

**EASTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Eastwood Elementary School  
4700 Sugar Ridge Road  
Pemberville, OH 43450  
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**MARCH 16, 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 for today's meeting – Resolution #060-26

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

4.01 Commendations: **Ethan Shiffert** for being chosen EHS March Student of the Month; **Lexi Hoffman, Max Newman, Taylor Nowakowski and Savannah Stephens** for being selected to the OMEA District High School Honors Choir; **Jacob Berry, Raelynn Haas and Parker Tipton** for being OMEA District Middle School Honors Choir; 2026 EMS County Safety Kids Calendar Winners: January Cover- **Anne Johnson** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), October Cover- **Jessie Sherman** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), April Cover- **Ava Miller** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Honorable Mention- **Dylan Hemp** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Resolution #061-26

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

4.02 Presentations: Lindsey Ruivivar- Wood County Community Health Center

4.03 Correspondence:

4.04 Public Participation: Shannon Wright & Wendy Thornton (see attached letters)

III. 5.01 Approval of the Regular Board Minutes from February 23, 2026. – Resolution #062-26

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

6.01 Financial Report for February 2026. – Resolution #063-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

6.02 Approve the agreement regarding the electricity purchase program of the Ohio Schools Council, as presented. – Resolution #064-26

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

6.03 WHEREAS, the Eastwood Local School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 1 - 84 passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Eastwood Local School Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of 1 - 84 passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies. – Resolution #065-26

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

7.08 Employee Communications

7.09 Pemberville Public Library

7.10 Technology Committee

7.11 Facilities Committee

VIII. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

8.01 Approve a 3-year Administrative contract for Emily Mennitt, Elementary Assistant Principal, effective 8/1/26. – Resolution #066-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 4 yeas, 1 nay (Rutherford). Motion Carried.

\*Mr. Rutherford believes that the salary is too high for an Elementary Assistant Principal at a district Eastwood's size and believes there should be an approved salary range for administrative positions at Eastwood. Mr. Rutherford is supportive of hiring Mrs. Mennitt, but he still has concerns about Eastwood's process of selecting administrative salaries.

8.02 Accept and approve the following resignations: - Resolution #067-26

- Resignation: Erin Williams as EMIS Coordinator effective 6/30/2026
- Resignation: Kristen Wolf as Preschool Teacher effective 8/31/2026
- Resignation: Nolan Tenney as Custodian effective 3/2/2026

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

8.03 Approve a 2025-2026 Supplemental contract Jacob Montag (50%) for Assistant Track. – Resolution #068-26

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

8.04 Accept Kevin Gordon as a volunteer Track and Field coach for the 2025-2026 school year. – Resolution #069-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

8.05 Revise the hours for Nikiy Johnson, Middle School Head Cook, to 6.5 hours/day and changing the effective start date to 3/16/2026. – Resolution #070-26

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

8.06 Approve the following classified substitutes for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year: Resolution #071-26

Andrea Forrester	Paraprofessional- effective 3/11/2026
Nolan Tenney	Custodian
Ed Hawlie	Bus Driver

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

8.07 Approve Katie Nagle as an Elementary Building Substitute at \$125/day. – Resolution #072-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

8.08 Approve Ben Cook as a BGSU student teacher as a teaching substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at \$100/day. – Resolution #073-26

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

8.09 Approve Dan Magrum, John Obrock and Jeff Hill as 2026 Seasonal Workers, at a rate of \$16.75 per hour. – Resolution #074-26

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

IX. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

9.01 Approve the January 2026 Board Policy Updates 44.2 and the March 2026 Special Update. – Resolution #075-26

Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

9.02 Accept the following donations: For After Prom- \$200 from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, \$500 from Michael and Nancy Foster, \$200 from NSG Glass North America, \$250 from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, \$1,000 from Huff Veterinary Services; For the Musical- \$250 from Christine and Eric Rutherford; For Track and Field- \$200 from Eastwood Educational Association. – Resolution #076-26

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

9.03 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with New Story Schools for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. – Resolution #077-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

9.04 Approve the agreement with Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. – Resolution #078-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 years. Motion Carried.

- 9.05 Approve the Wood County Educational Service Center Agreement for Consortium Services for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. – Resolution #079-26

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

- 9.06 Approve the Wood County Educational Service Center Agreement for Specialized Services for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. – Resolution #080-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. Roll Call: 5 yeas. 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 Report- 4/15 Community Meeting
- 10.09 Board President Report
- 10.10 Board Member Report- Mr. Rutherford provided the Board with a copy of the OSBA recommended self-assessment process, which outlines a framework for board evaluation over the course of a calendar year. He encouraged all members to complete the assessment in advance of the next meeting, with the goal of evaluating the Board's current performance and informing strategic planning for the 2026–2027 school year.

\* 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 #081-26

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

The Board and Treasurer Leppelmeier entered Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. – Resolution #082-26.

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

The next regular board meeting of the Eastwood Board of Education will be on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Eastwood Elementary School.