

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

Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

District Board Room
Hybrid (In-person and via Zoom)
April 20, 2026

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. 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, Mrs. Lori Mosser, called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Kantner, Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Moyer, Ms. Schaeffer; and 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, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Springborn, Mrs. Shoemaker, ~~Dr. Mecca~~, Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Mealy, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Frantz, Mrs. Hanichak, and ~~Mr. Gruber~~, and Lori Mosser, Board Secretary; and faculty/staff and community residents (in-person and via Zoom).

Board President Communications

- Welcome to everyone attending.
- There was an Executive Session held tonight at 5:15 pm, prior to the start of the Regular Board of Education Voting meeting to discuss confidential personnel matters.

Student Council Report – Cadynce Thornton, President

- A theme has been selected for Homecoming next fall, so our focus is on planning for this event.
- The Interact Club is working on a community service project with Rotary; while also continuing to work on the Veteran's Memorial with Mr. Bickel.
- RaiderTHON is preparing for the Color Run, which will be taking place soon.

Student Recognition

- Cast of 5th Grade Musical, The Little Mermaid – Dr. Michael Gerhart, Intermediate School Principal
- Tractor Restoration Team – Madison Balthaser, High School Agriculture Teacher

At 6:21 p.m. the Board took a break to allow students to leave prior to the start of the business meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer
 - Policy 005, Policy 140, Policy 810, Policy 221, Policy 325, Policy 332, and Policy 619 were moved forward for first reading.
 - Next meeting will be held May 4, 2026.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner
 - Several textbooks were reviewed and recommended to move forward for board approval.
 - Mr. Boltz presented information regarding the end of the Apple lease and the renewal of a new lease for computers.
 - Next meeting will be held May 4, 2026
- Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl
 - New Hires, Resignations, Requested Leaves were discussed.
 - Discussion was had on possibly reinstating tuition reimbursement for support staff as some paraprofessionals may want to return to school to become educators.
 - Next meeting will be held May 4, 2026.
- General Services Committee – Mr. JP Santos
 - Discussion on LowV proposal. The committee will move forward for full board consideration.
 - Mr. Frantz and Mrs. Houck presented the need for new playground equipment at Fort Zeller. The committee agreed to move forward with the George Ely quote.
 - Update on the Middle School boiler installation.
 - Update on the Veteran’s Memorial Installation.
 - Next meeting will be held May 5, 2026.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - CSIU contract was discussed and will move forward for full board consideration.
 - The CTC budget was also discussed and will move forward for board approval.
 - The LLIU13 budget was presented and will move forward for board approval.
 - Mrs. Mathias gave an update on the 2026-2027 budget.
 - Next meeting will be held May 5, 2026.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ray Ondrusek
 - There was a presentation from print shop students at the April meeting.
 - Next meeting will be held May 27, 2026.
- PSBA Report – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner
 - PSBA Delegates should be selected by June 26, 2026.
 - Advocacy Day will be held May 4, 2026.
 - The PSBA You Tube Channel will be discussing Literacy this month.
- CTC Rep Report – Mr. JP Santos
 - The renovation project was discussed at last month’s JOC meeting.
 - Next meeting will be held April 21, 2026.
- Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. JP Santos
 - No Report this month.
- ELCO Education Foundation – Ms. Megan Schaeffer
 - There were 27 submissions for Spring Grants. We will be selecting grant recipients April 22.
 - New members are always welcome.
 - Next meeting will be held June 21, 2026.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

- Barb Seifert – Textbook purchases.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Santos, seconded by Ms. Schaeffer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 03-16-2026 were approved

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mrs. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's Report of 03-30-2026 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-Z were approved:

- A. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Jessica Shaak, 2nd shift Custodian, effective and retroactive to March 20, 2026.
- B. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Holly Hartman, Assistant Indoor Track Coach, effective and retroactive to March 23, 2026.
- C. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Danielle Ebersole, Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to April 7, 2026.
- D. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Caitlin Lucas, Specialized Paraprofessional, effective April 24, 2026.
- E. Accepted a "Letter of Resignation" from Anna Martin, Specialized Paraprofessional, effective June 4, 2026.
- F. Approved the appointment and the employment agreement for Dr. Karen Nell to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2026. (Board Attachment)
- G. Approved the employment of Rebecca Mitchell on a "Temporary Professional Contract" as a Middle School Life Skills teacher, at a salary of Bachelor's – Step 1 (\$58,224), start date TBD, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.
Background: This position is being filled due to a retirement.
- H. Approved the administrative transfer of Megan Worley *from* Intermediate School Life Skills teacher *to* Intermediate School Learning Support teacher, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year, with no change in salary.
- I. Approved the administrative transfer of Tara Clauss *from* High School Learning Support teacher *to* Intermediate School Life Skills teacher, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year, with no change in salary.
- J. Approved the following 2026 SPA teachers at a rate of \$165/day, as listed:

