EASTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Eastwood Elementary School
4700 Sugar Ridge Road
Pemberville, OH 43450
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JULY 20, 2026

I. Call to Order:

President Rothenbuhler opened the regular board meeting of the Eastwood Board of Education at 7:30 a.m.

II.	Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Culp	Vice President
			Mr. Helm	Board Member
			Mrs. Krukemyer	Board Member
			Mr. Rothenbuhler	President
			Mr. Rutherford	Board Member
		Present:	Superintendent Hughes and Treasurer Leppelmeier	

III. Approval of proposed agenda for today's meeting and addendum – Resolution #196-26
Moved by Mrs. Krukmyer and seconded by Mr. Rutherfod Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

III. Communications:

4.02 Presentations: None

4.03 Correspondence: None

4.04 Public Participation:

IV. 5.01 Approval of the Regular Board Minutes from June 25, 2026 and the Special Board Minutes from July 8, 2026. – Resolution # 197-26
Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

V. Treasurer's Report:

6.01 Financial Report for June 2026. – Resolution #198-26
Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

6.02 Approve the Then & Now's, as presented. – Resolution #199-26
Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

6.03 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE SINGLE QUESTION OF (i) LEVYING A SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX ON THE EARNED INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND (ii) ISSUING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $54,965,000, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5748.08 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, this Board adopted Resolution No. 192-26 declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of the School District the single question of (i) levying a school district income tax on taxable income as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code to raise the

amount of $1,326,188 annually for school district purposes (specifically, for the purpose of current expenses), for a period of 28 years, and (ii) the issuance of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $54,965,000 for the purpose set forth in Section 1 and the levy of a tax outside of the ten mill limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution to pay the debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, at an election to be held in the School District on November 3, 2026, copies of which Resolution were certified to the Wood County Auditor and the State Tax Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, the State Tax Commissioner certified that an estimated school district income tax rate of 0.4677% (using the tax base specified in Resolution No. 192-26 and this Resolution) or an estimated property tax rate of 3.01 mills (using 2025 valuation) would be required to produce $1,326,188 annually; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2026, the Wood County Auditor certified that (i) the estimated average annual property tax levy required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay interest on the bonds and retire the principal over 37 years is calculated to be 6.49 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $227 for each $100,000 of the County Auditor's market value, and (ii) the total taxable value of the School District used in calculating the average annual property tax levy is $441,106,041;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Eastwood Local School District, County of Wood, Ohio, at least two-thirds (⅔) of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of School District Income Tax and Bonds. On receipt and review of the certifications of the Wood County Auditor and the State Tax Commissioner described in the second and third preambles to this Resolution, this Board, pursuant to Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code, hereby (i) proposes to levy an annual tax for school district purposes (specifically, for the purpose of current expenses) on taxable income as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code, for 28 years, at the rate set forth in Section 2 hereof, and (ii) finds, determines and declares that (A) the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the School District and (B) it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of $54,965,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping, renovating, rehabilitating, remodeling, adding to and otherwise improving School District buildings and facilities, clearing, equipping and otherwise improving sites therefor, and demolishing existing buildings and facilities (the Bonds), and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities. The estimated average annual property tax levy required throughout the stated maturity of the Bonds (37 years) to pay the debt charges on the Bonds has been estimated by the County Auditor to be 6.49 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $227 for each $100,000 of the County Auditor's market value. This Board estimates that the tax to pay debt charges on the Bonds will be first placed on the tax list and duplicate for tax year 2026 and first collected in collection year 2027.

Section 2. School District Income Tax. The proposed school district income tax shall be levied for the purpose of current expenses and at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) (the rate set forth in the State Tax Commissioner's certification, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent) on taxable income as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code, for 28 years, commencing January 1, 2027.

Section 3. Submission of Single Question to the Electors. This Board further determines and declares that the question of (i) issuing the Bonds, and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and on any anticipatory securities, as set forth in Section 1 hereof and (ii) levying the proposed school district income tax, for 28 years, commencing January 1, 2027, as set forth in Section 2 hereof, shall be submitted as a single question under the provisions of Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 3, 2026, as authorized by law.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Wood County Board of Elections, promptly, but in any event before the close of business on Wednesday, August 5, 2026: (i) a certified copy of Resolution No. 192-26, referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution, (ii) the certifications by the Wood County Auditor and the State Tax Commissioner referred to in the second and third preambles to this Resolution, and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 5. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to State Tax Commissioner. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the State Tax Commissioner.

Section 6. Ballot Form and Notice of Election. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Wood County Board of Elections, as requested, in the preparation of appropriate forms of ballot and notice of election, and the publication and other dissemination of the notice of election, as provided by law.

