

EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting
District Board Room
Hybrid
(In-person or via Zoom)

February 17, 2026

The Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting was called to order by President Rachel Moyer at 6:00 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Regular Board of Education Session with President Moyer presiding.

Mrs. Moyer noted the District is audio recording the meeting, which will be posted on the District website. Mrs. Moyer also inquired if anyone in attendance was recording the meeting. Katie Knol from LebTown indicated she was audio recording the meeting.

A Moment of Silent Mediation was observed, which is optional for attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Moyer.

Roll Call

Board Secretary, Lori Mosser, called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Kantner, Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Moyer, and Mrs. Schaeffer; Messer's Kahl, Kramer, Ondrusek, Santos and Weaver. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Mrs. Vicente, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Mathias, Ms. Haas, ~~Mr. Treese~~, Dr. Gerhart, Mrs. Houck, Mrs. Ressler, Mr. Dornes, Mrs. Springborn, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Ludwig, ~~Mr. Mealy~~, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Frantz, Mr. Gruber, Mrs. Hanichak; Lori Mosser, Board Secretary; and faculty/staff and community residents (in-person and via Zoom).

Board President Communications

- Welcome to everyone attending.
- A brief Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting to discuss matters of employment.
- Proclamation – Commemorating 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

Student Council Report

- Ms. Karli Hauck, Student Council Vice President, reported on the following activities:
 - Student Council is preparing for Homecoming next fall.
 - Choosing a date for the next school pep rally.
 - Our Interact Club worked on Valentines for Veterans for the VA Hospital and continue to work with Mr. Bickel on the Veterans Memorial project.
 - RaiderTHON is preparing for the Gold Rush and the Mr. and Mrs. Four Diamonds Pep rally, which was postponed due to the weather.

Student Recognition

- Work-Based Learning Program – Presented by Ms. Jennifer Haas, HS Principal

Presentation

- Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Elaine Mathias

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer
 - The committee reviewed Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance (attachment), Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities, and Policy 209.2 – Diabetes Management. All three policies will move forward for first reading.
 - Policy 253 – Student Physical Privacy in School Facilities will move forward for second and final reading.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner
 - Mrs. Jennifer Martin, Future Ready Facilitator provided an update on the activities she has implemented and is currently overseeing.
- Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl
 - Discussion items included new hires, resignations, and staffing updates.
 - It was noted that the change in pay structure has helped improve the fill rates for day-to-day substitute vacancies.
- General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos
 - Mr. Frantz provided an update on the surplus/obsolete items that will be auctioned.
 - Quotes for the Middle School boiler were discussed and reviewed.
 - Concerns about the Middle School bleachers being cracked and missing seats. A quote from Made in USA was discussed and plans moving forward.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - 2025-2026 Budget Transfers were discussed.
 - A new investment account for the 2025 Bond Refinance Debt Service Reductions.
 - Healthworks Clinic Update.
 - 2026 Parameters Resolution – Refunding all or a portion of the 2018A and 2019 General Obligation Bonds.
 - 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - Next meeting will be March 11, 2026.
- PSBA Report – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner
 - PSBA now has a YouTube Channel to view educational videos.
 - School Safety Summit will be held March 26, 2026.
 - Advocacy Day is May 4, 2026.
- CTC Rep Report – Mr. JP Santos
 - Next meeting is February 18, 2026.
 - Discussion on school district funding for the CTC renovation project.
- Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. JP Santos
 - The next meeting is February 18, 2026.
- ELCO Education Foundation – Mrs. Megan Schaeffer
 - Spring teacher grant applications are due April 1, 2026
 - Next meeting will be held April 9, 2026.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 01-21-2026 were approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Weaver and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer’s Report of 01-31-2026 was approved.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Mr. Kramer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Personnel Committee Items A-L were approved:

- A. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Lori Newswanger, Administrative Assistant at Fort Zeller Elementary, effective June 30, 2026.
- B. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Bernice Bricker, full-time Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2026.
- C. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Erik Williams, Football Assistant Coach, effective and retroactive to January 23, 2026.
- D. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Christi Kirchoff, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to January 30, 2026.
- E. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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
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 Gyorke Cathy Shaak, Malachi Bomgardner

Track & Field	Head Varsity Coach	Robert Miller
	Asst. Coaches	Holly Hartman, Mike Harnish, Earl Thomas, Matthew Rissinger, Warren Zimmerman, Kelly Flowers
Unified Sports	Volunteer Coaches	Jackie Bender, Blaine Troutman, Emilee Gettle, Haley Thunberg, Cyndi Harnish, John Wetzell
	Head Coaches	Megan Worley, Melanie Haas
Weight Room Monitors	Volunteer Coaches	Christine Bogner, Ann Rebuck, Dustin Miller, Angie Sieber, Danelle Burkholder
		Todd Dresch, Chad Miller

- H. Approved 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	Jason Brubaker
	JV Coach	Emma Strickler
	JH Coach	Diane Bidelspach, Nate Sneer

- I. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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	

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Mr. Kahl, and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Curriculum Committee Items A-B were approved.

- A. Approved 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. Approved 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.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer, Chairperson

Item D was separated from the overall vote.

On a motion from Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Kahl, and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Policy Items A-C were approved.

