

**Announcement of Numerous Executive Sessions for Personnel:** Mr. Dudek announced the following Executive Sessions were held for Personnel - April 21, 2026, April 22, 2026, April 29, 2026 and April 30, 2026

**Call the Meeting to Order:** Mr. Dudek, President, called the East Lycoming School District Board of Education’s Committee of the Whole Work Session May 5, 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:**

- Mrs. Cori Cotner - Curriculum Director
- Mr. Richard Reichner - Jr. High School Principal
- Mrs. Laura Barondeau - Ferrell & Renn Elementary 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), Matt Heiney, Leslie Heiney, Lora MacKenzie, Tracy Lunger, Julie Yeager, Patrick Fortin, Amber Johnson, Brittney Dent, Corinn Mowrey, Karen Gottshall, Amanda Wertz, Dave Wertz, Shelly Sheets, Kay Barkley, Sharon Remsnyder, Brianna Strickland, Michelle Stroup, Misty Jacobs, Angela Statts, Tyler Winters, Amy Ramiza, Justin Ramiza, Jill Warg, Charlotte Dudek, Angela Mamrak, Kristine Shirvinski, Bethany Hamm, Daniel Hamm, Melissa Bunce, Dan Egly, Ryan Good, Rachel Kirk and Ann Stine.

**Public Comments:**

- Dan Egly (Wolf Twp) - Support of school board and Gerald McLaughlin.
- Patrick Fortin (Wolf Twp) - Support of Jill Warg, professional development, morale and climate.

**Personnel Items - Resolved:** It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the request rescind the resignation of Mrs. Carissa Gavitt as a Secondary Art Teacher effective May 15, 2026.

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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**

**Legal Counsel Contract - Resolved:** It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Ritter to approve to obtain Levin Legal Group services when needed.

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| 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. Ritter, seconded by Mrs. Harrington to approve the following Personnel Items:

1. Motion to approve administrative leave for employee #2697 pending the results of an investigation.
2. Motion to approve administrative leave for employee #3045 pending the results of an investigation.
3. Motion to appoint Mr. Gerald McLaughlin as Interim Superintendent for the District through June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$500.00 per day, pending receipt of required documents.
4. Motion to appoint Mrs. Jill Warg as Interim Ashkar Elementary Principal through June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$300.00 per day, pending receipt of required documents.

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	<b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>

**Non-Voting Discussion Items**

**A. Business/Financial Discussion**

1. ELSD 26/27 Final Budget.
2. Homestead/Farmstead Rebate.
3. Lyco CTC Purchase of Service Agreements.
4. Lyco CTC Student Emergency Health Service Agreement.
5. River Valley Regional YMCA School-Age Child Care Program for the 2026/2027 school year.
6. RACP resolution.
7. ESS (Substitute Contract).
8. Employee Code of Conduct.
9. Applications for Buildings & Grounds.
10. Other Business / Financial Items for Future Board Consideration-None

**B. Academic Discussion**

1. Academic Overview
2. Field Trip:
 

5/22/26	Community Arts	Theatre Club
Number of Students: 26	Cost to Students: \$0.00	Cost to District: \$0.00 (Club Funded)
3. Board Member signing of diplomas (Floyd Swales, Victoria Harrington & Randy Holmes).
4. Request by a family to approve a foreign exchange student after March 15th deadline as set in Board Policy #239 (Foreign Exchange Students).
5. Other Academic Items for Future Board Consideration - None

**C. Athletic Discussion**

1. Mr. Dudek recommends the ADHOC Committee (Athletic Building Committee) Chairman is Brian Shearer.
2. Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Resignation.
3. Co-Op with Warrior Run for Golf (Boys & Girls) and Girls Wrestling.
4. Other Athletic Items for Future Board Consideration - None

**D. Facilities Discussion**

1. Proposal from ELSA to construct a shelter on the soccer field property.
2. Facilities Committee to allow Little League to pursue funding to construct lights on the Little League field property pending further discussions with the board on the number and size of lights.
3. Law Enforcement Memorandums of Understanding.
4. Junior High STEM room relocation.
5. Other Facility Items for Future Board Consideration.

E. **Policy Discussion**

1. Other Policy Items for Future Board Consideration:

Mr. Ritter - Policies for code of conduct and employee safety.

**Public Comments:**

- Tara Buebendorf (Hughesville Boro) - ESS.
- Ryan Good - Soccer pavilion/shelter (ELSA).
- Angela Statts (Wolf Twp) - Cafeteria substitutes.
- Melissa Bunce (Franklin Twp) - Celebration of student success and achievement.
- Rachel Kirk (Mill Creek Twp) - Review of policy regarding foreign exchange student.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Scott Ritter - Staff appreciation week.
- Victoria Harrington - May 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting and 6PM is the Athletic committee meeting.

**Adjourn from Work Session into Executive Session regarding personnel:** It was moved by Mrs. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Shearer to adjourn the work session meeting into an Executive Session for personnel at 7:55 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 10:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather N. Burke

Business Manager/Board Secretary