

**EASTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Eastwood Elementary School  
4700 Sugar Ridge Road  
Pemberville, OH 43450  
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**February 23, 2026**

I. Call to Order:

President Rothenbuhler opened the regular board meeting of the Eastwood Board of Education at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Culp	Vice President
		Mr. Helm	Board Member
		Mrs. Krukemyer	Board Member
		Mr. Rothenbuhler	President
		Mr. Rutherford	Board Member
	Present:	Superintendent Hughes and Treasurer Leppelmeier	

III. Approval of proposed agenda and addendum for today's meeting – Resolution #041-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

IV. Communications – Resolution #042-26

4.01 Commendations: Mrs. Mary Conkle for being honored as the recipient of the CORAS (Coalition of Rural and Small Schools) Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award; Zachary Mullholand for being chosen Eastwood High School January Student of the Month; Wren Cunningham for being chosen Eastwood High School February Student of the Month; Drew Luidhardt for being named Third Team All-Ohio; Brayden Luidhardt for being named First Team All-Ohio; Mack Miller for being named Second Team All-Ohio; Eastwood High School Robotics Club

4.02 Presentations: Pemberville Elementary - Board of Education comments:  
-Mr. Rutherford- We have the room on main campus and not believe we should spend the money at that facility.  
-Mr. Rothenbuhler- Agrees with Mr. Rutherford and does not want to throw good money at bad.  
-Mrs. Krukemyer- The facilities had been deteriorating even before the flood. The situation now is not ideal and we appreciate everyone's flex.  
-Mrs. Culp- She echoes the others comments. She would like to thank Nick and his crew and the administration on their flexibility.  
-Mr. Helm- The only way to do this right does not seem economical.  
-Mr. Hughes- If we do not go back, we will work collaboratively with the staff and the teachers union.

4.03 Correspondence: Thank you from Rona Knieriem.

4.04 Public Participation: None

Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

V. 5.01 Approval of the Regular Board Minutes from January 26, 2026. – Resolution #043-26  
Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 years.  
Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report  
6.01 Financial Report for January 2026. – Resolution #044-26  
Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Helm. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

6.02 Approve the Then and Now certifications. – Resolution #045-26  
Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

6.03 Approve the Financial Forecast and Assumptions – Resolution #046-26  
Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

VII. Board Committee Reports:

7.01 Audit/Financial Committee

7.02 Safe & Drug Free Schools

7.03 Wellness Committee

7.04 Athletic Council

7.05 Board of Education Policy

Board Representative Reports:

7.06 Calendar Committee

7.07 EEF- 4% for scholarships, new mini grant format

7.08 Strategic Planning Committee

7.09 Pemberville Public Library

7.10 Technology Committee

7.11 Facilities Committee

VIII. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

8.01 Approve the following classified contracts: - Resolution #047-26

- Christine Berry- 5.5-hour cook, effective 1/28/26, continuation of her current contract.
- Jenny Maxon- Bus Driver, effective 2/18/26, 2-year contract
- Mindy Staton- Bus Driver, effective 2/18/26, 2-year contract
- Nickiy Johnson- Middle School Head Cook, effective 3/13/26, 2-year contract

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion Carried.

8.02 Approve the following classified substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year: - Resolution #048-26

- Food Service: Rachel Boyak, Suzanne Baer, Amy Noll, Emily Pustay & Amy Knies
- Van Driver: Amy Knies (pending certification)

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mr. Helm. 5 years. Motion Carried.

- 8.03 Accept Matt Gallant as a volunteer Track and Field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. – Resolution #049-26  
Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Culp. 5 years. Motion Carried.
- 8.04 Approve the Administrative Contract for Dwight Fertig, as Middle School Principal effective 2/24/2026 through 7/31/2026. – Resolution #050-26  
Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion Carried.
- 8.05 Approve the Addendum to the Administrative Contract of Scott Sorg as Middle School Principal effective 8/1/2026, as presented. – Resolution #051-26  
Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Culp. 4 years, 1 nay (Rutherford). Motion Carried.  
\*Mr. Rutherford presented middle school principal salaries and experience levels of the 4 most similar districts in the state, according to ODEW, to Eastwood Local Schools for 2024-25 school year. Mr. Rutherford believes that the salary is too high and believes there should be an approved salary schedule for administrative positions at Eastwood. Mr. Rutherford is supportive of hiring Mr. Sorg, but he has concerns about Eastwood's process of selecting administrative salaries.
- 8.06 Accept the resignation from Dwight Fertig, as Eastwood Middle School Principal effective 7/31/26, per his letter dated 2/17/2026. – Resolution #052-26  
Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mrs. Culp. 5 years. Motion carried.
- 8.07 Amend the resignation of Gary Gardner as Director of Human Resources from 6/5/2026 to 8/5/2026. – Resolution #053-26  
Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. 5 years. Motion carried.
- 8.08 Approve the retirement of Bev Gerwin effective February 11, 2026. – Resolution #053-26  
Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. 5 years. Motion carried.

IX. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

- 9.01 Approve a resolution authorizing the 2026-2027 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association. – Resolution #054-26  
Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion carried.
- 9.02 Approve Board Policy 5113 Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. – Resolution #055-26  
Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. 5 years. Motion carried.
- 9.03 Approve May 29, 2026, as the final day of school for Seniors and Kindergarten students for the 2025-2026 academic calendar to allow for commencement preparation and Kindergarten screening.- Resolution #056-26  
Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion carried.

- 9.04 Approve the extended field trip requests from the Eastwood High School Band to travel to Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan, for band camp, July 26-31, 2026; and the Eastwood High School Soccer team to travel to Warsaw, OH for the River View Labor Day Showcase, September 6-7, 2026. – Resolution #057-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mr. Helm. 5 years. Motion carried.

\*Mr. Rutherford wants to review Board Policy 8120 to make sure that the procedures used for volunteers and the policy itself fit the needs of the district.

- 9.05 Accept the following donations: to the Eastwood High School Robotics Club: First Solar - \$5,000, B2B Sales Boost - Roger Bostdorff - \$2,000; to the Eastwood High School National Honor Society: Habitec Security, Inc. - \$150, Troy & Jennifer Johnson - \$50; to Eastwood High School After Prom: Craftco, Inc. - \$100, Pemberville United Methodist Church - \$100, Troy Township Fire & EMS Association - \$250, For Keeps, Inc. - \$100, Freedom Auxiliary Unit #183 - \$50, North Branch Nursery, Inc. - \$200, Morlock Asphalt Ltd. - \$500, Barbara & Roger Bostdorff - \$75, Kuhlman & Beck Attorneys at Law - \$100; to Eastwood High School Boys Track: B2B Sales Boost - Roger Bostdorff - \$2,000; to Eastwood High School Boys Soccer: B2B Sales Boost - Roger Bostdorff - \$2,000. – Resolution #058-27

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion carried.

X. Reports:

- 10.01 Principal Reports
- 10.02 Athletic Report
- 10.03 Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Report
- 10.04 Food Service Report
- 10.05 Technology Report
- 10.06 Director of Student Services Report
- 10.07 Human Resource Report
- 10.08 Superintendent's Report
- 10.09 Board President Report
- 10.10 Board Member Report

- XI. Request to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. – Resolution #059-27

Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Culp. 5 years. Motion carried.

The Board, Superintendent Hughes and Treasurer Leppelmeier entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.

- XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. – Resolution #059-27

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. 5 years. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting of the Eastwood Board of Education will be on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Eastwood Elementary School. .