EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 6:00 PM – Elementary

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

This is a public meeting of the East Knox Board of Education for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Board Members: Lindsay Bush-President, Randy Reese-Vice-President,
Josh Beltz, Alan Huffman, Melissa Tomlinson

A. Call to Order

The President, Ms. Lindsay Bush, calls the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

The President calls the roll.

J. Beltz
L. Bush
A. Huffman
R. Reese
M. Tomlinson

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

J. Beltz
L. Bush
A. Huffman
R. Reese
M. Tomlinson

D. Public Participation

- Please see Board Policy #0169.1

E. Treasurer Report

Presentation of Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funding Plan FY27

F. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes of July 9, 2026, regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the July 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve the proposal for consulting services from Julian and Grube from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, for an annual cost of $3,780.

Recommendation to approve the proposal from Julian and Grube for preparation of Schedule of Expenditures of federal awards for fiscal year 2026-2028 for $900/year.

Recommendation to approve the financial forecast as presented and authorize the treasurer to submit it to the Department of Education and Workforce by the August 31, 2026 deadline.

Recommendation to accept the engagement letter and fee for audit services from the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) for the financial audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendation to accept the following donations:

To	Amt.	From	For
EK Athletic Department	$1,000	East Knox Athletic Boosters	backdrop contribution
EK Athletic Department	$450	East Knox Athletic Boosters	Gatorade package
EK Athletic Department	$1,250	OHSSA	Athletic Department

Recommendation to approve the FY27 Budgetary Amendments as follows:

001	General Fund	$279,867.93
572	Title I Disadvantaged Children	($145,346.64)
536	Title I School Improvement A	$165,000.00
070	Capital Projects	$469,663.00

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G. Building Report Updates & Athletics

- Elementary Building – Principal Moreland

- Jr./Sr. High Building – Vice-Principal Guilliams

- Athletic Director Sprague (L. Bush)

H. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion

- Updates/Discussion Items

I. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the teleservices agreement with ProCare Therapy for a musical therapist at a rate of $105 per hour on an as needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to declare, after examination of existing school bus routes, time schedules, student residence location, school location, and available school conveyances, and upon establishing the students eligible to receive transportation in accordance with section 3327.01 of the Ohio Revised Code and State Board Standards, Edb917.02, and district board policy, as declared by board resolution that such service by the school. Conveyance is “impractical” and hereby agrees to pay the provider of transportation of students in lieu of providing such service, and amount of thirty-five cents ($0.35) per mile or other amount negotiated by the transportation supervisor and approved by the superintendent, that the student attend classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the bus routes as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to waive the collection of instructional school fees, for all students K-12, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the agreement with PowerSchool for SchoolMessenger Core services from September 14, 2026-September 13, 2027, for $2,675.

Recommendation to approve the following no cost change orders:

GHM, Inc.	Change order 001	Substantial Completion Date Change due to bid extension
GHM, Inc.	Change order 002	Substantial Completion Date Change due to change in drainage and other design changes

Recommendation to approve the Title I Letter of Understanding agreement for the 2026-2027 school year between the Knox ESC, Mount Vernon CSD, Clear Fork Valley LSD, East Knox LSD, and St. Vincent de Paul School.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of 50 additional Digital Social Studies Curriculum student licenses from TCI for grades 9-12 for $4,600.

Recommendation to approve the Cheerleading overnight field trip to Ashland, July 29, 2026.

Recommendation to approve the shared service agreement with Knox County Career Center for CBI Instructional Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the contract extension with Thyssen Krupp for elevator maintenance at the elementary through June 30, 2030.

Recommendation to approve the estimate from RCI Mechanical Inc. to Replace a bad section of sewer in front of the high school, cost $27,740.

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

Recommendation to approve the resignation from Benjamin Thompson, classroom teacher, effective at the end of 2025-2026 contract year.

Recommendation to approve the resignation from Abigail Cummins, Junior Class Advisor, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the memorandum of agreement between Sheri Ryals, the EKEA, and the East Knox Board of Education regarding salary placement.

Recommendation to approve the memorandum of agreement between Elizabeth Pozderac, the EKEA, and the East Knox Board of Education regarding salary placement.

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

Kaden Arnold	BA, Step 0
Zackary Schreiner	BA/150, Step 6
Angela Arbogast	MA, Step 8

Recommendation to approve the move on the salary scale for Jessica Bookmyer from MA to MA+15, Step 11.