- A. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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.

Discussion was had.

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mrs. Kantner, Policy Item D was brought to Roll-Call vote and failed by a vote of 4 - Ayes and 5 – Nays.

Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mr. Kramer – Nay
 Mrs. Morrissey – Nay
 Mr. Kahl – Nay
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mr. Weaver – Nay
 Mrs. Schaeffer – Nay
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer - Aye

- 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*

General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mrs. Morrissey and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Items A-D were approved.

- A. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved the disposal and /or sale of items pursuant to Board Policy 706.1. (See Board Attachment)

Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Odrusek, Chairperson

Items E and F were separated for Roll Call Vote.

On a motion by Mr. Odrusek, seconded by Mr. Santos, and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Finance Items A-D were approved.

- A. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved Budget Transfers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. (Board Attachment)

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by a unanimous Roll Call vote, 9-0, Finance Item E was approved.

Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mr. Weaver – Aye
 Mrs. Schaeffer – Aye
 Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mr. Kahl – Aye
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer – Aye

- E. Approved 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)

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mrs. Schaeffer and approved by unanimous Roll Call vote, 9-0, Finance Item F was approved.

Mr. Kahl – Aye
 Mr. Weaver – Aye
 Mrs. Kantner – Aye
 Mrs. Morrissey – Aye
 Mr. Santos – Aye
 Mr. Kramer – Aye
 Mrs. Schaeffer – Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek – Aye
 Mrs. Moyer - Aye

- F. Approved 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

Principal’s Reports:

- Mrs. Megan Ressler – Jackson Elementary
 - Jackson Elementary recently held our annual Souper bowl food drive. A total of 334 items were donated to the Raider pantry.
 - Kindergarten Orientation will be held March 3, 2026 at both Jackson and Fort Zeller Elementary. Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2039 are invited to attend.
- Mrs. Jodi Houck – Fort Zeller Elementary
 - Our first graders went to the planetarium. They loved every second of their time. I want to thank Mr. Cascarino for the amazing job presenting to our students and Mr. Treese for welcoming us into the building and being flexible with schedules/coverages.
 - Our Math/STEM Night will be held Tuesday, February 24. Our theme this year will revolve around Outer Space.

- Dr. Michael Gerhart – ELCO Intermediate School
 - Our fifth-grade student will visit the CTC this Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19.
 - Our PTO will be holding its 3rd annual Glow Party, Friday, February 20.
- Mrs. Angela Springborn on behalf of Mr. Jonathan Treese – ELCO Middle School
 - The Middle School planetarium has been busy hosting visits from Jackson Elementary, Fort Zeller Elementary and the Intermediate School.
 - The 8th grade CTC trip will take place this Friday, February 20.
 - Our team at the Middle School is finalizing plans for our Middle School Career Day to be held Friday, March 13.
- Ms. Jennifer Haas – ELCO High School
 - Our Junior Achievement Real Life event was held Thursday, February 12 for all 11th graders.
 - We will be holding our course selection meeting for all 8th graders Thursday, February 19 in the Middle School Forum.

Director's Reports:

- Mrs. Amy Shoemaker, Director of Pupil Services
 - We would like to thank the Middle School for providing two spaces these past years for our Raider Pantry and Caring Closet, but we have grown out of those spaces and thank you to the High School for finding a larger space where we have combined the two spaces into one.
 - Thank you to the Building and Grounds department for helping get the space ready and also helping move the items into the new space.
- Mr. Robert Boltz, Director of Technology
 - This weekend Comcast was onsite pulling fiber into the Middle School. This line will serve as a redundant fiber to the ELCO campus in case of damage to the main fiber. The final splicing and equipment install will take place over the next couple of weeks.
- Mrs. Vicente on behalf of Mr. Tommy Mealy, Athletic Director
 - On Signing Day, we celebrated 12 seniors make declarations to continue athletics at the collegiate level.
 - Both our Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams qualified for the District III, 5A Tournaments.
 - Lebanon County Athletes of the Week – Kenzie Eckhart, Girls' Basketball and Austin Smith and Josiah Hayes for Boys' Basketball.
 - Junior wrestler Klint Miller recently celebrated earning his 100th career win.
 - Senior basketball player Kenzie Eckhard recently celebrated her 1,000-point milestone.

Mrs. Vicente shared the following:

- In recognition of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, ELCO is proudly hosting a wooden replica of the Liberty Bell. Over the next three weeks, the bell will travel to our different school buildings and then will travel to the other Lebanon County School Districts.
- We have a student representing ELCO in the first-ever Chamber sponsored Civics Bee. The local competition will take place April 7th and finalists may advance to the National Civics Bee Championship in Washington, D.C. in the fall.

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

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mr. Kahl commended the district for having the younger students visit the planetarium to further enhance the curriculum being taught in the classroom.
- Mrs. Schaeffer stated the ELCO Foundation purchased numerous planetarium programs that will engage students to have positive learning experiences in many cross-curriculum lessons.
- Mr. Santos thanked the maintenance crew for all the hard work they have been and are doing across the district.
- Mrs. Morrissey expressed her pleasure in working as a community volunteer with the Junior Achievement program and encourages anyone who could volunteer to do so.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Morrissey seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Moyer adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Mosser
Board Secretary