EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR**

September 10, 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, absent
Mr. Randy Reese, here
Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, here

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

26-075 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mr. Reese moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Public Participation

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- None

E. Treasurer Report

- Financial Update
  - Revenues are down $2.8 million compared to last year through the month of August due to delayed tax collections
  - Expenses were $412,000 lower through August compared to last year.
    - $351,000 of this is equipment and supply expenses that were from projects in Summer 2025 that were one-time expenses
    - Salary and Benefit costs are $65,000 higher
  - PI Funds
    - $1.6 million balance at the end of August with no taxes being paid yet for second half
    - Will make #5 of 10 debt payments this fall. Have enough in reserves to almost pay of debt, but interest rate is only 2.2%.
- FY26 Audit is still in process
- Budgetary Amendments
  - Federal grant adjustments and student activity budgets for 26-27
- Settlement from Knox County has not been received for second half taxes
  - Plan to reach out to the Knox County Commissioners' local piggyback exemption that was passed last year. This resulted in a loss of approximately $170,000 to the district. Only a

handful of counties did it in 2025 and most have not renewed it for 2026.

- HB186 reimbursement was received from the State of Ohio in August. We received $1.682 million and should have only received $1.5 million so we were overpaid by $180,919. Overall the state paid $39 million more than calculations allowed for. We have been told to not plan on keeping this money and they will end up "clawing" it back at some point.
- More to come in October regarding property taxes

F. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes of August 13, 2026, regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the August 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve the FY27 Budgetary Amendments as follows:

200	Student Activity	$42,186.39
009	Uniform School Supplies	$3,300.00
516	Part-B, IDEA Special Education	$408.45
536	Title I School Improvement	$954.64
572	Title I-Disadvantaged Children	$(2,270.56)
590	Improving Teacher Quality	$(1,377.01)

26-076 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

G. Building Report Updates & Athletics

- Athletic Department – L. Bush read a prepared sports update from Mr. Bailey Sprague regarding fall sports.
  - M. Tomlinson – Thanked Mr. Sprague for recognizing all athletes as in-season athletes and for getting HUDL up for sports viewing.

- Elementary Building – Principal Moreland
  - Review of field trip opportunities, NWEA Map testing, fundraiser results in a profit of almost $10,000.
  - Self-Contained Special Education Teachers presentation
    - Angela Arbogast – review of the new functional curriculum for her students preparing for life skills.
    - Alyssa Nixon – reviewed the functional curriculum that she is using in her class and how well it matches the needs of her students compared to the curriculum in the past. Thanking the school, administrators, and the board of education for purchasing the curriculum.

- Jr./Sr. High Building – Principal Sprang
  - Reviewed the new PBIS System and the addition of the positive referral system.
  - YES Concert for JH students in September
  - The addition of 8th grade students to the Vo. Ag. Program.
  - After School tutoring will be starting soon.
  - Reviewed the support from SST7 regarding improving literacy at 7-12.

H. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion

- Mr. Baird - Updates/Discussion Items
    - Reviewed the enrollment and the decline from 2025-2026 school year.
        - Enrollment at 867 this year after two kindergarten classes under 60 students.
    - Elevator at Jr./Sr. High School is broken after four years of construction.
    - Sewer project update, approved in August, has been delayed due to the vendor's lack of scheduling.
    - Playground Construction is moving along smoothly.
    - Personnel Updates – final steps of filling a custodial position, possible long-term substitute for 5th grade IS, working to contract with a Behavioral Analyst who lives nearby.
    - High School Literacy work continues to develop with SST7 and Reads Ohio Consultant
    - District report card initial data released and public report card to be released in a week or two.
    - OSBA work session with board members on October 3rd for training.
    - Proud of the work put in by all to the start of the school year.

I. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the overnight field trip for FFA on 10/21/26 - 10/24/26, to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Recommendation to authorize up to an additional $3,000 towards the Apple Computer purchase previously approved on June 18, 2026, due to the lack of available products and increased costs for available items.

