MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
OXFORD AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

A regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jenifer A. Warren, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING WERE: **ROLL CALL**
Jenifer A. Warren, President
Andrew T. Atkinson, Vice President
Tenille E. Dewees, Treasurer
Sean T. Grugan, Member
Andrew E. Peters, Member
David S. Trimble, Ph.D., Member
Kristin A. Stephen, Member
Debbie K. Vendrick, Member

ABSENT WAS:
Mary T. Higgins, Member

ALSO ATTENDING WERE:
Dr. David A. Woods Superintendent
Brian P. Cooney, Business Administrator

On motion by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Dewees, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the May 19, 2026, agenda as presented. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by, Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Dewees, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the minutes of the April 14, 2026, Work Session, and the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Dr. Woods deferred to Dr. Margaret Billings-Jones who introduced Brinley Jones, a first-grade student who read her book "Vazeala's Adventure" to the Board. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Margaret Billings-Jones presented the report for the month of May.

Students at the High School participated in a Drone Contest. Even with the team being so young they gook twelfth and twenty-fourth place in the Northeast Regional Championship at Fairmont State University in West Virginia. Their competition was 59 other teams across the northeast.

Our What's So Cool About Manufacturing Team won two out of nine possible awards at this year's competition.

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing results were shared. These tests were taken in a new online format.

The district In-Service was held Tuesday, May 19, 2026, with Emergency Drill Training, Act 55 Compliance Modules, MyView and MyPerspectives programs via Zoom and several other end of year programs/meetings.

The 2026 Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program Graduation Ceremony took place in Harrisburg. Eleven students graduated from this program.

Summer Extended Learning program registration is open. So far there are 124 students registered for this program. Offerings include music, coding, STEM, Young Authors, and Engineering programs.

Chester Couty futures awarded Oxford Area High School with the Partnership Excellence Award. This award recognizes outstanding partners who provide opportunities for students and families.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion by Mrs. Stephen, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, BE IT RESOLVED That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following:

1. General Fund
   a. Treasurer's Report
   b. Revenue Report
   c. Expenditure Report
2. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
3. Capital Projects Fund Treasurer's Report

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

STUDENT ACTIVITY AND ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTS

On motion by Mrs. Stephen, seconded by Dr. Trimble, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the student activities and athletic officials accounts as presented.

Penn's Grove School
Oxford Area High School
Athletic Officials Account

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion by Mrs. Vendrick, seconded by Dr. Trimble, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the Following bill lists for payment:

May 2026

General Fund	$ 2,654,628.92
Cafeteria Fund	$ 96,432.82
Capital Projects Fund	$ 4,530,162.38
Payroll Distribution	$ 2,244,444.59

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

REPORT OF INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Vendrick stated that the board will meet again on May 20, 2026.

REPORT OF CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Dewees stated the following bills were discussed.

HB 2400 – Budget Appropriations Bill-Passed House 4/14. Includes 700 million total education funding increases.
HB 200 - Paid Family and Medical Leave
HB 2218 – Comprehensive School Counseling Service
HB 41 - PIAA Governance Bill
SB 1090 - AI Safeguards
SB 250 – Display Preamble to the Pennsylvania Constitution in schools
SB 835 – POW/MIA Flag to be displayed wherever the American Flag is displayed.

The House and Senate are scheduled to be in session during the first two weeks of June.

PSBA requested each district approve a resolution calling for increased state funding. A customized resolution is on the agenda for approval this evening.

PTO LIAISON

Colleen Burrows reported for the PTO.

PTO has a new email address: Oxfordasdpto@gmail.com. Anyone interested in additional information may contact the PTO using this new address.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Nottingham Library. Elections for officers will be held on this evening.

May 26, 2026, is Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTO is providing Chik-Fil-A sandwiched to staff.

The Mother/Son Tea was held on May 16, 2026. One hundred and forty attended

The "Once Upon A Dream" Father/Daughter Dance will be held on June 6, 2026, in the OAHS Gymnasium.

ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Grugan reported that the committee met on May 19, 2026. There are fifteen seniors who have committed to playing sports at the college level.

Spring physicals will take place on May 26, 2026, for student athletes. These free physicals will be held in the Penn's Grove Cafeteria.

High School Boys Lacrosse goalie Kiernan Clark set the state record of saves, 1,129 across this school year.

Two Track and Field athletes qualified for states this past weekend in the High Jump and Pole Vault.