Katie Jackson	Alysha Burkholder
Haley Thunberg	Jamie Yocum
Maddyrae Winters – substitute	Madelyn Strickler – substitute
Ruthanne Gray – substitute	

K. Approved the following 2026 SPA paraprofessionals at a rate of \$60/day, as listed:

Lori Binkley	Mary Gassert
Lindsay Layser	Jaycee Schott

L. Approved the following nurses to provide services during Extended School Year and SPA programs, at their individual hourly rate, for the period of June 22, 2026, through July 30, 2026, as listed:

Background: Nursing staff are needed to support students attending summer programs. One nurse is scheduled each day to cover students across all summer programs.

Abigail Beatty
Emily Miller
Melissa Rambler

M. Approved the following teachers to serve as ELCO+ Summer School teachers at a rate of \$165/day, as listed:

Heather Kahl	Dustin Miller	Michael Landis
Sean Miller	Kelly Espenshade	Chad Miller
Warren Zimmerman		

N. Approved up to seven (7) additional days of employment at per diem rate for Jennifer Martin, Future Ready Facilitator, during the summer of 2026.

Background: Mrs. Martin will be engaging in activities as the Future Ready Facilitator, including workshops, meetings with local business leaders, and professional learning activities.

O. Approved the following individual as a coach for the 2026-2027 Fall Sports Season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures)

Football Assistant Coach	Colin Gillen
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P. Approved adding the following individual to the ELCO substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Rachael Smith – Paraprofessional

Q. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Heather Gery, in the amount of \$7,612.50, for unanticipated work during the 2025-2026 school year.

Background: The additional work is due to a vacancy in the Health/Physical Education department and concluded on the first day of the newly hired teacher, December 1, 2025.

R. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Kimberly Sandoe, in the amount of \$306.25, for unanticipated work during the 2025-2026 school year.

Background: The additional work is due to a vacancy in the Math department and concluded on the first day of the newly transferred teacher, December 1, 2025.

S. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Elissa McCallum, in the amount of \$1,330.00, for unanticipated work during the 2025-2026 school year.

Background: The additional work is due to a vacancy in the Math department and concluded on the first day of the newly transferred teacher, December 1, 2025.

T. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Warren Zimmerman in the amount of \$490.00, for unanticipated work during the 2025-2026 school year.

Background: The additional work is due to a vacancy in the Math department and concluded on the first day of the newly transferred teacher, December 1, 2025.

- U. Approved a non-precedent setting stipend to Zoe Zerman in the amount of \$402.50, for unanticipated work during the 2025-2026 school year.
Background: The additional work is due to a vacancy in the Math department and concluded on the first day of the newly transferred teacher, December 1, 2025.
- V. Approved the official start date of Dmitry Shmelev, 2nd Shift Custodian, effective and retroactive to March 23, 2026.
Background: This position was approved March 16, 2026, this motion approves his official start date.
- W. Approved the official start date of Alyson Kunkelman, 2nd Shift Custodian, effective and retroactive to March 30, 2026.
Background: This position was approved March 16, 2026, this motion approves her official start date.
- X. Approved an extension of a sabbatical for the restoration of health through the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year.
Background: The sabbatical was originally approved through the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

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- Y. Approved an Unpaid Leave of Absence for the following employees, per Policy 336 Personal Necessity Leave.

2526 – 1075
2627 - 579

- Z. 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)

Christina Butler	Casey Clauser	Kerri Clauser
Chelsea Cordle	Dylan Dohner	Ryan Frederick
Erin Gahres	Ashley Gardner	Tiffinee Gettle
Jaclyn Hackman	Jessica Hartman	Angela Hartranft
Audrey Hurst	Bradley Kafferlin	Danna Keener
Khyle Keener	Jacinda Martin	Arlene Moll
Katie Myers	Ashley Olar	Michael Ostrich
Christopher Price	Eden Rittle	Brandon Staudt
Jeffrey Strayer	Melissa Terwilliger	Stacey Thomas
Jamie Wampler	Lily Watts	Cabrielle Zartman
McKenzie Hekman	Leykadelicht Torres	Katelynn Wolfe
Megan Keefer	Troy Ebersole	Sarah Aikey
Adam Saul	Trisha Rabold	Tiffany Lipsky

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner, Chairperson

Items E – I were requested to be separated for a Roll Call vote.

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

- A. Approved a trip and travel request from Robert Miller, Head Varsity Track and Field Coach, Holly Hartman, Michael Harnish, and Earl Thomas, Jr. – Assistant Coaches, and qualifying student athletes, to travel and participate in the District III Championships to be held May 15-16, 2026 at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA.
Background: This is an annual trip for qualifying students. The costs have been budgeted.

- B. Approved a trip and travel request from Robert Miller, Head Varsity Track and Field Coach, Holly Hartman, Michael Harnish, and Earl Thomas, Jr. – Assistant Coaches and qualifying student athletes, to travel and participate in the PIAA State Championships to be held May 22-23, 2026 at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA.
Background: This is an annual trip for qualifying students. The costs have been budgeted.
- C. Approved a trip and travel request from Madison Balthaser, High School Agriculture Teacher, chaperones, and approximately 40 students, to travel and participate in the State FFA Convention, to be held June 9-11, 2026, at Penn State University, State College, PA.
Background: This is an annual event where students will compete in public speaking and hands on career development. Students will also attend workshops while at the convention. This is a budgeted expense.
- D. Approved a five-year purchase agreement with Apple Financial Services for \$534,766.45 over a five-year term, \$104,953.29 per year for the refresh of computer equipment. (Board Attachment)
Background: This renews the laptops, desktops, Apple TV's, device management software, and includes professional learning opportunities over the next five years. The yearly payment is under the current yearly purchase agreement that expires in June 2026. This is a budgeted expense.

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, Curriculum Item E was brought to a Roll-Call vote and passed by a vote of 9 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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

- E. Approved the new textbook resource for purchase in the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:
Background: The textbook was selected by the Business Department and is recommended for Board consideration by the Curriculum Committee.

Title: Focus on Personal Financial Literacy
Course: Personal Financial Literacy
Publisher: Mc-Graw Hill
Authors: Kapoor, Dlabay, Hughes, and Hart
Copyright: 2024

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Ms. Schaeffer, Curriculum Item F was brought to a Roll-Call vote and passed by a vote of 7 – Ayes and 2 – Nays.

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

- F. Approved the new textbook resource for purchase in the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:
Background: The textbook was selected by the Social Studies Department as part of the plan to re-align the social studies courses and is recommended for Board consideration by the Curriculum Committee.

Title: Temas: World History: Great Civilizations, 2nd ed.
 Course: 7th Grade Social Studies
 Publisher: National Geographic Learning
 Authors: National Geographic Learning
 Copyright: 2025

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Ms. Schaeffer, Curriculum Item G was brought to a Roll-Call vote and passed by a vote of 6 – Ayes and 3 – Nays.

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

- G. Approved the new textbook resource for purchase in the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:
Background: The textbook was selected by the Social Studies Department as part of the plan to re-align the social studies courses and is recommended for Board consideration by the Curriculum Committee.

Title: World History Interactive
 Course: World History: Eastern and Western Civilizations
 Publisher: Savvas
 Authors: Ellis and Esler
 Copyright: 2022

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Ms. Schaeffer, Curriculum Item H was brought to a Roll-Call vote and passed by a vote of 6 – Ayes and 3 – Nays.

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

- H. Approved the new textbook resource for purchase in the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:
Background: The textbook was selected by the Social Studies Department and is recommended for Board consideration by the Curriculum Committee.

Title: The American Pageant, 18th ed.
 Course: AP US History
 Publisher: Cengage
 Authors: Kennedy, O'Mara, and Cohen
 Copyright: 2025

On a motion by Mrs. Kantner, seconded by Ms. Schaeffer, Curriculum Item I was brought to a Roll-Call vote and passed by a vote of 6 – Ayes and 3 – Nays.

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

- I. Approved the new textbook resource for purchase in the 2027-2028 school year, as listed:
Background: The textbook was selected by the Social Studies Department. Due to the restructuring of the social studies courses, this course will not run in 2026-2027. The textbook will be approved for use in 2027-2028 and has been recommended for Board consideration by the Curriculum Committee.

