

**Call the Meeting to Order:** Mr. Dudek, President, called the East Lycoming School District Board of Education’s Committee of the Whole Work Session April 7, 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:**

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| 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 - Curriculum Director
- Mr. Richard Reichner - Jr. High School Principal
- Mrs. Brittany Decker - Ashkar Elementary Principal
- Mrs. Laura Barondeau - Ferrell & Renn Elementary Principal
- Mrs. Heather Burke - Business Manager/Board Secretary
- Mr. Bryan McCaffery - Building & Grounds Supervisor
- Dr. Justin Rodkey - Athletic Director

**General Public:** David Sterngold (Solicitor), Julie Yeager, John Derr, Brandy Davis, Tracy Lunger, Amber Johnson, Cody Hack, Nikki Brown, Katie Dgien, Lora MacKenzie, Kristine Shervinski, Mike Sellers, Jennifer Vermeire, Luke Vermeire, Karen Gottshall, Tara Buebendorf, and Brian Duke.

**Non-Voting Discussion Items**

**A. Business/Financial Discussion**

1. ELSD 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget
2. Lyco CTC Cooperation Agreement between Hughesville Borough and Lyco CTC.
3. Lyco CTC 2026/2027 Budget.
4. Food Service Agreement Renewal/Operations Budget with Nutrition 26/27.
5. Hughesville Borough Tax Collector.
6. Elimination of Event Staff Manager position.
7. Elimination of PSBA membership.
8. A tax decrease for the 26-27 tax year.
9. Other Business / Financial Items for Future Board Consideration-None

**B. Academic Discussion**

1. Academic Overview

**2. Field Trips:**

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| a. 4/21/26   | Today Farm                            | Pre-k Students     |
| Number of Students: 40 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (Pre-K Counts Grant Funded) |                                       |                    |
| b. 4/22-4/25/26  | PMEA All State Festival-E Stroudsburg | High School Band   |
| Number of Students: 1 Cost to Students: \$75.00 (meals/souvenirs) Cost to District: \$1,010.00       |                                       |                    |
| c. 5/1/26  | Reptiland                             | Renn Grade 1       |
| Number of Students: 29 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (PTO Funded)                |                                       |                    |
| d. 5/12/26   | Potting Bench & Bruce Henry Park      | Pre-k Students     |
| Number of Students: 40 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (Pre-K Counts Grant Funded) |                                       |                    |
| e. 5/21/26   | Hughesville Public Library            | Ashkar Life Skills |
| Number of Students: 9 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00                              |                                       |                    |

f. 5/28/26 Reptiland & Buffalo Valley Park Ashkar Grade K  
Number of Students: 53 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (PTA Funded)

5. Other Academic Items for Future Board Consideration - None

**C. Athletic Discussion**

1. Athletic Committee member change by Mr. Dudek to replace Mr. Shearer with Mr. Miller as a committee member.
2. ADHOC Committee "Athletic Building Committee".
3. HB41.
4. Other Athletic Items for Future Board Consideration - None

**D. Facilities Discussion**

1. Other Facility Items for Future Board Consideration - Firewood cutting on timber sale ground.

**E. Policy Discussion**

1. Field Trips - Board Policy #121
2. Other Policy Items for Future Board Consideration-None

**Public Comments:**

- Tracy Lunger (Franklin Twp) - Tax rate, academic services and building improvements, Event Staff Manager position, field trip policy changes, and HUDL.
- Cody Hack (PR Boro) - Event Staff Manager position, support of Athletic Director, tax rate, and HUDL.
- Brian Duke (Penn Twp) - Event Staff Manager position, support of Athletic Director, and Athletic Building Committee.
- Amber Johnson (Franklin Twp) - Solicitor representation, Right to know requests, Food Service renewal, Superintendent search, and moisture in buildings.
- Tara Buebendorf (Hughesville Boro) - Tax rate and future implications related to the budget.
- Michael Sellers - (Franklin Twp) - Event Staff Manager position and support of Athletic Director.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Craig Dudek - May 5<sup>th</sup> Academic Committee, Appoint Randy Holmes as Chairperson, future committee meeting schedule, cursive handwriting, April 14<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee at 6PM and April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting at 7PM.
- Scott Ritter - Tax rate.
- Nichole Hopkins - Renn 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom.

**Adjourn from Work Session into Executive Session regarding personnel:** It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Ritter to adjourn the work session meeting into an Executive Session for personnel at 8:58 P.M.

Mr. Chris Downey – yes  
 Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes  
 Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes  
 Mr. Scott Ritter – yes  
 Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Mr. Craig Dudek– yes  
 Mr. Randy Holmes - yes  
 Mr. Eric Miller - yes  
 Mr. Brian Shearer – yes

**Motion Carried**

**Adjourn from Executive Session at 10:55 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather N. Burke  
Business Manager/Board Secretary