**EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION** **REGULAR**

**June 18, 2026, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm**

**A. Call to Order**

The President, Ms. Bush, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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.

***26-052 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. Public Participation**

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- No Participation

**E. Treasurer Report**

- Cyber security program review
- Termination of benefits fund transfer
- Review of FY26 and FY27 budgetary amendments

**F. Treasurer Recommendations**

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2026, regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the May 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to authorize the treasurer to make year-end financial adjustments as necessary.

Recommendation that the board authorizes the treasurer to appropriate up to $10,000 to MicroImage Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year for old student and fiscal records for permanent retention electronically per the agreement, board approved on November 15, 2018.

Recommendation to hereby adopt and implement a cybersecurity program that aligns with the requirements of ORC 9.64(c).

Recommendation to approve the transfer of $50,000 from the 001 General Fund to the 035 Termination Benefits Fund.

Recommendation to accept with appreciation and gratitude the following donations:

| Amount | From | To | Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1,500.00 | East Knox Lions Club | EK Athletic Dept. | Track Hurdles |
| $300.00 | East Knox Lions Club | FCCLA | Student trip to DC for Nationals |
| $150.00 | The Killbuck Savings Bank | FCCLA | Student trip to DC for Nationals |
| $40.00 | McKenna VonAllman | FCCLA | Student trip to DC for Nationals |
| $223.16 | Kenyon College | EK Elem | BFEC field trip transportation |
| $300.00 | Capital Square Fndtn.-Honda | 4th Grade | State House transportation |

Recommendation to approve the following Fiscal Year 2026 budgetary amendment(s):

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *001* | *General* | *$(335,513.12)* |
| *002* | *Debt Retirement* | *$ 1,877.86* |
| *003* | *Permanent Improvement* | *$(246,469.83)* |
| *070* | *Capital Projects* | *$ 313,291.99* |
| *009* | *Uniform School Supplies* | *$ (538.41)* |
| *024* | *Employee Benefits Fund* | *$ 280,000.00* |
| *006* | *Food Services* | *$ (36,837.77)* |
| *018* | *Public School Support* | *$ (5,629.31)* |
| *019* | *Other Grants* | *$ (4,972.05)* |
| *022* | *Custodial Funds* | *$ 515.00* |
| *035* | *Termination Benefits* | *$ (26,878.08)* |
| *200* | *Student Managed Student Activity* | *$ (37,149.61)* |
| *516* | *Part-B, IDEA Special Education* | *$ (30,839.31)* |
| *536* | *Title I School Improvement A* | *$ (23,366.78)* |
| *572* | *Title I-Disadvantaged Children/Targeted Assistance* | *$ (48,612.78)* |
| *584* | *Student Support and Academic Enrichment Programs* | *$ (135.74)* |
| *590* | *Improving Teacher Quality* | *$ (13,806.51)* |

Recommendation to approve the following Fiscal Year 2027 student activity accounts (pending submission of purpose and budget statement by activity advisors):

200-9110 Art Club
200-9130 Drama Fund
200-9302 Spanish Club
200-9310 JH Student Council
200-9320 F.C.C.L.A.
200-9330 F.F.A.
200-9350 Europe Trip
200-9027 Class of 2027
200-9028 Class of 2028
200-9610 HS Student Council
200-9630 Life Skills Class
200-9680 Yearbook Fund
200-9690 EK Elementary K-6

200-9691 CBI
200-9710 National Honor Society
200-9304 Debate Club
200-9360 JR/SR High PBIS

Recommendation to approve the FY27 Estimated Revenues and Permanent Appropriations as follows:

| | | FY 2027 Estimated Revenues | FY 2027 Permanent Appropriations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **GENERAL FUND** | | | |
| 001 | General Fund | $16,880,027.00 | $14,610,001.07 |
| **DEBT SERVICE FUND** | | | |
| 002 | Bond Retirement | $1,741,360.00 | $1,860,050.00 |
| **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS** | | | |
| 003 | Permanent Improvement | $796,710.00 | $331,080.00 |
| 070 | Capital Projects Fund | $- | $802,329.00 |
| **ENTERPRISE FUNDS** | | | |
| 009 | School Supply | $2,500.00 | $1,500.00 |
| **INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS** | | | |
| 024 | Employee Benefits Fund | $2,550,000.00 | $2,540,000.00 |
| **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** | | | |
| 006 | Food Services | $510,000.00 | $609,693.00 |
| 018 | Public School Support | $6,950.00 | $11,400.00 |
| 019 | Local Grants | $5,000.00 | $9,000.00 |
| 035 | Termination Benefits | $- | $50,000.00 |
| 200 | Student Activity | $101,850.00 | $116,350.00 |
| 300 | Athletics | $98,300.00 | $96,670.00 |
| 516 | Part-B IDEA | $292,523.96 | $292,523.96 |
| 536 | School Improvement and Support | $22,412.14 | $22,412.14 |
| 572 | Title I | $350,942.86 | $350,942.86 |
| 584 | Title IV-A | $27,430.71 | $27,430.71 |
| 590 | Title II-A | $55,543.20 | $55,543.20 |
| | **TOTAL** | $23,441,549.87 | $21,786,925.94 |

***26-053 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS***
Mr. Beltz moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

**G. Athletics**

- Mr. Bailey Sprague
  - Review of OHSAA referendums that were passed and not passed.
  - Review of track season and All Ohio Accomplishments for 2025-2026 school year.
  - Thank you to the administration and board for support throughout the first year as athletic director.

**H. Jr./Sr. HS Building Report**

- Mrs. Sprang – Principal
  - Review of new courses for the 2026-2027 school year.

**I. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion**

- Mr. Baird - Updates/Discussion Items

- Playground updates
- KCH athletic trainer agreement
- Emergency management system (Raptor)
  - Mrs. Tomlinson asked Mr. Baird some questions on the EMA system and Mr. Baird clarified its purpose.
- Archery Club
- Swimming Club
- C-Tec licensure program for CTE for Cynthia May

**J. Superintendent Recommendations**

Recommendation to table the following Neola Board Policies as presented.

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PO5421 GRADING
PO5430 CLASS RANK

***26-054 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION***
Mr. Beltz moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the 2026-2027 school year for free breakfast and lunch programming for all K-12 students.

Recommendation to approve the following surrogate list for the 2026-2027 school year:

Bonnie Buffington
Julie Borchers
Julie Grinstead
Leslie Reid
Holly Butcher-Grimmer

Recommendation to approve an agreement with Dyslexia on Demand for dyslexia therapy services for a total cost not to exceed $7,756.50 through May 22, 2027.

Recommendation to approve the contract with Cornerstone Pediatric Therapy LTD for physical therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year at $60 per hour.

Recommendation to approve a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Speer Mechanical for the Elementary School from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 at a cost of $3,308 and for the Junior/Senior High School from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 at a cost of $7,074.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Xtek Partners for 3D printers for $6,129.76.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Xtek Partners for HP 527pm 27” Class WQHD LCD Monitors for a cost of $5,050.

Recommendation to approve the proposal from Apple Inc. for the purchase of IPads and computers for use for Project Lead the Way and art programming for $11,042.

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Recommendation to approve the proposal from Apple Inc. for the purchase of Mac mini's: Apple M4 chip with 10-core CPU and 10-core GPU, 24GB, 512GB SSD for a cost of $13,459.50.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with AdTec for e-rate consulting services for funding year 2027 for Category One services at an annual cost of $1,800.

Recommendation to approve the estimate from American Mobile Tint, Glass, and Accessories for $62,205.50 for safety film installation throughout the elementary building. Cost to be partially offset by $6,428.73 in grant funds.

Recommendation to approve the estimate from Renegade Lift Service for $61,261 for equipment and installation of a replacement bus lift.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of biology curriculum from Savvas Learning Company for $7,458.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of Social Studies Curriculum from TCI as follows:

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| $30,996 | 4-6 |
| $16,211.70 | 7-8 |
| $3,689.35 | World Connections |

Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 admission fees for athletic events as set by the Knox-Morrow Athletic Conference:

Varsity Events
Adult $8.00
Student $5.00
*in season athlete $2.00

All Other Events
Adult $5.00
Student $3.00
*in season athlete $2.00

Recommendation to approve the May 17, 2026 final graduation list as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

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|---|---|---|
| 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 agreement with Mid-Ohio ESC to provide Gifted Services Coordinator services for $31,500.