Title: American Politics and Government Today
 Course: AP US Government and Politics
 Publisher: WW Norton and Company
 Authors: Bianco and Canon
 Copyright: 2026

Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer, Chairperson

Item H was separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Policy Committee Items A – G were approved.

- A. Approved Policy 005 – Organization for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. The revised language allows newly appointed board members assigned to committees to request a change in their assignment within five (5) business days following the reorganization meeting.
- B. Approved Policy 140 - Charter Schools for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: The policy was reviewed by committee. Language was added to provide clarification pertaining to the school district providing transportation and the school district's responsibilities.
- C. Approved Policy 810 – Transportation for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. Language was added to provide clarification pertaining to the school district providing transportation to charter school students and the school district's responsibilities.
- D. Approved Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming (Pupils) for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. This policy was updated with the passing of the CROWN Act which provides protection for individuals from discrimination based on hairstyles associated with race or religion.
- E. Approved Policy 325 – Dress and Grooming (Employees) for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. This policy was updated with the passing of the CROWN Act which provides protection for individuals from discrimination based on hairstyles associated with race or religion.

F. Approved Policy 332 - Working Periods for first reading. (Board Attachment)

Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. This policy has minor language updates referring to state law and the board's authority to determine the hours and days district programs and services are available to students and community.

G. Approved Policy 619 – District Audit for first reading. (Board Attachment)

Background: This policy was reviewed by committee. The updated language states that the Auditor General will no longer conduct school audits and the responsibility was returned to PDE.

On a motion by Mrs. Moyer, seconded by Mrs. Kantner and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Policy Committee Item H was approved.

H. Approved the following policies (revised/reviewed/and/or new) for a second reading as listed: (Board Attachment)

1. Policy 102- Academic Standards
2. Policy 105 – Curriculum
3. Policy 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees

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, General Services Committee Items A - C were approved.

A. Approved a proposal from LowV Systems, Inc., for the purchase and installation of four (4) servers at a cost of \$32,000. (Board Attachment)

Background: The servers will be used to replace outdated servers and provide improvements to latency. The cost of this work will be fully covered by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant#43310.

B. Approved a one-year renewal support contract with Morefield to provide Mitel Phone System support at a cost of \$14,104.

Background: This contract was approved last April with an automatic renewal for the 2026-2027 school year. This expense has been budgeted.

C. Approved a proposal from George Ely Associates, Inc., for the purchase and installation of playground equipment within designated areas at Fort Zeller Elementary School at a cost of \$164,431.00. (Board Attachment)

Background: The equipment is being replaced due to its age and condition, and because many components failed to meet the Standard Safety Performance Specifications after an in-depth inspection. This proposal is from Costars Contract #014-E23-299. The cost of this project will be funded utilizing proceeds from the 2025 debt restructuring.

Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek, Chairperson

Items F and G were separated for Roll Call vote.

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Kramer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Finance Items A - E, were approved:

A. Approved payment of bills as found listed and attached to the April 20, 2026, Board Agenda for payments made March 2026, in the amounts indicated: (Board Attachment)

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$2,190,790.19
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$171,592.39
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
Student Activity payments in the amount of	\$13,836.99
Flex Spending payments in the amount of	\$936.37

- B. Approved an agreement with John Paul II Learning Center to provide Extended School Year (ESY) services for one (1) secondary student. (Board Attachment)
Background: This is an approval for ESY services from June 15, 2026 through July 30, 2026. This is a budgeted expense.
- C. Approved a three-year proposal from Walsworth Yearbooks for the printing of the ELCO High School yearbook at an approximate cost of \$29,250.00. (Board Attachment)
Background: The proposal for the cost of printing the yearbook is offset by annual yearbook sales and includes additional support services offered to the yearbook staff. There will be no greater than a 2% price increase over the term of the contract (2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29)
- D. Approved a three-year agreement with Cady Photography to serve as the photographer for the ELCO Senior High School, providing senior portrait and underclassman photography services. (Board Attachment)
Background: This contract guarantees a \$2500 senior commission and a \$3.00 commission on all underclassman pre-order packages. The term of the contract 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 school years.
- E. Approved an agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), to provide computer services for Fund Accounting, Payroll, and Human Resources modules for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, at a cost of approximately \$29,147.00 (Board Attachment)
Background: The cost is billed per student, and the agreement price is estimated for the next year. This is an annual license renewal and a budgeted expense.

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Roll Call vote, all voting Aye, Finance Item F was approved.