Oxford Grad Michaela Walker runs track for the University of Cincinnati and placed well in all events she ran during the Big 12 Championship.

An update on the Turf Field at the Stadium was received. The start date is sometime in July with completion in October 2026.

Football season will look a bit different, with OASD games being held at Lincoln University Field on Fridays.

There was discussion on the Indoor Track moving from a club to a OASD sponsored sport.

FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Atkinson stated the committee met on May 12, 2026. The committee received an update on current capital projects and Dr. Woods presented a report from J. Darkey indicating the Township and Chester County Conservation are expected to meet regarding final approval of the Turf Field project. Construction is expected to begin in July with the project being completed by October 2026.

Plans are being finalized for the restroom facilities at the High School field.

The pre-school renovation project for the ground floor of the Administration Building remains on the schedule and potential Press Box renovations at the Stadium are being explored.

A safety drill was conducted during the Act 80 Day today.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Vendrick stated that the committee met on May 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

The committee learned about a workforce development site for Chester County. Access to this site will be added to the district website.

The site is a place students may look for information on internships, apprenticeships, vocational training, and special training for students with specific needs.

Community members ay also use the site and local businesses may advertise on the site.

Mr. Mellinger spoke on how our teachers and administrators are preparing for the use of Generative AI with our students. The High School student handbook will be revamped to include appropriate use of AI.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be held on June 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dewees stated the committee met prior to the work session on May 12, 2026.

The property tax reduction allocation has been received. This comes from state gambling revenue and is distributed to each district to provide taxpayer relief.

For properties that qualify, the relief amount for the 2026-2027 tax year is $475.

The Capital Projects Budget will be presented in June.

The committee will meet again on June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Atkinson stated the committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Policies in the 5000 Series were reviewed and are on the agenda for readoption tonight.

The next meeting will be June 9, 2026, at 6 p.m.

BOARD IN-SERVICE/ BOARD GOALS

Mrs. Warren reported the Board Goals will be presented at the next meeting in June.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESNTATIVE

During the week of May 4,2026, through May 8, 2026, all schools celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Special thanks to OEF, Oxford PTO, and OASD for providing lunches, treats, snacks, and refreshments for teachers throughout the week.

On Friday, May 22, 2026, Jordan Bank students will be taking a field trip to the Oxford Memorial Park where one of our teachers, Jason Baughman, will talk to the students about the meaning of Memorial Day. Families are welcome to join us at the park. On Thursday, May 28, 28, 2026, students will participate in our Game Day/Field Day designed by our Health and Physical Education teacher, Mollie Steigerwalt.

Beginning on Friday, May 29, 2026, students will have their End-of-Year programs and Moving Up ceremonies led by Music Teacher, Maggie Mitchell, and Art Teacher, Viviana Diaz. On Monday, June 1, 2026, students will be visiting the Elk Ridge School as part of their transition activities for first grade. Our teachers are continuing to complete their final assessments for the year, and they'll be meeting in their final MTSS meetings as we transition the students to first grade.

During the month of May, Elk Ridge students are working on exhibiting the trait of "Empathy". The first-grade classes will be visiting Plumpton Park Zoo and the second-grade classes visited White Clay Creek State Park. Elk Ridge students and staff are looking forward to Field Day, KJ day, the final Hive Hero Assemblies, and the End of Year Hive Hero Carnival. Lastly, the second graders will be visiting Nottingham Elementary as they get ready for next school year.

Nottingham Grade 4 Students attended the Stroud Nature Preserve in April to learn about natural resources and land conservation. Nottingham Envirothon Team participated in the 2026 Chester County Envirothon Competition on April 22, 2026. Thirty-one elementary schools participated. The event was held at Hibernia Park. On Thursday, May 14, 2026, Nottingham held their Grade 4 Spring Band and Chorus Concert at Penn's Grove Auditorium. On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Nottingham will host their Grade 3-4 Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm, at Penn's Grove Auditorium. Nottingham Career Day was held Wednesday, May 13, 2026. A shout out of thanks to, Nottingham's Guidance Counselor, Nadine Callan for organizing this amazing experience for the students. Students had the opportunity to learn about many careers such as Nursing, Mechanics, Farrier (Horseshoeing), Robotics, Human Resource, and Entomology to name a few. Nottingham's Field Day is scheduled for May 21, 2026.

