recommends the Allen East Board of Education hire the following candidate's contingent upon BCII clearance, FBI clearance, and all proper ODE licenses and/or certifications:

A. CERTIFIED:

1. RESIGNATIONS:

2. EMPLOYMENT – REGULAR:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR

3. EMPLOYMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR
Tyler Stevens	Baseball Coach, Head HS	3 @ 10%	2025-2026

4. STAFF ADVANCES:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR
Tyler Huber	Teacher	BA to MA	2026-2027

5. EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR

*List as attached from Allen County Educational Service Center

B. CLASSIFIED:

1. RESIGNATIONS:

2. EMPLOYMENT – REGULAR:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR

3. EMPLOYMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR
Kelly Coble	Softball Coach, Head HS	3 @ 10%	2025-2026

4. EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTE:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	YEAR
Kayla Mills	Substitute Secretary	as per salary schedule	2025-2026
Charesa Smith	Substitute Cook	as per salary schedule	2025-2026
Charesa Smith	Substitute Secretary	as per salary schedule	2025-2026

5. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT(S):

- Debra Miller – Middle School Classroom Volunteer

Jason Werling moved and Casey Counts seconded.

Discussion:

Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea

18. UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: (#0226-2418)

The superintendent recommends the Allen East Board of Education consider the request for two days of unpaid leave of absence for Molly Davisson on the following dates: May 14th & 15th, 2026 for vacation.

Jason Werling moved and Crosby McDorman seconded.

Discussion:

Emerick no Mackey no McDorman no Werling no Counts no

19. UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: (#0226-2419)

The superintendent recommends the Allen East Board of Education consider the request for one day of unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Young on the following dates February 12, 2026 due to a family emergency.

Casey Counts moved and Crosby McDorman seconded.

Discussion:

Mackey yea McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea

20. SUSPENSION OF TEACHER: (#0226-2420)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Allen East Local School District Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to issue an unpaid 1-day suspension of employment to Maverick Liles for the reasons specified in the Superintendent's Pre-Disciplinary Hearing notice to Mr. Liles dated February 9, 2026.

Casey Counts moved and Jason Werling seconded.

Discussion: On behalf of the Board, we are deeply disappointed by the dishonesty and the embarrassment brought upon our school by someone we entrust with the care of our children.

McDorman yea Werling yea Counts yea Emerick yea Mackey yea

21. QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

22. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:01 A.M.