BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2026
Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices, Room 200
7:00 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Dr. Roberta Hotinski (Chair), Maryann Piccioni, Nicole Scherer, Rachel Weil

Other Board Members: Dr. Julie K. Mesaros, Sue Tiede

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Patrick Gately, Mark Cataldi

Community Members: 2 CHS Spoke Student Reporters

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from April 16, 2026.

The Committee received the **Middle School Schedule Review** from Mr. Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. Mr. Cataldi reviewed the Framework for Improving Best Practices and a summary of the modifications in this year's new middle school schedule. Mr. Cataldi reviewed the specific details of the daily advisory period for grades 5 through 8 and provided information about the number of students scheduled for school-recommended regular education supports in advisory period during the 2025-26 school year. Mr. Cataldi covered the family choices for extensions and World Languages (for grades 5 and 6 only as French or Spanish become core classes in grades 7 and 8) in advisory periods, the number of students scheduled during the 2025-26 school year, and the percentage of students selecting extensions and World Languages. Additionally, Mr. Cataldi noted that the percentage of students choosing World Languages after the schedule change is similar to the percentage of students enrolled in World Languages prior to the schedule change. Mr. Cataldi reviewed the plan in preparation for the 2026-27 school year including continuing to offer the same options and choices for families, sharing the information with families, and evaluating staffing while staying within budgeted amounts. Mr. Cataldi answered questions from Committee members.

The Committee received the **Strategic Plan Update** from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle provided an update focused on selected strategies and action plans from the T/ESD Strategic Plan. Dr. Towle discussed the Change strategy and impacts including revisiting the use of technology and devices at the elementary level and continuing to navigate the positive and negative effects of AI for both staff and students. Dr. Towle reviewed the Curriculum growth and engagement strategy, focusing on the development of a foundational 'We Believe' statement for the District's Kindergarten program and the development of the Full-Day Kindergarten Program (opening Fall 2027), with a focus on play-based learning, inquiry-driven instruction, and project-based experiences. Dr. Towle discussed the Curriculum pathways strategy, including Curiosity Driven Pathways at Conestoga embedded in the 2026-27 Program of Studies, the choice-based Middle School

Extensions, and the continued work on the Conestoga Program of Studies updates including new graduation requirements (e.g., financial literacy). Dr. Towle highlighted communication and partnerships in the Engagement strategy including expanded community partnerships like the District's America250 initiatives by Dr. Matt Sterenczak, Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor, a community mural project, and local history collaborations, and communication strategies like the creation of a public-facing Full-Day Kindergarten website by Chris Connolly, Communications Specialist, and the creation of a parent volunteer Redistricting Steering Committee. Dr. Towle focused on professional learning and collaboration in the Faculty Support strategy, including a system redesign of Professional Learning, the revised Teacher Model, and a redesign of the Alternative Assessment structure. Dr. Towle highlighted the new elementary school project in the Sustainability strategy, with design considerations aligned to modern instructional practices, community use, and future growth. Dr. Towle answered questions from Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD