

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING (Monday, February 9, 2026)**

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6:00 p.m. 3rd. Floor

35353 Curtis Blvd.

Eastlake, Ohio 44095

As Supplemented by the video recording that can be found [here](#).

**1. Introduction****A. Call to Order****B. Roll Call- 6:00 p.m.**

Ms. Gabrielle Miller - Present

Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese- Present

Ms. Denise Verdi - Present

Ms. Jaime Shatsman - Present

Ms. Stacy Menser - Present

**C. Pledge of Allegiance****2. Approval of Agenda****A. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve agenda.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Gabrielle Miller

Miller Aye      Osagie-Erese Aye      Verdi Aye      Shatsman Aye      Menser Aye      R-26-18

Motion Approved      5-0

**3. Presentation****A. Eastlake Middle School Presentation**

Principal, Ron Dahlhofer, with student representatives highlighted Eastlake Middle School's December "Choose Kindness" work focused on building positive student experience and community impact. Students described service projects including: making treats for police/fire, creating placemats and cards for Breckenridge residents and veterans, preparing learning flashcards for kindergarten buddies, donating canned goods and supporting holiday meals, and volunteering at the Willoughby-Eastlake Free Produce Markets (including sorting/distributing food and preparing lunch items). The school also shared a highly attended after-school holiday hall decorating event that raised funds and strengthened school-community connections.

Eastlake Middle School students recognized Mr. Kramer as an honored teacher, citing his kindness, patience, and commitment to student success. Students shared that he makes learning clear and engaging, encourages participation, supports students when they struggle, and creates a classroom environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and sharing ideas.

**B. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Presentation**

Principal, Candace Platt, shared that the school has increased its focus on embedding the district's "Portrait of a Graduate" competencies into daily instruction, with an emphasis this year on students being able to name and recognize those skills. Fifth grade students presented a space/science research-and-teach project in which they researched assigned planets, planned a lesson, and taught classmates. The students highlighted how the project strengthened key competencies such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, resilience, creativity, and empathy.

**4. Community Engagement****A. Public Comment**

No public comment was submitted.

**5. Board Members' Business****A. Board Discussion****B. Legislative Liaison Update**

The Board provided an update on state-level education activity, including items to monitor:

- Senate Bill 19- Math intervention requirements described as potentially unfunded and complex given lack of a clearly "superior" statewide math curriculum model.
- Additional bills discussed included topics such as NIL restrictions for student athletes, curriculum/health instruction proposals, unused school building disposition, computer science requirements, essential workplace skills/career plans, and initiatives targeting taxpayer "waste" review.

**6. Minutes**

**A. Approval of Minutes January 5, 2026**

A motion was to approve the organizational board meeting minutes of January 5, 2026.

Motion by Ms. Gabrielle Miller

Second by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-19

Motion Approved 5-0

Please click [here](#) to view the January 5, 2026 Minutes.

**Action: B. Approval of Minutes January 12, 2026**

A motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 12, 2026

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Denise Verdi

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-20

Motion Approved 5-0

Please click [here](#) to view the January 12, 2026 Minutes.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Four-Year Forecast**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Four-Year Forecast be approved.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-21

Motion Approved 5-0

Please click [here](#) to view the Four-Year Forecast.

**B. \* Financial Report for Month Ending January 31, 2026**

A motion was made to approve Financial Report for Month Ending January 31, 2026

Please click [here](#) to view the January 31, 2026 Financials.

**C. \* Grant Application Acceptance**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following grant application and award be approved:

Institution Awarding the Grant	Fund/SCC	Amount
Ohio Department of Education & Workforce	499-9826	151,476.00

**D. \* Establishment of New Accounts**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following new accounts be established:

New Account	School	Account Description
499-9826	District	School Bus Safety Grant

**E. \* Student Activity Accounts**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following Student Activity Program Purpose, Goals and Proposed Budgets and Revisions for FY26 be approved:

Fund/SCC	School	Account Description	Amount	Comments
018-9132	BOE	Early Literacy Program	0.00	New FY26 Budget; New FY26 Purpose & Goals

Fund/SCC	School	Account Description	Amount	Comments
018-9134	NCIW	PACE	5,500.00	Revised FY26 Budget Only
200-9001	EMS	Eastlake Instrumental Music	17,273.00	Revised FY26 Budget; Revised FY26 Purpose & Goals

Please click [here](#) to view the February SA.

#### F. \* Purchase Orders

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer the following be approved:

WHEREAS, §5704.41 requires the fiscal officer of a school district certify the amount required to make an expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the school district's treasury, free from any previous encumbrances before the expenditure is made,

WHEREAS, there are exceptions to the requirement, and

WHEREAS, the exceptions are: an invoice that exceeds a p.o. by \$3,000, and "then and now" certificates over \$3,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

To approve the following Then and Now Certificates

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description
264504	First American Administrators	20,000.00	Employee Vision Insurance- Quarter 3
264335	BMI Audit Service	14,200.00	Dependent Eligibility Audit
264507	Euna Solutions	6,090.00	Annual Marketplace Subscription

