EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO DRIVE, MYERSTOWN, PA 17067

Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

District Board Room
Hybrid (In-person and via Zoom)

October 19, 2026
AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Moment of Silent Meditation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Board President Communications

A. Discuss rescheduling the November 3 Committee Meetings

VI. Student Council Report – Cadynce Thornton, President

VII. Students of the Month

A. Student Video on the Fort Zeller new Playground Equipment
- Mrs. Jodi Houck, Principal Fort Zeller Elementary

VIII. Presentation – Certificate of Good Citizenship to Rory Righter

IX. Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

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X. Board Committee and Rep Reports

- Policy Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Personnel Committee
- General Services Committee
- Finance Committee
- IU13 Rep Report
- PSBA Report
- CTC Report
- Lebanon County Tax Collection Rep Report
- ELCO Education Foundation

XI. Approval of Minutes (09-21-2026)

XII. Approval of Treasurer's Report (09-30-2026)

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

XIII. Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

A. Move to accept a "Letter of Retirement" from Maria Read, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective November 20, 2026.

B. Move to accept a "Letter of Resignation" from Anna Martin, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to September 21, 2026.

C. Move to accept a "Letter of Resignation" from Valerie Weitzel, School Psychologist, effective November 20, 2026.

D. Move to accept a "Letter of Resignation" from Melodie Fair, High School Dean of Students, effective November 20, 2026.

E. Move to approve the employment of Alyssa Rowe, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of $16.07, 7.5 hours/day (10-month position), effective start date TBD, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.
Background: This position is being filled due to a resignation.

F. Move to approve the employment of Sydney Getway, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of $16.07, 7.5 hours/day (10-month position), effective start date TBD, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.
Background: This position is being filled due to a resignation.

G. Move to approve the five (5) consecutive days of Unpaid Leave of Absence for the following employee, per Board Policy 336 - Personal Necessity Leave.

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H. Move to approve the following individual for an extra-curricular position for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Craig DeVore – Pit Orchestra Director

I. Move to approve the following mentor for the 2026-2027 school year, prorated to the number of days worked, as listed:

Mentor: Julie Smeltzer Staff: Jodi Hill

J. Move to approve the following ELCO Virtual Academy teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:
Background: This is an annual approval. Costs have been budgeted.

Zachary Cook

K. Move to approve the following individuals to serve as Building Technology Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Amy Davis	Angela Rodriguez
Andrew Risser	Erin Harris
Michael O'Neill	Rebecca Boland

L. Move to approve the following individuals as a new driver, noting all drivers are employed directly through Brightbill Transportation, as listed:

Lori Dorenzo	Michelle Ebling
Derek Shay	Epiphany Shay
Karyn Brubacker	David Brubacker
Whitney Wright	Thomas Capello
James Mease	Gregory Hummel

M. Move to approve adding the following individuals to the ELCO substitute teacher list for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Ashley Martin – English 7-12
Stacey Lipton – K-6 and English 7-12
Cheryl Wallace – Emergency Certified
Gabriella Bicher – IU Guest Teacher
Bridget Murray – English 7-12

N. Move to approve the following individuals as coaches for the 2026-2027 Winter Sports Season, (Pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), as listed:

Winter Cheerleading	Head Coach	Liana Raihl
	Asst. Coach	Marysia Daly
	JH Coach	Elizabeth Martin
Boys' Basketball	Head Varsity Coach	Brad Connors
	Asst. Coaches	Wes Soto, Brett Hildebrand, Mitchell Gray
	Volunteers	Doug Strickler, Joe Hayes
Girls' Basketball	Head Varsity Coach	Karl Keath
	Asst. Coaches	Scott Liacha, Zoe Zerman, Kara Schaeffer
	Volunteer	Derek Fulk

Boys' Wrestling	Head Varsity Coach	Matt Fittery
	Asst. Coaches	Ken Miller, Chris Longtaff, Warren Zimmerman
	Volunteers	Dave Ziegler, Pat Yeagley, Brandon Staudt
Girls' Wrestling	Head Varsity Coach	Chad Miller
	Asst. Coach	Gannon Ulrey
	Volunteers	Evie Trostle, Katelyn Rueppel, Jeff Boehler, Dave Ziegler
Bowling	Varsity Head Coach	Pam Rittle
Indoor Track & Field	Head Varsity Coach	Michael Harnish
	Asst. Coach	Robert Miller
	Volunteers	Earl Thomas, Cynthia Harnish, Haley Thunberg, Holly Hartman, Jackie Bender, Angle Zeiders
Winter Weight Room Monitors		Todd Dresch, Matt Rissinger

