

Call the Meeting to Order: Mr. Dudek, President, called the East Lycoming School District Board of Education’s April 14, 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. Tom Coburn - Sr. High School Principal
 Mr. Richard Reichner - Jr. High School Principal
 Mrs. Brittany Decker - Ashkar 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
 Dr. Justin Rodkey - Athletic Director

General Public: David Sterngold (Solicitor), Mark Maroney (Reporter- Sun-Gazette), Julie Yeager, Tracy Lunger, Brandy Davis, Emalee Lunger, Melissa Bunce, Amber Johnson, Jennifer Vermeire, Luke Vermeire, , Lora MacKenzie, Jessica Schuster, Corinn Mowrey, Jesse Stryker, Tyler Winters, Matt Heiney, Karen Gottshall, Angela Mamrak, and Renee Hill.

Public Comments:

-Tracy Lunger (Franklin Twp) - Field trip policy.

Minutes - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Ms. Harrington to approve the Board Meeting Minutes and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026, the Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting Minutes and Facilities Committee Minutes of April 7, 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 Ms. Harrington to approve the following:

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

At the request of Mr. Dudek to approve the revisions to Board Policy #121 (Field Trips).

Mr. Chris Downey – yes	Mr. Craig Dudek– yes
Ms. Victoria Harrington– yes	Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins – yes
Mr. Scott Ritter – yes
Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Mr. Eric Miller - 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 - None

2. **Field Trips:**

- 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)
- 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
- e. *5/15/26 Empower Strides Renn R.O.C.K. Club
Number of Students: 21 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (Club Funded)
- f. *5/19/26 Lake Tobias Ashkar Grade 3
Number of Students: 74 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00 (PTA Funded)
- g. 5/21/26 Hughesville Public Library Ashkar Life Skills
Number of Students: 9 Cost to Students: \$0.00 Cost to District: \$0.00
- h. 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)

3. Student Discipline/Adjudication - None

4. Handbooks/Calendar - None

5. **Other:**

Approve the Draft Board/Committee Meeting Schedule for additional Committee Meetings from June through December:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>
June 23, 2026	Finance Committee
July 21, 2026	Facilities Committee
August 11, 2026	Policy Committee
September 1, 2026	Academic Committee
September 15, 2026	Athletic Committee
October 6, 2026	Finance Committee
October 20, 2026	Facilities Committee
November 10, 2026	Policy Committee
November 17, 2026	Academic Committee
December 7, 2026	Athletic Committee

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

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

2. **Field Trips:**

- 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

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 - yes	<u>Motion Carried</u>

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

1. **Professional & Administrative Staff:**
 - a. Approve the transfer of Mrs. Jessica McCoy from an Elementary Teacher at Ashkar to a Middle School Reading Teacher for the 2026/2027 school year.
 - b. Approve the transfer of Mrs. Melanie Steele from a Secondary Mathematics Teacher to Spartan Academy/Guidance position for the 2026/2027 school year.
2. **Support Staff:**
 - a. Approve Ms. Mackensi Boore as a Full-time Custodian at the High School, \$15.16 per hour with co-pay benefits.
 - b. Approve Mr. Drew Procter as a Full-time General Maintenance Worker in the district, \$19.43 per hour, with co-pay benefits.
 - c. Approve the transfer of Mrs. Courtney Jesser from Part-time High School secretary to Full-time Secretary, 210 days per year, 7.5 hours daily with co-pay benefits, effective April 15, 2026.
 - d. Approve the transfer of Ms. Samantha Showers from a Part-time Aide at the High School to a Part-time secretary at the High School, \$16.57 per hour, 6 hours per day, 210 days per year, effective April 15, 2026.
 - e. Approve Mr. Pileggi as a Full-time Instructional Aide at Renn, \$14.99 per hour, 7 hours per day with co-pay benefits.
3. **Athletics:**
 - a. Approve Mrs. Nicole Walton as an Athletic Volunteer for Softball.
 - b. Approve changes to the Athletic Committee members by Mr. Dudek: Mr. Shearer will be replaced by Mr. Miller.
 - c. Approve changes to the Academic Committee members by Mr. Dudek: Mr. Dudek (Chair) is being replaced by Mr. Holmes.
 - d. Approve the formation of the ADHOC Committee “Athletic Building Committee” through December 6, 2026 to evaluate feasibility and cost of a multi-purpose sports facility.
4. Supplemental Staff - None
5. Memorandum of Understanding - None
6. Other - None

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:

- Alexa Nork, Secondary English Teacher, effective the end of the 2025/2026 school year.
- Samantha Showers, Junior High Girls Volleyball Coach, effective January 9, 2026.
- Lindsey Hartman, Assistant Track & Field Coach and to remain a volunteer.
- Carissa Gavitt, Secondary Art Teacher, effective May 15, 2026.

- Dorothy Bennett, Hughesville Borough Tax Collector, effective March 31, 2026.
- Bryan McCaffery, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective July 13, 2026.

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

1. **Budget:**

- a. Approval of 2026-27 Proposed Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$32,086,205. In accordance with this budget, the following tax rates will be established:
 - Real Estate Tax 16.65 mills (no tax rate increase proposed)
 - Real Estate Transfer Tax – Act 511 1/2 of 1.0%
 - Earned Income Tax – Act 24 1.2%

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 - yes	<u>Motion Carried</u>

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

1. **Budget:**

- b. Approve the Lyco CTC 2026/2027 Budget.
- c. Approve the Lyco CTC Cooperation Agreement between Hughesville Borough and Lyco CTC.
- d. Approve the Food Service Agreement Renewal with Nutrition through June 30, 2027.
- e. Approve the Food Service Operations Budget with Nutrition for the 2026/2027 and guarantees return on the district’s food service program projected surplus of \$25,328.99.

2. **Bills for Payment:**

To accept bills for payment as listed and attached.

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- a. Approve Jennifer Mausteller as the Hughesville Borough Tax Collector effective March 31, 2026.

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. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Harrington to approve the following Business/Financial Matter:

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- b. (Addendum) At the request of Mr. Dudek to appoint Sweets, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP as special counsel to investigate employee and student misconduct as needed at a rate of \$220.00 per hour.

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>

Comments from Individual Board Members:

- Scott Ritter - Educator attendance at policy meeting and Financial Literacy Program.
- Randy Holmes - Excellence of Education Presidential awards.
- Victoria Harrington - Financial Literacy Program.
- Chris Downey - Financial Literacy Program.
- Craig Dudek - Upcoming meetings: May 5th work session at 7PM and Academic Committee at 6PM and May 19th meeting at 7PM and Athletic Committee at 6PM.

Adjourn from Regular Meeting into Executive Session for personnel: It was moved by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Shearer to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather N. Burke
Business Manager/Board Secretary

