EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR**

March 12, 2026, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

A. Call to Order

The President, Ms. Bush, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

The President called the roll:

Mr. Joshua Beltz, here
Ms. Lindsay Bush, here
Mr. Alan Huffman, here
Mr. Randy Reese, here
Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, here

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

26-025 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mr. Reese moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Building Reports

- Elementary – Melissa Moreland
  - Events this month are book fair, literacy night, and playground construction meeting.
    - Introduction of Theo – therapy dog.
  - 2nd grade presentation on animal habitats and creating of a diorama.
  - 4th grade presentation on Ohio History and Native Americans who also created a diorama.

- Jr./Sr. HS – Shannon Sprang
  - Presentation of the course of study for the 2026-2027 school year and review of new options including career tech and CCP classes
  - Review of curriculum inventory at the Jr./Sr. HS for future purchases to replace items that are up to 20 years or older.
  - Review of platforms for career readiness curriculum.
  - Student leadership at Big Walnut that students will be participating.
  - Upcoming events – NHS Induction, FFA Banquet, Spring Choir Concert.

- Athletics – Bailey Sprague
  - Mt. Gilead organizing an athletic event opportunity for all KMAC schools in the future for students with disabilities
  - Review of winter athlete honors at the April meeting.
  - Thank you to administration, SRO, parents and athletes for successful winter season.
  - Review of spring athletics
  - Recommendation for fall coaches for next school year.

Mrs. Tomlinson asked for a demonstration of the Rocket Solutions display board and Mr. Sprague provided a demo

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E. Public Participation

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- None

F. Treasurer Report

- Financial Update
  - Tax receipts are on track to be about $150,000 higher than estimates, but final settlements from all three counties have not been received
    - Note that credits to taxpayers will be reflected on the Summer 2026 payment which will significantly impact collections to start next fiscal year
    - Piggyback exemption from Knox County could also impact these collections
  - Expenses were $518,000 higher for the entire year
    - Salaries are up $165,000
  - Food Service Fund
    - Cash balance $398,000 ($32,000 lower than last year at this time)
- Other Items
  - Capital Improvement Plan review
  - Cyber Plan- needs developed and approved prior to June 30, 2026
  - VSP Renewal- Plan has not changed for nearly 20 years so asking for renewal with slight enhancements that will be a total additional cost of $3,000 for the year for the Board of Education
  - Refunding (refinancing)
    - $5 million approximately outstanding from original 2007 bonds that mature in 2034
    - Will ask for approval in April to start the process of refinancing these for a savings to the taxpayers of approximately $200,000 in interest costs for the remaining life of the bonds
- Agenda Items
    - Budgetary items- grant from Safety Council to off-set cost of window film with other grants and Yearbook budget for 25/26
    - Touchscreen board and software application from Rocket Solutions is an annual agreement that we hope to off-set with donated funds from various sources and avoid using general fund dollars

G. Board Recommendation to Previous Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Tomlinson recommended a motion be made to adjust the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes to add her comment that was not noted, which reflected the NWEA scores and data being sent home with parents if they weren't now.

26-026 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above addition to the February 12, 2026 minutes. Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

H. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the amended minutes from the February 12, 2026 regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the February 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve with appreciation and gratitude of the donation from Knox County Chamber of Commerce Safety Council Grant for $2,500.

Recommendation to approve the following Budgetary Amendments:

019 Other Grants	$2,500.00
200 Student Managed Student Activity	$6,000.00

26-027 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

I. Superintendent Report and Board Discussion

- District Update
  - Staffing update – Working on staffing for next year
  - Playground update – planning meeting this month
  - Football Field project update – sprinkler system installation and future maintenance of the field
  - Capital Improvement requests being collected and will be presented in April
  - Tentative agreement reached with EKEA for April ratification.
  - High School programming for 2026-2027
  - Copier replacement throughout the district
  - R. Reese asked about when the football field project would start
  - M. Tomlinson asked for clarification on the Fast Eddy's contract for field care vs. Prescription Turf Care.
  - Mr. Beltz thanked the high school staff for work on the course of study.

J. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the 2026 preliminary student graduates as follows (graduation date May 17, 2026):

Daniel Christopher Adams
Alex Edward Anderson
Thomas Leon Ary
Ariel Ann Atkinson
Anthony John Baxter
Spencer James Bennett
Kyra Elizabeth Blackshear
Jacob William Daniel Blakely
Maggie Rae Bond
Bella Elizabeth Brady
Kaiden Matthew Brady
Hunter Drake Calbert
Joslyn Hannah Campos

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Jeffrey Edward Cook
Macy Kate Ann Cotsamire
Jaxon Coy Crawford
Jonathan Owen Cunningham
Landen Ryder Davis
Maxwell Cameron Dexter
Jesse Taylor Dudgeon
Clayton Ross Evans
Logan Lance Fawcett
Macie Lynn Fawcett
Wyatt Joseph Frost
Preston James Gibson
Brianna Rose Goodman
James Paul Grennell, Jr.
Zayne David Grennell
Kellen Michael Grigsby
Jaycub Tyler Hagans
Carson Scott Hammond
Daosheng Edward Harroff
Jaidyn Janelle Hawkins
Logan Alexander Hercenberg
Lydia Ann Hill
Ayden Earl Hinger
Zoey Ann Huffman
Cadence Marie Johnson
Katelynn Nicole Johnson
Ethan Samual Alex Kapper
Beau Michael Keller
Gavin Hunter Kidwell
Samuel Paul Ryan King
Sylas James Lamneck
Autumn Pearl Laymon
Jaxon Dean Lester
Logan Bert Lewis
Joseph Lee Lively
Zachary Ethan Lowe
Charlotte Dawn Mann
Waylon James Martin
Hunter Douglas McDonald
Hanna Avery Merritt
Emma Marie Metcalf
Kyson Bernell Miller
Miles Irwin Mitchell
Brooklyn Ace Morand
Anthony Nathanial Moreland
Addison Rae Mostaka
Kloee LeeAnn Myers
Zoey Lynn Parker
Kate Elizabeth Phillips
Thyler Ray Phom
Alivia Beth Potter
Carlie Ann Pratt
Ezekiel Jonathan Proudfoot
Peyton Nycole Riel
Aidan Grant Riggle
Philip Hunter Schlaegel
Jasmine Marie Smith
Briana Noel Steinwender
Carver Brandon Stephens
Blake Daniel Stiner
Ryleah Quinn Thompson
Osmel Velasco Perez
Ryan Joseph Vlock
Gracie Mae Wengerd
Mackenzie Marie Wilson

