EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR**

October 8, 2026, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

A. Call to Order

The Superintendent called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- The Superintendent read 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

B. Roll Call

The Superintendent called the roll:

Mr. Joshua Beltz, here
Ms. Lindsay Bush, absent
Mr. Alan Huffman, here
Mr. Randy Reese, absent
Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, here

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

26-084 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

D. President Pro Tempore

Recommendation to elect a President Pro Tempore for this meeting.

26-085 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
J. Beltz nominated A. Huffman to be the President Pro Tempore.
M. Tomlinson seconded the nomination.
Nominations closed.
Roll call: Mr. Huffman-Abstained, All others present-Yes. Motion carried.

E. Public Participation

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- None

F. Treasurer Report

- Financial Update
  - PI Funds
    - $1.6 million balance at the end of September with no Knox County taxes received
    - We will make our 5th TAN debt payment 12/1 for $300,000
    - $1.5 million owed after this payment at a 2.2% interest rate
  - Capital Projects Fund $10.9 million balance
  - Knox County property taxes are not received yet after a nearly two-month delay
    - Over $2.5 million in projected general fund revenue not received yet
    - Over $1.1 million in projected revenue for bond and permanent improvement funds not received
- Other Updates
  - Meeting with county commissioners and county auditor scheduled for late October to review school funding and property tax reform as a result of the letter sent to them.
  - Financial audit still ongoing and the financial statements are currently delayed due to the property tax settlement being delayed
  - Last several weeks I've spent time spent getting caught up on trainings from over the summer
    - Open enrollment funding was a topic that has resulted in a few follow-up meetings
      - We receive approximately $3,800 per student in state funding, and we are on the guarantee for $564,499
        - This translates to needing approximately 148 additional enrolled students before we would near coming off the state guarantee and receive any additional state funding
        - This is the same regardless of whether the student is a resident or open enrolled to us
        - In summary, there is no additional financial benefit from accepting OE students into the district
          - We lose approximately $200 per student in other funding outside of the guarantee when enrollment declines (casino, for example)

G. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes of September 10, 2026, regular meeting.

Recommendation to approve the September 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to accept with appreciation and gratitude the donation from Mohican Wilderness, Inc. to the East Knox Europe Travel Group, $500.

Recommendation to approve the FY27 Budgetary Amendments as follows:

001	General Fund	$50,000.00
200	Student Managed Student Activity	$2,375.00
572	Title I-Disadvantage Children	$56,392.24

26-086 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Beltz moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

H. Building Report Updates & Athletics

- Elementary Building
  - Macy Adams – 6th Grade Social Studies Presentation
  - Principal Moreland – review of activities and dates
    - Spelling Bee
    - Dr. Glanton follow up with staff next week
    - Professional development day on 10/16
    - Playground update
    - Gifted programming update

- Blair Norris, PTO – October 25th is Trunk or Treat at the school, and Holiday Shop on December 15th

- Jr./Sr. High Building – Principal Sprang - Review of October activities at the Jr./Sr. High
  - Cyberbullying presentation that was provided free to the district
  - Spelling Bee
  - Career guest for 8th & 10th grade
  - Knox County Government Day for Juniors
  - Band performing at band festival at Ashland University

- Athletic Department – Mr. Baird presented Mr. Sprague's report due to Volleyball Senior Night
  - Watching OHSAA/Legislation after November elections
  - Military night at October 9th game
  - Suicide Awareness Prevention
  - Review of Fall Sports activities and progress throughout the season

I. Superintendent Report and Board/Community Discussion

- Mr. Baird - Updates/Discussion Items
  - Knox County ESC Update
  - Review of the Mid-Ohio ESC Services
    - Informational presentation at November board meeting
  - Facilities Updates
    - Elevator, Sewer, and Gutter improvements being scheduled
  - Making updates to Bladensburg parking lot for safety

J. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks for Grades 3-6 from Xtek Partners for $172,200.