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

- F. Approved the 2026-2027 Lebanon County CTC Budget. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)
Background: The 2026-2027 Lebanon County CTC Budget reflects an increase of 7.42% or \$70,498.00 for the ELCO School District and is a budgeted expense.

On a motion from Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mr. Kramer and approved by Roll Call vote, all voting Aye, Finance Item G was approved.

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

- G. Approved Resolution #04-20-2026 I, concerning the 2026-2027 Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Budget. (Board Attachment) (Roll Call Vote)

Superintendent's Report

Principal Reports:

- Mrs. Megan Ressler – Jackson Elementary School
 - As part of Lebanon County's America 250th celebration, Jackson Elementary will be visited by historian Mr. Sam Leamer, to learn about life in colonial America.
 - Our students have been participating in the countywide America 250 coloring contest. The top three winners at each grade level will have their artwork displayed at the Lebanon Convention Center on July 4th.
- Mrs. Jodi Houck – Fort Zeller Elementary School
 - April 23, 2026 our two Elementary Schools and the Intermediate School will come together to hold Family Literacy Night at the Middle School. The students will have the opportunity to hear from author Jonathan Stutzman and illustrator Heather Fox.
 - May 1, 2026 we will be holding our annual Career Day. We will have several parents coming to our school to talk about their various careers.
- Dr. Michael Gerhart – ELCO Intermediate School
 - Over the next two weeks our 3rd – 8th grade students will be taking their PSSA tests. Students will be tested in ELA, Science, and Math.
- Mr. Jonathan Treese – ELCO Middle School
 - Our WSCM team was recognized for the Maker Award at the Regional Awards ceremony.
 - On April 11 and April 12, seven students represented ELCO at the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educator's (LLMEA) Middle School Band North Festival.
 - Our TSA organization participated in the State Conference and two students placed 7th in Structural Engineering.
- Ms. Jennifer Haas – ELCO High School
 - AP Testing will start May 4, and Keystone testing begins May 11, 2026.
 - In recognition of Arbor Day students will be participating in activities related to trees. Some of the activities include learning about ecosystems, photosynthesis, tree derived ingredients in food, and games.

Directors Reports:

- Mrs. Amy Shoemaker, Director of Pupil Services
 - I had the opportunity, along with other safety coordinators, to participate in a "Student Reunification: Lessons Learned" workshop. Our ultimate goal is to develop a safety task force in Lebanon County that would be deployed when unification efforts are needed.

- Mr. Robert Boltz, Director of Technology
 - Thursday, April 23, four staff members and I will participate in the “Ensuring Digital Accessibility” workshop at the IU13. This workshop will equip us with the knowledge and tools necessary to comply with the new Americans with Disabilities Act regulations regarding digital accessibility.
- Mr. Tommy Mealy, Athletic Director
 - April 9, we recognized a 2014 ELCO alum and former baseball player, Tyler Starry, who is battling ALS. He threw out the first pitch and was given a hat and signed baseball from the team.
 - April 15, we had our Unified Track and Field meet. It was very warm, but our kids battled the heat and did well. We defeated Lebanon but lost to JP McCaskey.
 - Our annual Military Appreciation Day game is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026. This will be a double header so our baseball and softball teams can recognize military guests.

Mrs. Vicente shared the following:

- The Groundbreaking ceremony for the Legacy Barn will be Friday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m.
- On June 6, 2026, ELCO will hold an Ag Day event, showcasing and celebrating agriculture in our community. Proceeds from this event will go the Legacy Barn.
- Giant Food Stores program “Feeding School Kids” donated \$2,499.51 to our district.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

May 4, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – Policy/Curriculum/Personnel Committee Meetings

May 5, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – General Services/Finance Committee Meetings

May 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

May 22, 2026 – In-Service Exchange Day – NO SCHOOL for students K-12

May 25, 2026 – NO SCHOOL in observance of Memorial Day

May 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. - Baccalaureate at Zion United Methodist Church, Myerstown

May 28, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Commencement

Spring Concert Dates:

May 3, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. - High School Spring Concert – HS Auditorium

May 5, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Spring Concert – HS Auditorium

May 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Intermediate School Concert – HS Auditorium

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Ms. Schaeffer commented on the 5th grade musical. This is a great experience for the students and thankful to the staff and volunteers for making this possible.
- Mrs. Morrissey welcomed Dr. Nell to the ELCO School District.
- Mr. Kahl commented that Millcreek Lutheran will have a summer tutoring program for students this summer.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Schaeffer, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Moyer adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Mosser
Board Secretary