At Hopewell over four hundred fifty attendees came out to Moms and Muffins Day. Thank you to those who participated. The Envirothon Teams also brought home numerous awards. The Spring Concert was held at the

Oxford Area High School and the students in our Band and Chorus did an outstanding job. Special thanks to our Band Director, Mr. Maule our Choral Director, Ms. Goldschmidt and our Orchestra Directors Ms. Renz and Mrs. Mathiot.

Shakespeare Club members will attend a competition on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and will have an in-school performance on May 21, 2026. Two hundred forty-two students and over thirty staff members will attend Weather Education Day at Citizens Bank Park on May 20, 2026. The students will meet the meteorologists of NBC Channel 10 News, enjoy experiments from the Franklin Institute and watch a game with the Philadelphia Phillies and Cincinnati Reds as part of our School-wide Positive Behavior Program. Students had to write essays and show positive attendance, behavior and grades to attend the trip. Lastly, on May 21, 2026, Mr. Barcus and Envirothon teams will release trout at Elk Creek. Mr. Barcus and classes have raised the trout this past year in the classroom.

Penn's Grove's What's So Cool About Manufacturing Team won 2 awards at this year's competition: Outstanding Editing and Outstanding Outreach Plan. Pen's Grove took home two of the nine awards. Thank you to all those who voted. Penn's Grove recognized our bus drivers on May 28, 2026, for Bus Driver Appreciation Day with a sweet treat and a card. Mr. James and Mr. Barcus took a group of girls who attended GETT to the Ryan Observatory at Muddy Run. The girls had a great time learning how Constellation Energy generates electricity along the Susquehanna River and exploring Universe Hall to learn about nearby galaxies and planets in our solar system. Penn's Grove had their Spring Fine Arts show on May 7, 2026. Fantastic job to all involved.

The week of May 4, 2026, Student Council held a school-wide senior-send-off spirit week. The first two weeks of May AP exams were held for applicable students. Additionally, beginning last week on the 11th and continuing through this Friday the 22nd Keystone Exams are taking place. OAHS's early college academy students graduated from Cecil College with associates degrees on Sunday May 17, 2026. Next week TCHS students' graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7 P.M., Homeland Security Senior Cadet's graduation will take on Thursday May 28, 2026, and OAHS's graduation ceremony will take place next Friday May 29, 2026, at 6 P.M. Additionally next week on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 9 A.M. the senior last bus ride will take place around the schools and through Oxford. Underclassmen awards will be held at 1 P.M. Project Graduation celebration will be held on Wednesday May 29, 2026, at 6 P.M. at the high school's cafeteria. Seniors must attend in order to win prizes.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Dr. Woods stated a small group within the district is working toward a purple star designation, which is the Commonwealth's designation for schools that work with Military Families. There are about 200 members of Military Families in the District.

This designation shows that the district is willing and has the resources to work with children of these families.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO REQUESTED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Warren recognized persons who requested to be placed on the agenda.

There were none.

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Dr. Trimbl, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following personnel items: **PERSONNEL**

Professional

Resignations

Name: Ashton Baker
Position: Food Service Director, District
Effective: May 11, 2026

Name: Francine Gulino
Position: Speech & Language Pathologist, District
Effective: June 17, 2026

Extended School Year Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 9, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Teachers: Shannon April, Elizabeth Henderson, Susan McDonald, Victoria McMullen, Lorraine Munion, Katelyn Musacchio, Karen Powers, Courtney Shahadi, Alicia Shoop, Amy Swisher, Melissa Verikakis
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Summer Extended Learning Program Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 9, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Teachers: Elizabeth Baity, Germaine Baughman, Gabriela Caban-Alamo, Shannon Ciarlone, Courtney Doyle, Andrea Gillinger, Zachery Hamilton, Olivia Hocker, Caitlyn Jones, Lisa Malone, Kristen McDermott, Heather McGinn, Kimberly Moroz, Alex Poli, Lauren Sharp
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Summer Extended Learning Program Substitute Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 9, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Teachers: Nichole Hendrickson-Tartar, Karen Gregan, Amy Brown,
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Computer Science Coding Academy

Dates: July 13, 2026, through July 16, 2026
Teacher: Jason McLead
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Music Academy

Dates: July 13, 2026, through July 30, 2026
Teachers: Jessica Goldschmidt, Abigail Hudson, Ryan Maule
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