Recommendation to approve the quote from Central Ohio Irrigation LLC for installation of an irrigation system for the football field for $17,620.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of 4th-6th science curriculum from Houghton Mifflin for $18,990.03.

Recommendation to approve the training services agreement with the Knox Technical Center for CTE programming for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with Cardinal Rehab LLC for certified orientation and mobility services for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of $95.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement.

Recommendation to approve the Program of Studies for JR/SR High for 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Recommendation to approve the Master Service Agreement with META for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 for Core Services listed in Schedule I at an annual cost of $19,157.25 and Schedule II at an annual cost of $1,845.71.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with Rocket Alumni Solutions Inc. for touch screen awards display software for an annual cost of $3,588 for one year.

Recommendation to schedule a Board Policy Committee meeting for additional policies updates on April 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Recommendation to approve the lease agreement from Key Document and Imaging Solutions for a 60-month lease of copiers to replace current copiers thought the district as provided.

Recommendation to approve the renewal agreement from Fast Eddy's for athletic field maintenance for the Spring 2026-Fall 2026 season as provided.

26-028 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Reese moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

K. Personnel—(Subject to proper placement on the salary scale, contingent upon favorable report from the BCII/FBI, and receipt of proper certification.)

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Zachary Jenney, classroom teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation to pay the following teacher a stipend for proof of completion of the Science of Reading Training:

Amanda Prince	Pathway E	$400

Recommendation to approve the following Knox County ESC substitute teacher(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

Sarah Adams
Gabrielle Duvall
Brianne Rummel
Isabelle Elise Risko

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Recommendation to approve the following Knox County ESC aide(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jill Morningstar
Joleen Lanning
Gabrielle Duvall

Recommendation to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Abigail Cummins	Junior High Track	Step 0
Darrick Faucett	Spring Strength Cond.	Step 0
Jason Undercoffer	Vlntr. Baseball	N/A
John Randall Baugher	Vlntr. Baseball	N/A

Recommendation to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

John Tucker	Head Cross Country Coach	Step 0
Laura Faucett	Head Volleyball Coach	Step 0
Gage Steinmetz	Head Football Coach	Step 0
Ellie Melick	Asst. Varsity Volleyball	Step 1
Weston Melick	Assistant Varsity Football	Step 1
Dustin Springer	Assistant Varsity Football	Step 2
Derrick Steinmetz	Volunteer Asst. Football	N/A

Recommendation to non-renew the following non-teaching employee contracts effective March 12, 2026, in accordance with ORC 3319.083:

Dan Magers	Asst. Girls Basketball
Ronald Looney	Varsity Girls Basketball
Dustin Springer	Asst. Boys Basketball
Patrick Forshey	Asst. Girls Basketball
Andrew Salyers	JH Girls Basketball
Cody Howard	JH Girls Basketball
Andrew Beatty	.5 FTE JH Boys Basketball
Lillian Weimann	.5 FTE JH Boys Basketball
Lindsey Jensen	Asst. Bowling Coach
Darrick Faucett	Winter Strength and Conditioning
Fawnda Bible-Stahl	Winter Facilities Manager

Pay stipends to the following teachers for Fall 2025 cooperative teacher work (cost reimbursed by MVNU):

Benjamin Thompson	$35.00	Abigail Grandstaff	$35.00
Stephen Sterling	$35.00	Tisha Melick	$35.00
Kelsey Sinzinger	$35.00	Rachel Legros	$35.00
Lisa Downes	$50.00		

Recommendation to approve non-teaching contract renewals beginning with the 2026-2027 school year:

Two-Year - 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

Kevin Bullock	Instructional Assistant/Tutor	Step 4
Rebecca Casebolt	Food Service Worker	Step 2
Michelle Colopy	Instructional Assistant/Tutor	Step 5
Sarah Davis	Social Worker	Step 6
Stacy Futo	Custodian	Step 1
Stacy Hagans	Bus Driver	Step 1
Kathleen Herrmann	Build. Secretary/Stdnt Services	Step 9
Brianna Hickman	Build. Secretary/Attend. & Athletic	Step 1
Michelle McFarland	Custodian	Step 8
Sean Stevens	Bus Driver	Step 3
Carrie Streby	Food Service Worker	Step 8
Christine White	Food Service Worker	Step 1

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Ronald Looney	Bus Driver	Step 7
Shanna Treen	Bus Driver	Step 7

26-029 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

L. Executive Session

Recommendation to enter into executive session, for the sole purpose of, and pursuant to the following Ohio Revised Codes as follow:

Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (2) – (6) - To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (2) – (6) - To review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

26-030 MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to enter executive session.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Busenburg and Superintendent Baird were also present.

Time in: 7:15 p.m.
Time out: 7:45 p.m.

Roll call: All Present

M. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

26-031 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

N. Visitors

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President Treasurer