EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR**

July 9, 2026, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

A. Call to Order

The Vice-President, Mr. Reese, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

The Vice-President called the roll:

Mr. Joshua Beltz, absent
Ms. Lindsay Bush, absent
Mr. Alan Huffman, here
Mr. Randy Reese, here
Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, here

C. Treasurer Pro Tempore

Recommendation to elect Treasurer Pro Tempore for this meeting.

Mr. Reese nominated Melissa Tomlinson to be the Treasurer Pro Tempore. Mr. Huffman seconded the nomination. Nomination closed.

26-060 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

26-061 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

E. Presentation of Athletic Certificates

- Athletic Director – Mr. Bailey
  - KMAC Awards – Coach of the Year – Gage Steinmetz

F. Public Participation

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- Emily Scardena:
  - What is the board doing here at a local level to make sure that this doesn't happen here, are there polices in place, guidelines, or things being looked at so that our children are being protected. Do the children feel they can trust the staff and come to the staff in these types of situations?
  - What support and help is the board receiving from the school board association if they are a part of it?
  - What support and help is the superintendent receiving if he is a part of a larger organization?
  - What are we doing in situations to make sure our students are not falling through the cracks?

- Mr. Baird:
  - One of the biggest focuses of our district is the health and wellness of our students.
  - We currently have a social worker, a school resource officer and a nurse in each building.
  - Staff receive specific training geared towards this type of situation and all staff are mandated reporters.
  - When a child is in crisis the first question is “do you have someone here at school you feel comfortable talking to?”
  - The entire admin team, resource officers, and social workers received specific 2-day, school safety trainings in Sandusky, human trafficking was a topic that was covered.
  - When students who live in our district but do not attend our school, we do investigate that.
  - Mr. Baird belongs to BASA- Buckeye Association for School Administrators
  - Relationship with kids & community.

G. Treasurer Report

- Absent

H. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2026, regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the June 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve June 30, 2026, Annual Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve the FY27 Budgetary Amendments as follows:

200	Student Managed Student Activity	$3,665.00
572	Title I-Disadvantaged Children/Targeted Assist.	$231,978.35

26-062 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

I. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion

- Mr. Baird - Updates/Discussion Items
  - Playground Project – Final details – equipment arrival in Sept.
  - Athletic Trainer – 11 months
  - Bladensburg shelter house and dugout repairs
  - Three I.S. Spots need to be filled – 2-elem., 1-hs

J. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT
NOT TO RENEW EMERGENCY LEVY
(R.C. Section 5705.31)

WHEREAS, the last opportunity to renew the School District's $1,200,000 emergency levy (the "Emergency Levy") approved November 8, 2016 for 10 years (Tax Collection Years 2017-2026) is November 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the East Knox Local School District, Knox, Coshocton and Licking Counties, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines not to renew the Emergency Levy.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be certified to the Knox County Budget Commission, and the Treasurer of the School District is authorized to provide any additional documentation required by said Budget Commission in order to effectuate this resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

26-063 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with Knox Community Hospital for a certified athletic trainer from July 1, 2026-May 31, 2027, for $47,405.

Recommendation to approve Muston Mowing for mowing services at the Bladensburg property at a cost of $325 per mow for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 as needed.

Recommendation to approve the contract with McKibben and Monte for speech and occupational services for the 2026-2027 school year at the REACH Educational facility.

Recommendation to approve the contract with Elite Transportation for student transportation services to REACH-Dublin for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of $318.83 per day.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with Tri-County Educational Service Center for Medicaid School Program coordination for the 2026-2027 reporting year.

Recommendation to approve the Services Agreement for 2 (two) School Resource Officers for Special Duty Services from the Knox County Sheriff Daniel J. Weckesser not to exceed $104,000 total annually for 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the service agreement for educational services with Reach Educational Services, LLC. for a student for the 2026-2027 school year per the provided compensation schedule.

26-064 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
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 approve the updated High School Secretary Job Description, as presented.

Recommendation to pay the following teacher(s) stipend for proof of completion of the Science of Reading Training:

Rachel KingPathway A $1,200

Recommendation to approve the resignation from Leahandria Hood, teacher, effective the 2026-2027 contract year.

Recommendation to approve the resignation from Fawnda Stahl, secretary, effective July 31, 2026.

Recommendation to approve the resignation from Hannah Hawkins, teacher, effective at the end of her contract year.

Recommendation to rescind Curtis Belcher and Fawnda Stahl, as Junior Class Advisor, within the resolution #26-057 on the June 18, 2026, minutes.

Recommendation to employ Teri Schwartz, bus driver, on a one-year non-teaching limited contract beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Step 0.

Recommendation to employ Jaimye Weaver, Building Secretary, on a one-year non-teaching limited contract beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Step 5.

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

Lauren Mohnasky	Elem. Spelling Bee Coordinator	Step 1
Jared Stein	JH Football	Step 0
Grace Sipes	JH Volleyball	Step 0
Stephen Sterling	Head Golf Coach	Step 6
Ryan Powell	JH Golf Coach	Step 4
Amber Carpenter	Junior Class Advisor	Step 0
Abigail Cummins	Junior Class Advisor	Step 0

Recommendation to move Latavia Murrell from BA to BA/150 step 0 for the 2026-2027 school year due to proof of course work.

Recommendation to move Zachary Stair from BA to BA/150 step 0 for the 2026-2027 school year due to proof of course work.

Recommendation to approve the Knox County ESC board approved aide(s) for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Angel VanRoden (hourly aide)
Michelle Tucker (salaried aide)
Shelbie Wells (salaried aide)
Elizabeth Gallogly (salaried aide)
Austin Burkhart (hourly aide)
Julie David (salaried aide)
Rita Dudgeon (substitute bus aide)
Shannon Fair (salaried aide)
Joleen Lanning (salaried aide)
Jasmine Amyx (salaried aide)
Rhonda Marshall (salaried aide)
Kaylin Miller (salaried aide)
Sara Larner (salaried aide)
Emily Lang (salaried aide)
Jean Colopy (salaried aide)
Chona Marcum (hourly aide)
Melissa Jones (salaried aide)
Madison McCauley (salaried aide)
Sara Conkle (salaried aide)
Sara French (salaried aide)
Jill Morningstar (salaried aide)
Kim Eden (hourly aide)

26-065 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Reese moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

L. Board Recommendation

Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 dues to the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding in the amount of $1,722 (based on $2 per student as of 10/1/25).

26-066 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

M. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

26-067 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

N. Visitors

Emily Scardena

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Vice-President Treasurer