STEM-Aerodynamics/Robotics Academy

Dates: July 20, 2026, through July 23, 2026
Teacher: John Barcus
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

STEM-Engineering/Math Academy

Dates: July 20, 2026, through July 23, 2026
Teacher: Thomas Strube
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Young Authors Academy

Dates: July 13, 2026, through July 16, 2026
Teacher: Karen Gregan
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Summer School Nurse Appointment

Dates: July 13, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Nurse: Nichole Schillereff, Kelly Willis
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Summer School Speech and Language Pathologist

Dates: July 9, 2026, through August 6, 2026(as needed)
Teacher: Mila Capuano, Katie Stahl
Location: Hopewell Elementary School
Salary: $45.00 per hour

Leaves of Absence

Name: Beth Hollick
Position: Grade 2 Teacher, Elk Ridge Elementary School
Type: Excess Family Illness
Number of Days: Up to 5 days
Effective: April 27, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year

Name: Ryan MacNeil
Position: Grade 6 Teacher, Hopewell Elementary School
Type: Excess Family Illness
Number of Days: Up to 5.5 days
Effective: May 4, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year

Non-Professional

Retirement

Name: Brenda Nelson
Position: Food Service, Nottingham School
Effective: June 9, 2026

Resignation

Name: Michelle Mazza
Position: Confidential Secretary the Supervisor of Special Education
Effective: July 2, 2026

Extended School Year Instructional Aide Appointments

Dates: July 13, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Aides: Susan Gibson, Jill Giovinco, Patricia Kelly, Kylie Klein
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: $18.04 per hour or current contracted rate

Summer Extended Learning Program Instructional Aide Appointments

Dates: July 13, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Aides: Anita Bolton, Janette Griffin, Jodi Phouthavongsa, Emily Vega
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: $18.04 per hour or current contracted rate

Summer School Job Coach

Dates: July 13, 2026, through August 6, 2026
Teacher: Elizabeth Baldwin
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: $45.00 per hour or current contracted rate

Leave of Absence

Name: Darla Hultz
Position: Secretary to Human Resources Director, District
Type: Excess Family Illness
Number of Days: Up to 5 days
Effective: May 11, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 school year

Date Corrections

Name: Kayla Stiles
Position: Technology Assistant/Secretary, District
Effective: From April 27, 2026, to May 11, 2026

Name: Christi Vitullo
Position: Cafeteria Aide, Nottingham School
Effective: From April 27, 2026, to May 4, 2026

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Grugan, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following consent agenda items: **CONSENT AGENDA**

Student Participation Fees

High School Sports	$75
Penn's Grove Sports	$75
High School Sports	$75

Annual Medical Appointments

School Physician
Appointment of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Care Network as the school district's physician for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $125 per hour.

School Dentist
Appointment of Dr. Drew Eckan, DDS, as the school district's dentist for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $65 per hour.

Curriculum, Technology and Library Materials and Supplies

Approval to sell and/or repurpose all outdated curriculum, technology, library materials, supplies, and equipment.

Appointment of Solicitor

Approval of Rinaldi and Poveromo, P.C., as the school district's solicitor, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a rate of $165 per hour for attorneys and $45.00 per hour for paraprofessionals.

Appointment of Auditor

Approval of the appointment of Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP, for an Audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Oxford Area School District for the year ending June 30, 2026, not to exceed $34,000.

Special Education Contracts

Two (2) contracts between the oxford Area School district and Talk, Inc., for student-specific services to take place in the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Elwyn of Pennsylvania and Delaware (Davidson School) for student-specific ESY services in the Summer of 2026.

Multiple student-specific contracts between the Oxford Area School District and the White Clay School for ESY services in the Summer of 2026.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Devereux Pennsylvania for student services for the 2026 Summer and the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and The Pilot School for student-specific services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Centreville Layton School for student-specific ESY services in the Summer of 2026. Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for student-specific ESY services for the summer of 2026.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Marcia Towers for contracted bilingual speech and language services and evaluations for the 2026-2027 school year.

STS Contract

Approval of the contract between the Oxford Area School District and Substitute Teacher Service (STS) for temporary employee services provided to the district beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, as per the attached.

Annual Appointments

The appointment of Truist Financial, Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, WSFS, First Resource Bank, Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, Pennsylvania Local Government Trust, and First Citizens Community Bank as depositories for the 2026-2027 school year.