#### G. \* Gifts and Donations

1. Serpentine Chevrolet of Willoughby Hills donated \$40,000.00 to 018-9110 Superintendent (Main) to be used at the Superintendent's discretion.
2. Thomas Jefferson Elementary PTO donated \$52.50 to 018-9430 Jefferson (Main) to be used at the principal's discretion for the students.
3. Paypal Giving Fund donors donated \$25.00 to 018-9250 School of Innovation (Main) to be used at the principal's discretion for the students.
4. CVS Health through Charities Aid Foundation America (CAF) donated \$64.00 to 018-9420 Grant (Main) to support one or more school programs.
5. MaryBeth Julson donated \$25.00 to 018-9132 Early Literacy Program for A Book and A Bunny Project.
6. Kellie Zabivnik donated \$20.00 to 018-9132 Early Literacy Program for A Book and A Bunny Project.
7. Angela Zavarella donated \$20.00 to 018-9132 Early Literacy Program for A Book and A Bunny Project.
8. Jessica Mormino donated \$20.00 to 018-9132 Early Literacy Program for A Book and A Bunny Project.
9. An Anonymous Community Member donated \$25.00 to 018-9132 Early Literacy Program for A Book and A Bunny Project.
10. Adventure Subaru donated classroom resources to assist Jefferson's 1st Grade Team to provide creativity, engagement, and academic growth for students. The items are valued at \$882.49.
11. Lincoln Electric FDN PFDN donated \$760.00 to 018-9220 South High School (Main) to be used at the principal's discretion for the students.

### 8. Superintendent - Announcements

#### A. South and North Experience Nights

Superintendent, Dr. Ward, reported that both high schools hosted successful "Experience Nights", welcoming families- especially incoming ninth-grade students-to explore programs and opportunities. The events showcased the district's academics, arts, athletics, music, College Credit Plus options, and workforce development pathways, emphasizing the wide range of learning experiences available to students.

#### B. Career Technical Education Transition

Superintendent, Dr. Ward, provided an update on the district's transition to becoming it's own Career Technical Education provider. The transition was described as both a cost-saving measure and an opportunity to expand student access to career-focused programming. The district is nearing completion of the process to obtain it's own IRN number

by July, and early registration data showed strong interest, with 319 student applications across both high schools. The district will phase in programming over the next two years, expanding offerings such as construction-related opportunities, cybersecurity courses, capstone experiences, and emerging partnerships including Fire/EMS programming in collaboration with adult education.

## 9. Superintendent - Resolutions

### A. \* Overnight and Out of State Trip Request (North-Varsity Baseball)

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that an educational trip for the North High School Varsity Baseball Team to participate in baseball training in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Tuesday, March 24, 2026 through Saturday, March 28, 2026 be approved.

### B. \* Overnight and Out of State Trip Request (North-Varsity Softball)

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that an educational trip for the North High School Varsity Softball Team to participate in softball training in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Monday, March 23, 2026 through Thursday, March 26, 2026 be approved.

### C. \* Overnight Trip Request (NCI-Willoughby-DECA)

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that an educational trip for NCI-Willoughby DECA Team to participate in the Ohio Career Development Conference in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, February 24, 2026 through Wednesday, February 25, 2026 be approved.

### D. \*2026-2027 College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Lakeland Community College and Willoughby-Eastlake Schools

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Lakeland Community College be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the Lakeland Community College MOU Agreement.

### E. \*2026-2027 College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Lakeland Community College and Northern Career Institute

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Lakeland Community College be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the Lakeland Community College Agreement.

### F. \*2026-2027 College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Cuyahoga Community College and Willoughby-Eastlake Schools

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Cuyahoga Community College be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the Cuyahoga Community College MOU Agreement.

### G. \*2026-2027 College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Lake Erie College and Willoughby-Eastlake Schools

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Lake Erie College be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the Lake Erie College MOU Agreement.

### H. \*Employment Separation Agreement and Release

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Employment Separation Agreement and Release be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view Employment Separation Agreement and Release, please click [here](#) to view the Board Resolution approving Employment Separation Agreement and Release.

### I. \*2026-2027 High School Course Selection Guide Recommendation

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the 2026-2027 course selection guide for High School be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the 2026-2027 High School Program of Studies.

**J. Chardon Local Schools Agreement Addendum**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Chardon Local Schools Interagency Agreement Addendum, be approved.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Denise Verdi

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-22

Motion Approved 5-0

Please click [here](#) to view the Addendum Agreement with Chardon Local Schools.

**K. 2026-2027 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association**

WHEREAS, Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools, of Lake County Ohio has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that North and South High schools and Eastlake, Willoughby and Willowick Middle schools do hereby voluntarily renew their membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Education reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic program of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OSHAA Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executor Director's Office. The administrative heads of the schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

Motion by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese

Second by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-23

Motion Approved 5-0

**L. \* Parental Transportation Reimbursement Agreement**

WHEREAS, the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district and eligible for transportation services; and WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected schools(s); and WHEREAS, the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered: 1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation 2. The number of pupils to be transported 3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration 4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation 5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules 6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and WHEREAS, the option of offering a parental transportation reimbursement agreement is provided; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education hereby approves the agreement to transport the student(s) identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of student(s) named on the attachment, transportation reimbursement per the attached agreement(s).

**10. Personnel Agenda****A. \* Administrative Personnel**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Administrative Personnel Agenda be approved.

Please click [here](#) to view the Administrative Personnel.

**B. \* Certified Personnel**

