

Call the Meeting to Order: Mr. Dudek, President, called the East Lycoming School District Board of Education’s March 17, 2026 Board meeting to order in the High School Library beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the following Members of the Board, Administration and General Public in attendance.

Members of the Board:

Mr. Chris Downey – present	Mr. Craig Dudek - present
Mrs. Victoria Harrington– present	Mr. Randy Holmes – present
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - present	Mr. Eric Miller - present
Mr. Scott Ritter - present	Mr. Brian Shearer - present
Mr. Floyd Swales - present	

Administration:

Dr. Mark Stamm –Superintendent
 Mrs. Cori Cotner - Director of Curriculum
 Mr. Richard Reichner - Jr. High School Principal
 Mrs. Laura Barondeau - Ferrell & Renn School Principal
 Mrs. Heather Burke - Business Manager/Board Secretary
 Mrs. Valerie Ochs - Assistant Business Manager
 Mrs. April Paulhamus - Special Education Director

General Public: Chris Kenyon (Solicitor), Mark Maroney (Reporter- Sun-Gazette), Julie Yeager, Tracy Lunger, Brandy Davis, Melissa Bunce, Amber Johnson, Jennifer Vermeire, Luke Vermeire, Kendra Earnest, Michael Earnest, Lora MacKenzie, Laura Kurtz, David Brown, Cody Hack, Jessica Schuster, Tara Buebendorf, Ryan Messner, Alena Greiner, Audrey Snyder, and Renee Hill.

Public Comments:

-Tracy Lunger - Agenda item VII.3.d.
 -Tara Buebendorf - K-12 Guidance 339 Plan.

Minutes - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Ms. Harrington to approve the Board Meeting Minutes and Academic Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026, the Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting Minutes and Athletics Committee Minutes of March 3, 2026, as submitted.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes	Mr. Eric Miller - yes
Mr. Scott Ritter – yes	Mr. Brian Shearer – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - yes	

Motion Carried

Board Policies - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the following:

1. New Board Policies - None
2. **Revise/Review Board Policies:**

At the request of the Board and the Policy Committee-Second and Final Reading, to approve the revisions of Board Policy 011 (Principles for Governance and Leadership).

Mr. Chris Downey – yes	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes	Mr. Eric Miller - yes

Mr. Scott Ritter – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Mr. Brian Shearer – yes
Motion Carried

Educational Items - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following Educational Items:

1. **Curriculum/Programs:**

Approve the K-12 Guidance 339 Plan.

2. **Field Trips:**

- a. 3/11/26 PMEA Region Band Festival (MMI Prep SD & Hazleton SD) High School Band
Number of Students: 2 Cost to Students: \$25.00 (Food) Cost to District: Approx. \$773.00
- b. 3/25/26 Robert M. Sides Pre-K Students
Number of Students: 40 Cost to Students: \$0.00
Cost to District: \$0.00 (Pre-K Counts Grant Funded)
- c. 4/8/26 Lewisburg Children's Museum Ashkar Grade 1
Number of Students: 60 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (PTA Funded)
- d. 5/5/26 Camp Susque Ferrell Grade 2
Number of Students: 23 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (PTAC Funded)
- e. 5/8/26 Acacia Club High School Prom Committee
Number of Students: 9 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$125.00 (Substitute)
(Remaining costs paid by Class of 2027)
- f. *5/11/26 Lake Tobias JH Life Skills
Number of Students: 5 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$749.00
- g. *5/14/26 North Mountain District-wide Grade 6
Number of Students: 108 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$800.00
- h. *5/18/26 Lycoming College High School Math Students
Number of Students: 3 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$330.00
- i. *5/20/26 Penn College Jr. High School FBLA
Number of Students: 9 Cost to Students: \$10.00 (Lunch) Cost to District: \$125.00
(Substitute) (Remaining cost funded by FBLA Activity Account)
- j. *5/28/26 Philadelphia Constitutional Walking Tour District-wide Grade 4
Number of Students: 123 Cost to Students: \$15.00 (Meal) Cost to District: \$6,450.00

3. **Student Discipline/Adjudication:**

Adjudication of Student #***42 for discipline.

4. Handbooks/Calendar - None

5. **Other:**

Approve Foreign Exchange Student from Italy residing with the Danielsen family.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes

Mr. Craig Dudek– yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes

Mr. Eric Miller - yes

Mr. Scott Ritter – yes

Mr. Brian Shearer – yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

Personnel Items - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. **Professional & Administrative Staff:**

Approve the addition of an Academic Interventionist 0.5 FTE at Ferrell Elementary.

2. **Support Staff:**

Approve Mrs. Devan Messner to transfer from a Part-time Secretary at Ashkar Elementary to a Full-time 10 month High School Guidance Secretary, 7.5 hours per day, 210 days per year, with co-pay

benefits.