Maintenance Contracts

Contract with Carrier Commercial Service for a preventative maintenance agreement for the chiller at Elk Ridge School, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $5,546.00.

Contract with Combat Elevator Inc., for monthly maintenance of hydraulic passenger elevators and wheelchair lifts throughout the district, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, at a rate of $747.00 per month.

Contract with Deerfield Mowing and Property Management, Inc., for mowing and landscaping throughout the district beginning March 15, 2026, and ending December 15, 2026, in the amount of $79,250.00.

Contract with Foley CAT for preventative maintenance and minor repairs on the District's CAT equipment beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $5,630.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract with Franklin Cleaning Equipment & Supply Co. for quarterly scheduled on-site maintenance and repairs of cleaning equipment, at a labor rate of $118.00 per hour plus a $143.00 travel rate.

Contract with Frey Lutz for building automation systems and temperature controls for Hopewell Elementary School, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, in the amount of $135,252.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract with Kisler O'Brien for inspection and maintenance services of fire extinguishers beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $3,742.55.

Contract with Bonfitto, for maintenance to district boilers beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $17,365.00.

Contract with Monnit for one year access to the Monnit Premiere Sensor Portal, at the rate of $750.00.

Contract with NRG Building Services for building automation systems and temperature controls for Penn's Grove Middle School, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $17,050.00, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract renewal with Premium Power Services, LLC for service and maintenance of generators throughout the district beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $3,270.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract with Proasys for routine district-wide on-site calls to sample the water and to administer the water treatment program beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $11,000.00 per year.

Contract with R. Brooks Mechanical LLC for maintaining rooftop units, make-up air units, and air handling units at Penn's Grove, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $6,435.00.

Contract with SAH Inc. for security and fire monitoring services throughout the district, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $3,870.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry Inc., for fire and life safety equipment, district-wide, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $86,679.00, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contract with S. J. Services, Inc., to continue providing custodial services to the Oxford Area School District beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $735,500.00.

Contracts with Trane for a preventative maintenance agreement for the chillers at Jordan Bank, Penn's Grove, and Nottingham Elementary Schools, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $20,916.00.

Contract with Wayman Fire Protection, Inc., for testing and inspection of fire safety equipment at Hopewell Elementary School, Penn's Grove Middle School, and Oxford Area High School beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 20207, in the amount of $2,900.00.

Contract with Western Pest Services for monthly inspection and treatment district-wide beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of $7,909.44.

Contract for Athletic Training Services

Contract with Lancaster General Medical Group to provide athletic training services for students by a Sports Medicine Practice athletic trainer as per the attached.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

FINAL TEXTBOOK APPROVAL

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Grugan, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the attached resources recommended by the curriculum committee, supported by the administration, presented for final approval.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

On motion by Mrs. Vendrick, seconded by Mrs. Dewees, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby adopts the 2026-2027 General fund Budget in the amount of $96,143,298.00 as Prepared on for PDE 2028.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Grugan, seconded by Dr. Trimble, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Oxford Area School District Board of School Directors and the Teamsters Local Union No. 384, for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Aye: 8 Nay:0

ANNUAL TAX LEVY

On motion by Mrs. Stephen, seconded by Dr. Trimble, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Oxford Area School District, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to the authority granted by the Public School Code of 1949, Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, as amended, Article VI, Section 672, 24 P.S. 6-672, and the General County Assessment Law, Act of May 22, 1933, P.L. 853, as amended, 72 P.S. 5020- 101 et seq., there is hereby levied upon all real estate within the Oxford Area School District which may lawfully be taxed a tax equal to 40.2457 mills multiplied by the assessed valuation there of, said tax being at the rate of $4.02457 per $100.00 of assessed valuation of property taxable hereunder.

SECTION TWO: All taxpayers subject to the payment of the tax upon real estate herein levied and assessed shall be entitled to a discount of two percent (2%) of the amount of said tax upon making payment of the whole amount thereof on or before August 31, 2026. All taxpayers who fail to make payment of any such tax on or before October 31, 2026, shall be charged a penalty often percent (10%) of the amount of said tax, which penalty shall be added to the tax.

