Updated

EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 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, Pledge of Allegiance.

- The President reads the Vision, Mission, and the Core Values of East Knox Local School District:
  - Vision:
    - Blending Traditions with Visions of our Future
  - Mission:
    - East Knox Local School District is the heart and foundation of the community. Teachers, staff, and families partner to prepare our students for lifelong excellence.
  - Core Value:
    - Our safe and supportive community
    - Preparation leading to new opportunities
    - Relevant, clear, and consistent communication
    - Learning and growing throughout life

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. Presentation(s):

- Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center

- Building – Student Presentation(s)
  - Jr./Sr. High School
    - Mrs. May – Graphic Arts

  - Elementary School

E. Public Participation

- Please see Board Policy #0169.1

F. Treasurer Report

-

G. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from October 8, 2026, regular board meeting and October 3, 2026, special meeting.

Recommendation to approve the October 2026 Monthly Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to accept the following donation(s) with appreciation and gratitude:

Amt.	From	To
$82.00	MarkT Apparel	East Knox FFA
$500.00	East Knox Lion's Club	East Knox JR/SR High Kid's Closet
$500.00	East Knox Lion's Club	East Knox Europe Trip
$100.00	Page Family	FCCLA
$175.35	Kenyon College	Elementary for BFEC field trips
$150.00	Knox County Pork Council	FCCLA
$500.00	East Knox Lion's Club	East Knox Elementary Kid's Closet

Recommendation to approve the following FY27 budgetary amendments:

001	General Fund	$195,383.25
006	Food Services	$25,385.00
035	Termination Benefits	$6,067.83
200	Student Managed Student Activity	$1,945.20
584	Student Support & Academic Enrichment Programs	$135.74
590	Improving Teacher Quality	$11,660.02

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

H. Building Report Updates & Athletics

- Elementary Building – Principal

- Jr./Sr. High Building – Principal

- Athletic Director Sprague

I. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion

- Discussions/Updates
  - *Vol. 45, No. 1 – August 2026*

po0145	Filling a Board Vacancy
po0146	Resignation or Removal
po1231	Outside Activities of Staff
po2265	Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movement and Ideology
po2431	Interscholastic Athletics
po2431.07 New	Extracurricular Participation of Non-Enrolled Public High School Students (Student Athlete Mobility "SAM ACT")
po2461	Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents
po3231	Outside Activities of Staff
po4231	Outside Activities of Staff
po5111.01	Homeless Students
po5224 New	Youth Membership Organization Access
po5330	Use of Medications
po5463	Credits from State-Chartered and Non-chartered Non-public Schools
po5514 Replacement	Student Use of Bicycles, E-Bikes, Scooters, E-Scooters, and Other Personal Transportation Devices
po6100 New	Proper Use of Public Funds
po6423	Use of Credit Cards

po7540.10 New	Recording and AI Processing of Communications on School Property and at School Events
po8120	Volunteers
po8310	Public Records (2)
po8330	Student Records
po8470	Sex Offender Notification
po9700	Relations with Special Interest Groups

J. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the following Neola Board Policies as presented:

Vol. 45, No. 1 – August 2026

po0145	Filling a Board Vacancy - Approve
po0146	Resignation or Removal - Approve
po1231	Outside Activities of Staff – (delete) Reject
po2265	Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movement and Ideology - Approve
po2431	Interscholastic Athletics - Approve
po2431.07 New	Extracurricular Participation of Non-Enrolled Public High School Students (Student Athlete Mobility "SAM ACT") - Approve
po2461	Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents – (rescind) Approve
po3231	Outside Activities of Staff - Approve
po4231	Outside Activities of Staff - (rescind) Approve
po5111.01	Homeless Students - Approve
po5224 New	Youth Membership Organization Access - Approve
po5330	Use of Medications - Approve
po5463	Credits from State-Chartered and Non-chartered Non-public Schools – Approve
po5514 Replacement	Student Use of Bicycles, E-Bikes, Scooters, E-Scooters, and Other Personal Transportation Devices - Approve
po6100 New	Proper Use of Public Funds - Approve
po6423	Use of Credit Cards - Approve
po7540.10 New	Recording and AI Processing of Communications on School Property and at School Events - Approve
po8120	Volunteers - Approve
po8310	Public Records (2) - Approve
po8330	Student Records - Approve
po8470	Sex Offender Notification - Approve
po9700	Relations with Special Interest Groups - Approve

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

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

BOARD RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (THE "BOARD") OF EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT"), AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM (“CONSORTIUM”), TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AN ELECTRIC MASTER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AS A RESULT OF THE CONSORTIUM’S 2024 COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of the Metropolitan Education Council (“META”), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services;

WHEREAS, in prior years, META has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for competitive retail electric service (“CRES”);

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs;

WHEREAS, the Consortium issued a RFP in 2024 (“2024 RFP”) for CRES commencing on or about the meter read date of the July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a total contract term not to exceed five (5) years;

WHEREAS, Direct Business Energy, LLC (“Direct”) was selected as the lowest and best bidder as a result of the 2024 RFP;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee reviewed the pricing and service terms from Direct and determined that service from Direct would result in the lowest and best CRES option for the School District’s electric supply.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee executed an electric Master

Supply Agreement ("MSA") with Direct on the behalf of the Board.

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to extend the MSA with Direct for an additional three (3) year period and amend certain terms of the MSA to provide more competitive and beneficial CRES pricing to the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY EAST KNOW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute an amendment to the MSA between the School District and Direct so long as the Superintendent or their appointee finds that the amended price and terms of service offered by Direct are competitive and beneficial for the School District.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

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

Recommendation to approve the Platform as a Service renewal agreement with Northern Buckeye Educational Council for $8,212.50 for the 2026-2027 school year for hosted servers.

Recommendation to approve change order 003-Addition of stairs, railing, and basketball hoop from GHM, Inc. for $25,527.

Recommendation to approve the overnight field trip at the Jr./Sr. High School Building for the High School Girls Basketball team for team bonding on November 20, 2026.

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

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

Recommendation to employ Shawn Elkins as custodian on a one-year limited contract retroactive to November 3, 2026, Step 1.

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Kadden Lester as Assistant Football Coach for the 2026-2027 supplemental contract year and approve as a volunteer retroactively.

Recommendation to approve the following supplemental contract(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Julia Kelly	.5 FTE Junior Class Advisor	Step 0
Lindsey Jensen	Asst. Bowling Coach	Step 2
Logan Whims	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Step 0
Aaron Eickemeyer	***JH Boys Basketball Coach***	***Volunteer***

Recommendation, as an annual course of action, to non-renew the following non-teaching contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Andrew Beatty	Assistant Football
Wess McKown	Assistant Football
Jared Stein	JH Football
Andrew Link	JH Football
Laura Faucett	Head Volleyball
Mattea Forshey	Freshman Volleyball
Grace Sipes	JH Volleyball
Deena Rager	JH Volleyball
John Tucker	Head Cross Country
Darrick Faucett	Fall Strength Conditioning
Fawnda Bible-Stahl	Fall Facilities Manager

Recommendation to add the following to the certified substitute teacher list from the Knox ESC:

Dyna Bresson
Kevin Oldaker

Recommendation to approve the KCESC board approved aide(s) for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Kim Frost
Chloe Bruner

Recommendation to add the following to the classified substitute list:

Doug Taylor - sub custodian
Gabrielle Jacobs - sub nurse aide

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

L. Board Recommendation

Recommendation to approve compensation for board member, Melissa Tomlinson, for attending the following training:

Data-Driven Student Success 09/12/2026 $125

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

M. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.

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