

February 13 2025, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

**A. Call to Order**

The President, Ms. Bush, called the meeting to order.

**B. Roll Call**

President called the roll:

Ms. Lindsay Bush, here  
Mr. Larry Campbell, here  
Mr. Alan Huffman, absent  
Mr. Randy Reese, here  
Mrs. Kathy Tate, here

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

**25-017 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Mrs. Tate moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

**D. Public Participation**

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- none

**E. Treasurer Report**

- Financial Update
  - Revenues are up \$526,000 compared to last year through the month of January.
    - Tax receipts are up \$334,000 from last year with no tax advance received.
    - Interest income is up \$110,000 compared to last year.
  - Expenses were \$612,000 higher for the entire year.
    - Salaries and benefits are up \$594,000 and services \$106,000
  - PI Funds
    - Over \$739,000 balance at the end of January
- Budgetary Amendments
  - General fund appropriations for roofing project and the curriculum purchase
  - Employee benefits fund due to high claims, but will receive reimbursement for high claims over \$50,000
- Roofing/Floors
  - \$212,000 from remaining 004 Capital Projects Fund
  - \$431,000 from general fund
- Capital Improvement Plan- updates are in process and will be submitted at the March board meeting

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F. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2025 Organizational, Budget and Regular Meetings.

Recommendation to approve the January 2025 Financial Report as presented.

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

Carol Didinger	\$4,000.00	East Knox FFA
Knox Chamber Safety Council	\$2,500.00	Campus Signage

Recommendation to approve the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

Recommendation to approve the following budgetary amendment(s):

001	General Fund	\$620,894.31
004	Building Fund	\$12,000.00
024	Employee Benefits Fund	\$600,000.00
572	Title I	\$(1,011.65)
590	Title II-A	\$1,426.93
516	IDEA	\$1,764.25

**25-018 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Tate seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.

Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

G. Building Reports

- Elementary – Mrs. Moreland
  - Leah Gatton & fifth grade student's presentation on Because of Winn-Dixie.
  - Mrs. Doolittle presentation on the English-Language Arts curriculum adoption using the Science of Reading.
  - Mrs. Moreland review of the process of selection of curriculum, Wonders from McGraw Hill.
  - Mr. Baird thanked all involved in the process of selection.
- Jr./Sr. High School – Mr. Reese (absent)
  - Mr. Baird reviewed report for Jr/Sr High including FFA accomplishments, scheduling fair to take place for grades 8-11 on February 14th, Junior High dance taking place on February 14th, presentation at March board meeting about new course offerings next year.
- Athletic Updates – Scott Brickner
  - Winter sports updates
  - Blake Elliott received 100th career win as East Knox Wrestler.

H. Superintendent Report and Board Discussion

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- Updates/Discussion Items
  - Set a date for the next Policy Committee Meeting: March 4, 2025 at 4pm at the Board of Education Office.
  - Discuss recommending approval of policies to one-final reading, due to establishing Policy Committee Meetings.
  - First Reading of Neola Policy:
    - New po2265 - Protections of Individual Beliefs, affiliations, Ideals, or Principals of Political Movements and Ideology.
  - Review the process and cost for the curriculum, less than \$5,000 per grade, per year.
  - Review of the purchase of BusRight Software that will assist bus drivers with routing, location, and communicating.
- Ariel Atkinson – Student Board Representative – (absent)

#### **I. Superintendent Recommendations**

Recommendation to approve agreement with Envision Academy for a student for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation to approve the proposal from Prodigy Building Solutions, LLC for \$645,598.00 for the partial replacement of the elementary roof gym, locker rooms, mechanical room, and library) and elementary and JR/SR High flooring replacement. This is a re-cover of existing roof with membrane and a 20-year warranty replacement. Purchasing is being done through procurement contract 2021-06. Cost to be paid from the remaining JR/SR High construction funds and general funds.

Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Recommendation to approve the College Credit Plus Partnership agreement between the East Knox Local School District and Kenyon College a Private Institution of Higher Education effective February 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation to approve High Quality Instructional Materials, Wonders from McGraw Hill, for grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade for English Language Arts. This is a six-year agreement and includes all student online and paper materials, teacher materials, and professional development for implementation at a total cost of \$202,688.89. These materials meet all the requirements for The Science of Reading in Ohio.

Recommendation to approve a contract with BusRight for navigation, routing, and communication transportation system to get our students safely to the classroom for \$5,600 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and a three-year contract for \$16,800 per year. This allows our transportation department to be fully operational on the system by the end of this school year, and all of the problem solving done by the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

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**25-019 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Bush moved and Mrs. Tate seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.  
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

**EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Education Model Policies and Procedures**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  
BY THE BOARD OF EDUATION OF THE  
EAST KNOX LOCAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**, as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (“Model Policies”) that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (“DEW”) in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board’s adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW’s Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

**25-020 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION**

Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendation.  
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

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

Recommendation to approve the supplemental contract(s) for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Jason McElroy	Assistant Track Coach	9

Recommendation to approve the supplemental contract(s) for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Lauren Mohnasky	Head Cross Country Coach	0
Madison Eyler	Head Volleyball Coach	0
Andrew Beatty	Head Football Coach	3
Stephen Sterling	Head Golf Coach	5
Ryan Powell	Junior High Golf Coach	3
Gage Steinmetz	Assist. Varsity Football Coach	4
Derek Heyes Dean	Assist. Varsity Football Coach	1
Bailey Sprague	Assist. Varsity Football Coach	2
Dustin Springer	Assist. Varsity Football Coach	1
Fawnda Bible-Stahl	Fall Facilities Manager	\$1,110

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Recommendation to pay the following teacher stipends for proof of completion of the Science of Reading Training (full cost of stipend reimbursed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce):

Alice Noll	Pathway B	\$1,200
Josh Egan	Pathway C	\$1,200
Benjamin Thompson	Pathway E	\$400
Jessica Bookmyer	Pathway A	\$1,200

Recommendation to approve the following additional sub teachers for 2024-2025 school year from the Knox ESC board approved list:

Bryce Rinehart  
Meredith Overholt

Recommendation to approve the KCESC board approved aide for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

Cheyenne McIver

**25-021 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Reese moved and Mrs. Tate seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.  
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

**K. Adjournment**

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

**25-022 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Mr. Reese moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.  
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

**L. Visitors**

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President

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Treasurer