

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Work Session (Monday, May 18, 2026)

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5:30 p.m. 3rd. Floor

35353 Curtis Blvd.

Eastlake, Ohio 44095

1. Introduction

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call- 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Gabrielle Miller - Absent

Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese- Absent

Ms. Denise Verdi - Present

Ms. Jaime Shatsman - Present

Ms. Stacy Menser - Present

2. Approval of Agenda

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Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese arrived at 5:31 p.m.

A motion was made to approve agenda.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Denise Verdi

Miller N/A Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-75

Motion Approved 4-0

3. Board Members' Business

A. District Funding Discussion

Ms. Gabrielle Miller arrived at 5:48 p.m.

- Dr. Ward and Mr. Ciarniello refreshed the board on the legislation that passed in the last 12 months.
- Options were reviewed in terms of levy or no levy/failure.
- What would community engagement look like when considering building closures.
- The recent legislation is what removed our ability to thoughtfully have these conversations without additional revenue.
- Everyone talked about the issue with considering a property tax, especially if the property tax referendum is on the ballot.
- It was also discussed how schools are seeing push back when exploring an income tax since this has historically been the funding mechanism for cities.
- Conversations were had about how the district can make this about senior citizens **and** children, not senior citizens **or** children.
- We can bring back the coffee talks in August 2026 where we can present the facts and listen to the community.
- Board members discussed threats they could likely see by moving forward with a November initiative. Everyone was adamant that if November failed them we would see the district reconfiguration through.
- A reductions due to a failure would be a band aid, but at least the community was given a chance to weigh in.

4. Closing

A. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Ms. Denise Verdi

Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-76

Motion Approved 5-0

Adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Treasurer

President

