ELIZABETHTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BEAR BRIEF

NOVEMBER 10, 2026 | WORKSHOP SESSION

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Board President & Superintendent Updates

- **Board Meeting Schedule:** November's Action Meeting is November 17, with December meetings scheduled for December 1 and 15.
- **This Is My Elizabethtown Story:** EASD launched a student-centered storytelling series highlighting students' experiences, relationships and opportunities in their own words.
- **Superintendent Appreciation Month:** Board President Kelly Carter recognized Superintendent Tom Strickler for his leadership, dedication and commitment to EASD students, staff and the school community.

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Recognizing Our Students

- **Bainbridge Kindergarten:** Students attended the meeting to share how nursery rhymes helped develop their rhyming, vocabulary and storytelling skills through engaging classroom activities.
- **EAHS Theatre:** Student representatives shared firsthand how the theatre program fosters leadership, builds skills and creates a sense of community, both onstage and behind the scenes.
- **NextGen Youth Symphony:** The District celebrated eight EAHS musicians selected through competitive auditions to perform alongside talented young musicians from across Lancaster County at a late-October concert.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Planning for Our Schools

- **School Safety:** The Board discussed proposed no-trespassing signage for District properties, including restrictions during school hours (7 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and dusk to dawn to help protect students, staff and visitors.
- **Secondary Building Project:** High School students and teachers provided feedback on preliminary building concepts, with community engagement planned after the new year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stewarding Our Resources

- **2027–28 Budget Calendar:** The Board reviewed the budget development timeline, including the required 30-day review periods for preliminary and final budgets, with final adoption anticipated May 25.
- **District Credit Cards:** The Board reviewed authorized credit card users, including a proposed addition of the Assistant Buildings and Grounds Director.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Supporting Student Success

- **Second-Semester Field Trips:** The Board reviewed proposed January–June trips, categorized as District-funded (Priority 1) or no-cost to the District (Priority 2), including overnight and club trips.
- **Curricular Field Trips:** Discussion included expanding grade-level learning opportunities, such as Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Wheatland and the Science Factory, while considering budget implications.
- **Agricultural Advisory Committee:** The Board reviewed proposed community and industry representatives to serve on the Agriculture Occupational Advisory Committee, supporting career and technical education.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Guiding Our District

- **First Reading:** The Board reviewed proposed revisions to policies addressing Curriculum (105), School Security Personnel (805.2), Automated External Defibrillators (822), and Gifts, Grants and Donations (702).
- **Second Reading:** The Board reviewed six policies addressing Academic Standards (102), Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks (204.1), Bullying/Cyberbullying (249), Maintenance (704), School Calendar (803), and Title IX (103).