O. Move to approve the following individuals for the ELCO volunteer listing for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed: (noting all required documentation, clearances, and trainings are on file)

Matthew Blantz	Kelly Hollinshead	Adam Kramer
Amber Kramer	Courtney Miller	Jeffrey Miller
Janelle Oberholser	Marjorie Purdy	Jillian Palm
Holly Reppert	Jessica Singer	Victoria Strause
Brittany Weaver	Katherine Witmer	John Rohrer
Kari Evans	Scott Schaffer	Desiree Schaffer
Anna Houser		

XIV. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Bonnie Kantner, Chairperson

A. Move to approve an educational trip to France, in the Summer of 2028 through EF Educational Tours. This trip will be planned and conducted in accordance with Policy 121 - Field Trips (Travel-Study Tours) guidelines. (Board Attachment)
Background: This trip is designed as a curriculum connected supervised learning experience that extends classroom instruction. The cost of the trip will be funded by participating students and their parents/guardians through individual payments and fundraising efforts. This trip is considered a non-sponsored ELCO trip.

B. Move to approve the August 27, 2026, meeting minutes for the ELCO Agricultural Occupational Committee (OAC). (Board Attachment)

C. Move to approve a trip and travel request from David Fair, High School Band Director, and approximately five (5) qualifying students to travel and participate in the PMEA District 7 Band North Festival to be held January 15-16, 2027, at Mechanicsburg High School, Mechanicsburg, PA.
Background: This is an annual trip attended by qualifying students; costs are budgeted.

XV. Policy Committee – Mrs. Rachel Moyer, Chairperson

A. Move to approve Policy 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: This policy was updated to clarify who is responsible for conducting student height and weight measurements. Additionally, school districts are required to make eating disorder awareness and education available to students in grades six through twelve.

B. Move to approve Policy 246 – School Wellness for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: The language in this policy reflects the confidentiality requirements associated with the collection and handling of student information.

C. Move to approve Policy 704 – Maintenance for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: Language was added to provide an option for testing lead levels in our water system. The district currently does test lead levels on an annual basis.

D. Move to approve Policy 803 – School Calendar for first reading. (Board Attachment)
Background: The policy was updated to comply with new state regulations that prior to finalizing the school calendar, the Board must discuss the use of flexible instruction days and/or remote or virtual days at a public meeting.

E. Move to approve Policy 822 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Background: This policy was updated to clarify which individuals must maintain their certification in the use of an AED or CPR trainings.

F. Move to approve the following policies (revised/reviewed/and/or/new) for a second reading, as listed: (Board Attachement)

1. Policy 102 – Academic Standards
2. Policy 105 – Curriculum
3. Policy 204.1 – Virtual Attendance and Wellness Check
4. Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
5. Policy 325 – Dress and Grooming (Employees)

XVI. Finance Committee – Mr. Ray Ondrusek, Chairperson

A. Move to approve payment of bills as found listed and attached to the October 19, 2026, Board Agenda for payments made September 2026, in the amounts indicated: (Board Attachment)

General Fund payments in the amount of	$2,627,201.85
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	$99,888.18
Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of	$0.00
Debt Service payments in the amount of	$0.00
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	$230,280.00
Flex Spending Payments in the amount of	$1,098.72
Student Activity payments in the amount of	$6,202.07

B. Move to approve the list of employees authorized to use District issued credit cards per Policy 625 – Credit Cards. (Board Attachment)

C. Move to approve a musical agreement with Musical Theatre International (MTI) to secure the rights and license for the amateur production of the 2027 Intermediate School Spring Musical in the amount of $988.00. (Board Attachment)
Background: The Intermediate School musical will be performed April 16-17, 2027. The costs have been budgeted.

XVII. Superintendent's Report

- Principals' - Directors' Report

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – End of 1st Marking Period
Friday, October 30, 2026 – Teacher In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL for students K-12
Monday, November 2, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – Policy/Curriculum/Personnel Committee Meetings
POSSIBLE RESCHEDULE for below meeting due to Election Day
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – General Services/Finance Committee Meetings
PROPOSED RESCHEDULE DATE:**Check ELCO website for date and time**
Monday, November 9, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – General Services/Finance Committee Mtgs.
November 10, 2026 – 2 Hour Late Start – Students K-12
November 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Voting Meeting

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XIX. Board Announcements/Comments

XX. Old Business

XXI. New Business

XXII. Adjournment