Recommendation to approve the move on the salary scale for Elizabeth Pozderac from MA to MA+15, Step 26.

Recommendation to pay a stipend to the following for completion of Orton-Gillingham training:

Kay Fetters	$2,100
Keara Latham	$2,100
Ron Fannin	$2,100

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

Gage Steinmetz	Head Baseball Coach	Step 2
Andrew Link	Junior High Football Coach	Step 0
Fawnda Bible-Stahl	Fall Facilities Manager	$1,221
Janey Smith	Majorette Advisor	Step 0
Kadden Lester	Asst. Football Coach	Step 0
Darrick Faucett	Fall Strength Conditioning Coach	Step 0

Recommendation to approve the following volunteer coaches for 2026-2027 school year:

Kevin Gallwitz	Junior High Football
Jesse Wolford	Junior High Football
Darrick Faucett	HS Football

Recommendation to pay the following teachers, for 3 hours, for Professional Development (Building Leadership Planning-BLT) during the summer of 2026, upon completion of work and submission of time sheets:

Tisha Mickley-Melick
Curtis Belcher
Lisa Downes
Jessica Eaton

Recommendation to set the following substitute rates for non-teaching personnel effective August 13, 2026:

Substitute Custodian, Aide, Cook, Maintenance, Secretary	$14.00 per hour
Substitute Bus Driver	$18.00 per hour
Bus Driver/Van Driver Extra Trip	$15.00 per hour

Recommendation to approve the following as van drivers for transportation for the 2026-2027 school year

Rich Baird
Jennifer O'Hara
Melissa Moreland
Ben Snedeker
Debra Burden
Megan Bullock
Amber Carpenter

Recommendation to approve the unpaid leave of absence request from August 10, 2026-March 12, 2027, for Hailey Filicky, classroom teacher.

Recommendation to approve Chris Doolittle as an Academic Coach/School Improvement Consultant for the Jr./Sr. High School, at $50.00 per hour on an as needed basis for up to 675 hours (90 days). This is funded by the School Improvement Grant.

Recommendation to approve hourly pay to Abigail Grandstaff-Beale for up to 60 hours as the 504 Plan Coordinator.

Recommendation to approve Jasmine Amyx as a long-term substitute for a teacher on medical leave beginning August 10, 2026, at $150 per day.

Recommendation to approve Christina Wythe as a long-term substitute for a teacher on leave beginning August 10, 2026, at $150 per day.

Recommendation to approve Tom Holton as a substitute bus driver, effective 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the Separation Agreement with Dr. Benjamin Snedeker as presented.

Recommendation to approve unpaid leave of absence request from Cynthia May for August 10 & 11, 2026.

Recommendation to approve the Knox County Educational Service Center board approved substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Sarah Adams
Jasmine Amyx
Anna Annett
Robert Arnold
John Baugher
Andrew Beatty
Cadence Brooks
Lewanne Bursinger
Peggy Campbell
Cliff Carpenter
Susan Clarke
Dallas Cornett
Addie Cunningham
Kenneth Eash
Richard Ellis
Cheryl Feasel
Phillip Gantt
John Gibson
Lois Grant-Gertel
David Gregg
Jean Guerin
Daniel Hamman
Erica Hauke
Lois Jacobs
Steven Klein
James Long
John Maher
Thomas McCauley
Susan Moorhead
Gabriel Morse
Terry Nixon
Christopher Phillips
David Randall
Janell Baker-Reynolds
Bryce Rinehart
Isabelle Risko
Tyler Scott
John Tucker
Amanda Welsh
Christina Wythe

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Recommendation to authorize the treasurer to pay a $1,000 retention incentive to any non-teaching or administrative employee who completed a full contract year of service (credit for full year for retirement purposes) for the 2025-2026 school year and remains employed during the 2026-2027 school year on the second pay in October.

J. Beltz
L. Bush
A. Huffman
R. Reese - Abstain
M. Tomlinson

Recommendation to approve the following as a volunteer van driver for transportation for the 2026-2027 school year:

Lindsay Bush

J. Beltz
L. Bush - Abstain
A. Huffman
R. Reese
M. Tomlinson

K. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.

J. Beltz
L. Bush
A. Huffman
R. Reese
M. Tomlinson