Recommendation to approve the quote from TriMark for a Convotherm Combi Gas Oven for the elementary school kitchen for a cost of $30,092.30, including installation.

Recommendation to approve the quote from TriMark for a Garland, 36”, 6-Burner Gas Range for the jr./sr. high school kitchen for a cost of $5,280.34, including installation.

Recommendation to approve Raptor Emergency Management Suite annual access license and one-time implementation fee and training for $7,615.

Recommendation to start an Archery Club at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Recommendation to approve the Student Handbooks as presented for the Jr./Sr. High and the Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County (C-Tec) for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year for $3,800 per year for participation in the structured training program for CTE licensure.

***26-055 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS***
Mr. Beltz moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve the following resolution with PlayCore Wisconsin DBA GameTime for the Elementary Playground project.

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
WITH PLAYCORE
WISCONSIN INC. DBA GAMETIME FOR THE
ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Superintendent requests that the Board authorize an agreement with PlayCore Wisconsin Inc. dba GameTime (the "Vendor") for the Elementary Playground Project (the "Project") in accordance with O.R.C. 9.48 for contracts procured through a joint purchasing cooperative.

Rationale:

1. The District previously identified a need for the Project, which generally consists of improvements to the playground located at the Elementary School Building.
2. The District previously identified a need for the Project, which generally consists of improvements to the playground located at the Elementary School Building.
3. Pursuant to Attorney General Opinion 2024-003, O.R.C. 9.48 permits a board of education to procure equipment and installation, maintenance, and/or repair services through a joint purchasing cooperative, such as OMNIA Partners ("OMNIA"), with the procurement being exempt from competitive bidding requirements set forth in O.R.C. 3313.46.
4. Vendor will provide and install playground equipment and materials as well as other installation, maintenance, and/or repair services for the Project (the "Vendor's Scope of Work"). Other scopes of work for the Project will be performed by a separate contractor procured via competitive bidding.
5. Accordingly, the District solicited a proposal from Vendor for the Project, and Vendor provided a proposal totaling $514,419.16 (the "Proposed Price") for the Vendor's Scope of Work for the Project. Vendor indicates that its pricing is consistent with the pricing structure awarded to Vendor through the OMNIA program and its OMNIA contract #2017001134. Vendor has been requested to provide validation of pricing under the OMNIA program.
6. The Board is a member or will become a member of OMNIA, which is a joint purchasing cooperative that offers its members

access to competitively procured contracts, and is compliant with the requirements of O.R.C. 9.48.

7. The Superintendent requests that the Board authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with other District Administrators and legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with Vendor in an amount not-to-exceed the Proposed Price at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board for the Vendor's Scope of Work for the Project.
8. To facilitate timely completion of the Project, the Superintendent also requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute change orders to the agreement with Vendor for the Project in a total amount not-to-exceed 15% of the Proposed Price. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for its consideration.

The East Knox Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based on the information provided, and exercising its authority under O.R.C. 9.48, the Board authorizes the procurement of Vendor for the Project without the need to engage in competitive bidding.
2. The Superintendent and Treasurer, working with other District Administrators and legal counsel, are authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Vendor in an amount not-to-exceed the Proposed Price at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations on behalf of the Board for Vendor's Scope of Work for the Project.
3. The Superintendent and Treasurer are further authorized to execute change orders to the agreement with the Vendor in a total amount not-to-exceed 15% of the Proposed Price for the Project. Change orders in excess of that amount individually or in the aggregate will be brought to the Board for its consideration.