Section 7. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 8. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption. – Resolution #200-26

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

VII. Board Committee Reports:

7.01 Audit/Financial Committee
7.02 Safe & Drug Free Schools
7.03 Wellness Committee
7.04 Athletic Council
7.05 Board of Education Policy

Board Representative Reports:

7.06 Calendar Committee
7.07 EEF
7.08 Strategic Planning Committee
7.09 Pemberville Public Library
7.10 Technology Committee
7.11 Facilities Committee

VIII. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

8.01 Accept the resignation of Heather Meter as 1.5-hour paraprofessional (recess), effective 8/31/26. – Resolution #201-26

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.02 Approve the following classified contracts: - Resolution #202-26

- Heather Meter- 1-year, 5-hour Elementary paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year, effective 9/1/26
- Pat Luther- 2-year, Bus Driver, effective 9/1/26
- Tracy Himburg- 2-year, Van Driver, effective 9/1/26
- Beth Wolford- 2-year, Bus Driver, effective 9/1/26
- Julie Hannan- 2-year, Bus Driver, effective 9/1/26
- Zach Pease- 2-year, Custodian, effective 7/1/26

- Stephanie Wendt- 2-year, Secretary, effective 8/1/26
- Shannon Wright- 2-year, Paraprofessional (recess), effective 9/1/26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.03 Accept the resignation from Leslie Straka as teacher (Behavior Intervention Specialist), effective 7/31/2026. – Resolution #203-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.04 Approve a 2-year Administrative contract for Leslie Straka, as Elementary Assistant Principal, effective 8/1/26, contingent upon providing evidence of all necessary forms, as presented. Resolution #204-26

Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.05 Approve Andy Henson, Seth Hudson and Matthew DeWitz as On Bus Instructors for the 2026-2027 school year at $30 per hour. – Resolution #205-26

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.06 Approve the following substitute bus drivers, at $22.82/hour, for the 2026-2027 school year, on an as needed basis: Dan Magrum, Andy Henson, Bill Tapley, Nick Hannan, Tammy Tapley, Darrell Ray, Doug Rhodes, Alvin Adams, John Nissen, Sam Cotterman, Shaun Briggs, Sarah Nidiffer, Maddy Horner, Seth Hudson and Matthew Dewitz. – Resolution #206-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.07 Approve the following substitute custodians, at $20.93/hour, for the 2026-2027 school year, on an as needed basis: Alvin Adams, Darrel Ray, Emily Pustay, Bob Strow, Bill Tapley, Rebecca McMillan and Donna Beeker. – Resolution #207-26

Moved by Mrs. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.08 Approve Bill Tapley and Alvin Adams as substitute bus mechanics, at $27.55hour, for the 2026-2027 school year, on an as needed basis. Resolution #208-26.

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.09 Approve the following Resident Educator's for the 2026-2027 school year: Resolution #209-26

- Jennifer Pease- Year 1 Mentor
- Melissa Schimmoeller- Year 2 Mentor
- Dan Mundrick- Year 2 Mentor
- Olivia Saunders- Lead Mentor

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.10 Approve the following 1-year Middle School Athletic Supplemental Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon providing evidence of all necessary forms: Resolution #210-26

- Tara Odom – M.S. Cheerleading
- Aubrey Nelson – M.S. Cheerleading Assistant

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Rothenbuhler. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.11 Approve Jody Eaton as a substitute secretary for the 2025-2026 school year at $19.20/hour. Resolution #211-26

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.12 Approve Jody Eaton as a substitute secretary for the 2026-2027 school year at $20.24/hour. Resolution #212-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

8.13 Amend the 1-year limited teaching contract of Lindsay Sabo as Preschool Teacher, effective 9/1/26. – Resolution #213-26

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

IX. Superintendent recommends for consideration of the Board:

9.01 Approve resolution adopting a calamity day alternative make-up plan. Resolution #214-26

Moved by Mrs. Culp and seconded by Mr. Rutherford. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

9.02 Approve and adopt Eastwood Local Schools ED STEPS One Plan, as presented. – Resolution #215-26

Moved by Mr. Krukemyer and seconded by Mr. Helm. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

9.03 Approve the membership with the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Small Town Schools, as presented. – Resolution #216-26

Moved by Mr. Rothenbuhler and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

9.04 Approve the service agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center and Eastwood Local Schools for ESY Summer 2026, as presented. Resolution #217-26

Moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Krukemyer. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

X. 10.01 Principal Reports
10.02 Athletic Report
10.03 Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Report
10.04 Food Service Report
10.05 Technology Report
10.06 Director of Student Services Report
10.07 Human Resource Report
10.08 Superintendent Report
10.09 Board President Report
10.10 Board Member Report

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m. Resolution #218-26

Moved by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mrs. Culp. Roll Call: 5 yeas. Motion Carried.

The next regular board meeting of the Eastwood Board of Education will be Monday, August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Eastwood Elementary School. .