SECTION THREE: All taxpayers subject to the payment of the tax upon real estate herein levied and assessed shall be entitled to pay the tax in three (3) equal installment payments due on or before August 1, 2026, September 15, 2026, and October 31, 2026. The first installment payment must be made by August 1, 2026, in order to continue making installment payments. Subsequent installment payments shall be deemed delinquent if paid after October 31, 2026, and in such event, a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to any unpaid balance, which penalty shall be added to the tax. Where payment of taxes is made on an installment basis, no discount shall be allowed on said taxes as provided for in Section Two above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section.

SECTION FOUR: This resolution and the tax hereby levied shall be effective during the fiscal year of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Aye: 8 Nay:0

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION

On motion by Mrs. Stephen, seconded by Mrs. Dewees, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Oxford Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-

established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $11,809. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $11,809. Based on the 2026-2027 millage of 40.2457, the real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $475.26.

For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. The homestead/farmstead assessed value reduction will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or before July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

Aye: 8 Nay:0

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INCREASED STATE FUNDING

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Dr. Trimble, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following resolution calling for increased state funding was approved and sent to state.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires the General Assembly to maintain a "thorough and efficient system of public education," which requires that all students have access to a comprehensive, effective, and contemporary system of public education.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 1.7 million public school students deserve the highest quality education; and the state's public schools work best when they have the resources to give all students the opportunities they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks 6th among the 50 states in the percentage of local revenues allocated to support elementary and secondary education, with local taxpayers' shares of funding public education more than 52%; and

WHEREAS, A 2023 study by the PA Fair Funding Commission determined that the Oxford Area School District had a funding gap of $15,185,631 in order to be considered "adequately" funded by the state. Since 2024, the state has provided an additional $3,426,925, leaving a remaining "adequacy gap" of $11,761,706.

WHEREAS, since the 2009-10 school year, mandated special education costs have increased by $3.6 billion, or 104%, while state and federal special education funding has only increased by $280 million, or 21% in the same time, leading the state's share of the cost to fall from 28% to 18.5%; and

WHEREAS, in the last decade, mandated costs for pensions, special education, and charter school tuition alone have increased by more

than $6.1 billion, leaving local schools responsible for the remaining $4.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, in the Oxford Area School District's proposed budget for FY 2026-2027, an estimated increase of $4,478,756 (4.9% of last year's total budget) is required just to cover mandated expenses. Increases in special education costs and charter school tuition alone make up an increase of $908,547

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed FY 2026-2027 state budget, if approved, would provide the Oxford Area School District just $193,879 in additional Basic Education Funding (BEF) and Special Education reimbursement, leaving a deficit of $4,285,077 to be made up through local funds, and

WHEREAS, public schools face escalating instructional and operational costs, heightened student mental health and behavioral health needs, increasing numbers of unfunded mandates, and persistent educator and support staff shortages that cannot be adequately addressed without sustained state support; and

WHEREAS, in Oxford Area School District, where approximately 92% of our property tax revenue comes from residential homeowners, inadequate state funding places a substantial burden on local taxpayers to pick up a greater and greater share of public schools' costs.

WHEREAS, Additional adequacy funding from the state is critical to ensure that our students' education is not jeopardized; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oxford Area School District urges the General Assembly to take legislative action for public education by:

- Continuing the state's commitment to adequate funding;
- Continuing to provide significant and sustained increases to basic education funding (BEF) through the state's fair funding formula;
- Providing substantial increases to the special education funding and communicating the urgent need for increased federal funding to Congress;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the elected senators and the representatives of the Oxford Area School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2026

Aye: 8 Nay:0

POLICY READOPTION

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Vendrick, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby readopts the following policies:

5000 Series – Students

Policy # 5600 – Health Examinations/Screenings
Policy # 5610 – Administration of Medication
Policy # 5620 – District-Wide Wellness Policy
Policy # 5700 – Dismissal from School for Employment
Policy # 5710 – Fundraising Activities
Policy # 5720 – Extracurricular Activities

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Cooney stated the Board has not received any new correspondence.

CALENDAR

Mrs. Warren read the following dates and times for upcoming events.

Friday, May 29, 2026, Oxford Area High School Graduation 6 p.m., Oxford Area High School Gymnasium
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee, 5:00 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Policy Committee, 6 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Facilities and Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Work Session, 7 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Athletics & Student Activities Committee, 6 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Education Committee, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Warren announced that the Board met on May 12, 2026, in executive session to discuss personnel and a teacher's contract.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Dr. Trimble, the regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Cooney
Board Secretary

All or a portion of this meeting may be video recorded for the purpose of public broadcast.