***26-056 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION***

Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

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

Recommendation to accept the following resignations at the end of the contract year:

Megan Moledor, Classroom Teacher
Kati Weber, Classroom Teacher

Recommendation to approve the following, classroom teachers, on a one-year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year:

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| Weston Melick | BA | Step 0 |
| Emily Brockway | BA/150 | Step 0 |
| William O'Hara | MA | Step 3 |

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

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|---|---|---|
| Heather Bostic | Assist. Track Coach | Step 0 |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Megan Bullock | Jr./Sr. High PBIS Member | Step 0 |
| Elizabeth Pozderac | Leo Club Advisor | Step 0 |
| Wess McKown | Assist. Varsity Football | Step 6 |
| Callie Proper | JH Cheer Coach | Step 0 |
| Fawnda Stahl | Junior Class Advisor | Step 5 |
| Curtis Belcher | Junior Class Advisor | Step 2 |
| Tammy Lemley | Head Cheer Advisor | Step 2 |
| Aaron Vance | Asst Band Director | Step 2 |
| Nyssa Lucky | Flag Advisor | Step 4 |
| Mattea Forshey | Asst. Volleyball (Freshman) | Step 2 |
| Brian Dodd | Marching Band Director | Step 2 |
| William O'Hara | Head Basketball Coach | Step 0 |

Recommendation to approve the following employees who can administer medication for the 2026-2027 school year.

Tyler Guilliams
Fawnda Bible Stahl
Amanda Wilson
Shannon Sprang
Laura Radermacher
Alicia Simmons
Amber Carpenter
Elizabeth Pozderac
Melissa Moreland
Krista Reese
Tessa Hedrick
Brian Dodd
Jennifer O'Hara
Denise Campbell
Molly Thoma
Olivia Campbell
Debra Dugan-Burden

Recommendation to approve the following for Kindergarten Jumpstart to be held on August 4, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for students. An additional one hour of prep for teachers at a rate of $30 per hour:

Ashley Fowler
Afton Griffith
Halie Moreland
Jayna Svoboda
Cara Owens

Recommendation to approve a certified van/bus driver to drive students for ESY (extended school year) educational services at their hourly rate for June and July 2026.

Recommendation to approve Megan Bullock as a van driver for up to two (2) hours per day, for high school summer school 2026 for transporting of a student, at the sub bus driver rate.

Recommendation to approve the following for ESY services at the rate of $30.00 per hour for June and July 2026 not to exceed 5 hours per week per student:

Bria Warner
Allison Bennett
Abigail Grandstaff

Recommendation to pay the following for Professional Development during the summer 2026, upon completion of work and submission of timesheets:

| Hours | Who | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | Lauren Mohnasky | Work with the Mid-Ohio ESC, coordinate transfer services from Knox County ESC |
| 3 | Intervention Specialists | ODEW ETR/IEP training |
| 6 | ELA | Curriculum mapping and planning (in lieu of new curriculum training approved in May) |
| 12 | Jessica Eaton | ELA course planning and curriculum mapping |
| 12 | Jessica Eaton & Kelsey Sinzinger | Career course development |
| 6 | Emily Brockway | New science curriculum training |
| 15 | Leah Gatton | Gifted training and certification |
| 2 | Elizabeth Pozderac, Abigail Cummins, & Tisha Melick | Special education discussion & scheduling |

Recommendation to move Angela Buchert to MA+15, Step 5 for the 2026-2027 school year due to proof of completion of course work and previous teaching experience.

Recommendation to change Cynthia May's contract for instructional assistant/tutor for the 2026-2027 school year to Step 4 from Step 5 due to verification of experience.

Recommendation to approve the following summer school staffing changes 2026:

Angel Van Rhoden - Summer School Bus Driver for 4 hours per day (note: this replaces another approved driver)

Roxanna Burch - Summer School Bus Driver for 2.5 hours per day.

***26-057 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS***
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

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

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|---|---|---|
| Abbigail Lester | Head Varsity Softball Coach | Step 2 |

***26-058 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION***
Mr. Beltz moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

***Mr. Beltz raised concerns from community members regarding the existing softball program and the coaching staff.

***Mr. Reese and Mrs. Tomlinson also addressed concerns about the athletic evaluations and community input.

***Mr. Sprague addressed concerns from the board members regarding coaching improvement plans and talent of students.

***Mr. Mark Schwartz addressed the board regarding the athletic programs and parents and student athletes.

***Abbigail Lester address the board of education regarding the softball program and the progress over the last two years.

**L. Adjournment**

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

***26-059 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING***
Mr. Huffman moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

**M. Visitors**

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President Treasurer