3. **Athletics:**

- a. Approve Ms. Rebekah Baumunk as Assistant Girls Track and Field Coach, \$2,776.00, L-2.
- b. Approve Mr. Brett Garbrick as Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach, \$2,776.00, L-2.
- c. Approve Ms. Nita Imeri as Head Junior High Girls Soccer Coach, \$1,809.00, L-1.
- d. Approve the following Athletic Volunteers:
 - Molly Fuller (Boys Tennis)
 - Beth Myers (Boys Tennis)
 - Lindsey Hartman (Track and Field)
 - M. Jan Mostowy (Track and Field)

- 4. Supplemental Staff - None
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding - None

6. **Other:**

Approve Samantha Showers, Devon Palmeter, Ann Stine, Lauren Wolford, Andrea Kishbaugh and Michael Palmeter as volunteer chaperones for the out-of-state DC field trip.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes	Mr. Eric Miller - yes
Mr. Scott Ritter – yes	Mr. Brian Shearer – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - yes	<u>Motion Carried</u>

Resignations received and accepted by Superintendent Stamm:

- Michele Beck, Spartan Academy Coordinator, retirement resignation effective August 18, 2026.
- Cori Cotner, Curriculum Director, retirement resignation effective September 11, 2026.
- Cassandra Younkens, Part-time Custodian, resignation effective March 13, 2026.

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following Business/Financial Matters:

- 1. **Budget:**
To approve the Proposed 2026/2027 IU#17 General Operations Budget.
- 2. **Bills for Payment:**
To accept bills for payment as listed and attached.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes	Mr. Eric Miller - yes
Mr. Scott Ritter – yes	Mr. Brian Shearer – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - yes	<u>Motion Carried</u>

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following Business/Financial Matter:

- 3. **Contracts/Agreements:**
 - a. Approve the PSBA agreement to advertise for \$575.00.

Mr. Chris Downey – no	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes
Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes	Mr. Eric Miller - yes
Mr. Scott Ritter – yes	Mr. Brian Shearer – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - no	<u>Motion Carried</u>

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following Business/Financial Matters:

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- b. Approve the Playworld proposal for the new Ferrell playground and lease with Picture Rocks Borough.
- c. Approve the agreement from BLAST IU#17 to provide on-site Technology Transition Support.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes

Mr. Craig Dudek– yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes

Mr. Eric Miller - yes

Mr. Scott Ritter – yes

Mr. Brian Shearer – yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following Business/Financial Matter:

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- d. At the request of Mr. Dudek to approve the proposal of Superintendent search services from Dr. Thomas Scholvin for \$100.00 per hour.

Mr. Chris Downey – no

Mr. Craig Dudek– yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - no

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes

Mr. Eric Miller - no

Mr. Scott Ritter – yes

Mr. Brian Shearer – yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - no

Motion Carried

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following Business/Financial Matter:

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- e. To appoint the School Board Solicitor for the East Lycoming School District:

In favor of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall

Mr. Chris Downey, Mr. Craig Dudek, Ms. Victoria Harrington, Mr. Randy Holmes, Mrs. Nichole Hopkins, Mr. Eric Miller, Mr. Brian Shearer, and Mr. Floyd Swales

In favor of Sweet, Stevens, Katz, and Williams

Mr. Scott Ritter

To appoint McNerney, Page, Vanderlin, and Hall as School Board Solicitor.

Motion Carried

Business/Financial Matters - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the following Business/Financial Matter:

4. **Bids/Proposals/RFP's:**

- Approve the resolution authorizing the borrowing of funds for interim financing for the expansion project of the Lycoming Career and Technology Center (Roll call vote required).

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Chris Downey – yes

Mr. Craig Dudek– yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes

Mr. Eric Miller - yes

Mr. Scott Ritter – yes

Mr. Brian Shearer – yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

- Amber Johnson (Franklin Twp)- Solicitor services and Superintendent search.
- Audrey Snyder (Franklin Twp)- Class size-2nd grade-Renn.
- Cody Hack - PA House Bill 41 - Separation of Public and Private Schools in PIAA playoffs.
- Ryan Messner (Moreland Twp) - Class size-2nd grade-Renn and East Lycoming Little League-lights and lease.
- Alena Greiner (Moreland Twp)-Class size-2nd grade-Renn.

Comments from Individual Board Members:

- Eric Miller - Class size 2nd grade-Renn.
- Nichole Hopkins - Class size 2nd grade-Renn.
- Craig Dudek - Upcoming meetings: April 7th Facilities Committee 6PM; Board 7PM, April 14th Policy Committee 6PM; Board 7PM,

Adjourn from Regular Meeting into Executive Session for personnel: It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Ritter to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

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| Mr. Chris Downey – yes | Mr. Craig Dudek– yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes | Mr. Eric Miller - yes |
| Mr. Scott Ritter – yes | Mr. Brian Shearer – yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | |

Motion Carried

Adjourn from Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather N. Burke

Business Manager/Board Secretary