26-077 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Ms. Bush moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

J. 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 after school programming at the Elementary for $30 per hour for up to three days per week for up to one hour per day beginning September 15, 2026, to March 18, 2027. Students will attend each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; the time will be 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Recommendation to approve after school programming at the Jr./Sr. High School for $30 per hour for up to three days per week beginning September 15, 2026-April 16, 2027. Students will attend each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesdays: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Wednesdays: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. (Transportation home provided on Wednesdays only.) Thursdays: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Cost to be paid from Federal School Improvement and Support Grants.

Recommendation to approve after school programming transportation at the elementary and JR/SR High at the bus driver hourly rate for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve 5 unpaid days for Angela Buchert, classroom teacher, September 30, and October 1 & 2, 2026, and April 22 & 28, 2027.

Recommendation to approve advancement on the salary scale from BA to BA/150, Step 5 for Lauren Mohnasky due to completion of additional coursework effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve Roxanna Burch as CBI route driver for up to 3 days per week at 1.33 hours per day at an hourly rate of $23.265.

Recommendation to approve the stipend payment of $2,100 to Jerry Jacobs for completion of the Project Lead the Way Engineering Essentials Course per the memorandum of agreement.

Recommendation to approve the stipend payment of $1,050 to Stephen Sterling for completion of the Project Lead the Way Automation and Robotics Course per the memorandum of agreement.

Recommendation to approve the supplemental payments of $1,000 each to the following LPDC members for the 2026-2027 school year:

Melissa Moreland
Shannon Sprang
Helsa King
Kay Fetters
Elizabeth Pozderac
Lacey McKown

Recommendation to approve the following Elementary teachers for after school programming for the 2026-2027 school year:

Katrina Wobbecke
Macy Adams
Karen Meade
Callie Proper
Jason McElroy
Kay Fetters
Jayna Svoboda
Carolyn O’Brien
Kristine Dougherty
Michal Pfettscher
Jessica Bookmyer
Eden Carpenter

Recommendation to approve the following Jr./Sr. High School teachers for after school programming for the 2026-2027 school year:

Melissa Frazee
Emily Brockway
Abigail Grandstaff
Kelsey Sinzinger

Recommendation to approve the following bus drivers for transportation during after school programming for the 2026-2027 school year:

Teri Schwartz
Roxanna Burch

Sean Stevens
Elizabeth Bennington
April Hawkins
Ron Looney

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

Lisa Downes	Spelling Bee Coordinator	Step 5
Abigail Grandstaff	Junior Class Advisor	Step 0
Zackary Schreiner	National Honor Society Advisor	Step 0
Darrick Faucett	Asst. H.S. Girls Basketball	Step 0
Dan Magers	Asst. H.S. Girls Basketball	Step 4
Andrew Salyers	JH Girls Basketball	Step 4
Cody Howard	JH Girls Basketball	Step 1
Melissa Frazee	Jr./Sr. High PBIS Member	Step 0
Keara Latham	Jr./Sr. High PBIS Member	Step 0
Pat Forshey	Volunteer HS Girls Basketball	0

Recommendation to approve the additional sub teachers, from the Knox ESC board approved list, for 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Kaitlyn Kimball
Alana Beaty
Deana Floro
Duane Floro
Shanda Melick
Jordann Scarberry
Sara French
Kaylin Miller
Jean Colopy
Benjamin Grindstaff
Zachary Melton
Paul Pozderac
Macey Moore
James Stoner
Madison McCauley
Gabrielle Lynn Duvall
Jill Morningstar
Shelbie Wells

Recommendation to approve Megan Bullock for up to 5 hours per week for home instruction for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $30 per hour.

Recommendation to approve Kevin Bullock for up to 2.5 hours per week for home instruction for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $22.811 per hour.

Recommendation to approve Jaimye Weaver to dispense medication to Jr./Sr. High School students for the 2026-2027 school year.

26-078 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Beltz moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve Randy Reese as a Volunteer JH Football Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.

26-079 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: Mr. Reese – Abstained. All others present – Yes.
Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve Deena Rager as JH Volleyball Coach, Step 5, for the 2026-2027 school year.

26-080 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.
Roll call: Mr. Beltz – Abstained. All others present – Yes. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

26-081 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

L. Visitors

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President Treasurer