Recommendation to rescind the resolution 26-070 approved August 13, 2026, regarding the acceptance of the estimate from RCI Mechanical for sewer line work at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Recommendation to approve the proposal from Shrock Premier Custom Construction for excavation for sewer line repair at the Jr./Sr. High School for a cost of $26,280.

Recommendation to approve agreement with Mid-Ohio ESC to provide Focused Literacy Services, $5,250.

Recommendation to approve the service agreement with Catalyst Behavior Project, LLC for a Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $6,400 monthly.

Recommendation to approve the Estimate with Carson Fence, LLC for Fencing around the Elementary Playground, including a 12'x 6' tall double drive gate, cost $13,249.

Recommendation to approve the Jr./Sr. High School Coach and Advisor Handbook as presented.

Recommendation to approve the Jr./Sr. High School Head Coach and Program Evaluation Process/Results, as presented.

Recommendation to approve the Service and Repair Order from Otis for the repair of the Jr./Sr. High School Elevator, $8,719.20.

26-087 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

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

Recommendation to accept the letter of resignation from Mary Tidd, custodian, effective September 30, 2026.

Recommendation to approve Julia Kelly as Jr./Sr. High School Testing Coordinator for up to 52 hours for the 2026-2027 school year at $35 per hour.

Recommendation to approve Katrina Wobbecke for one additional hour per week for elementary afterschool programming paperwork/administration at the rate of $30 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Ron Fannin	Assist. HS Boys Basketball	Step 9
Dustin Springer	JH Boys Basketball	Step 3
Curtis Belcher	Assist. HS Boys Basketball	Step 5
Elizabeth Pozderac	Head Bowling Coach	Step 5

Recommendation to pay the listed below staff members $100 for teaching ACT prep classes as follows:

Margaret Snyder - (English) - Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 1 pm – 4 pm
Melissa Frazee - (Math) – Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 1 pm – 4 pm
Jerry Jacobs – (Science) – Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 1 pm – 4 pm

Recommendation to approve the following BLT teachers, up to 3 hours, to develop department level schedules for data collection and collaborative planning:

Tisha Melick
Curtis Belcher
Lisa Downes
Jessica Eaton

Recommendation to approve Emily Brockway for up to 6 hours for curriculum and development.

Recommendation to approve the following teachers, up to 6 hours, for resource mapping and collaboration:

Zachary Stair
Tisha Melick

Recommendation to pay Cynthia May (aide pay) for the 2026-2027 school year to supervise after school detentions for up to 2 hours per week.

Recommendation to approve Jordann Scarberry as a long-term substitute as an intervention specialist in the elementary at $150 per day retroactive to September 14, 2026.

Recommendation to approve unpaid leave days for Stacy Futo for September 21-25, 2026 (five days).

Recommendation to add Mary Tidd to the classified substitute list as a custodian.

Recommendation to add Arlene Aeschliman to the classified substitute list as a custodian.

Recommendation to approve the professional development, Crisis Prevention Training, after school for the following staff members participating, at $30 per hour, up to 6 hours total on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, and Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 3:30-6:30.

Alyssa Nixon
Allie Bennett
Afton Griffith
Jayna Svoboda
Leslie Gilbert
Ron Fannin

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Amber Carpenter as Junior Class Advisor for the second half of the contract year of 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the request for parental leave from Hailey Moreland from November 13, 2026, to January 4, 2027.

Recommendation to approve the following KCESC Board approved substitute teacher(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Christie Cochran
John Kelley
Ronald Krsolovic
Staci Hall
Aaron Vance

Recommendation to approve the following KCESC Board approved Aide(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

Ashley Moore

26-088 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Huffman moved and Mrs. Tomlinson seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

L. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

26-089 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Mrs. Tomlinson moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

M. Visitors

Misty Hammond
Evan Koontz
Rachael Koontz

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President Treasurer