

Call the Meeting to Order: Mr. Dudek, President, called the East Lycoming School District Board of Education's January 20, 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 | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett - absent |
| 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. Laura Barondeau Ferrell & Renn School Principal
- Mrs. Brittany Decker - Ashkar Principal
- Mrs. Heather Burke - Business Manager/Board Secretary
- Mrs. Valerie Ochs - Assistant Business Manager
- Mrs. April Paulhamus - Special Education Director
- Mr. Bryan McCaffery - Director of Buildings & Grounds

General Public: Chris Kenyon (Solicitor), Mark Maroney (Reporter- Sun Gazette), Charlotte Dudek, Amber Johnson, Jessica Schuster, Angela Mamrak, Mike Mamrak, Melissa Bunce, Jennifer Vermeire, Luke Vermeire, Tyler Winters, Brandy Davis, Donna Gavitt, Rikki Riegner, Tara Buebendorf, Ashton Hackenberg and Becci Swales

Public Comments:

- Melissa Bunce (Franklin Twp) - School calendar and Board Policy 011.
- Tara Buebendorf (Hughesville Baro) - Board Policy 011.
- Amber Johnson (Franklin Twp) - Board Policy 011 and Sunshine Law Monitor
- Jennifer Vermeire (PR Baro) - Sunshine Law Monitor and Principles of Governance.
- Donna Gavitt (Penn Twp) - Board Policy 011, 309.1, and 907.
- Rikki Riegner (Wolf Twp) - School calendar and board policies.

Minutes - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swales to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Work Session and Finance Committee Meeting minutes of January 13, 2026, as submitted.

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | |

Motion Carried

Board Policies-Resolved:

1. New Board Policies - None
2. **Revise/Review Board Policies:** It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Swales to table the following Board Policy #011 (Principals for Governance and Leadership Repeal.

- a) At the request of the Board, to repeal Board Policy 011 (Principals for Governance and Leadership) is tabled.

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| Mr. Chris Downey-yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins -yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Board Policies - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following board policy for a first reading:

2. **Revise/Review Board Policies:**

- b) At the request of the Board-First Reading, to approve revisions to Board Policy 309.1 (Remote Work)

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Board Policies - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Shearer to approve the following board policy for a first reading:

2. **Revise/Review Board Policies:**

- c) At the request of the Board-First Reading, to approve revisions to Board Policy 907 (School Visitors)

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| Mr. Chris Downey-yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Educational Items - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Swales to approve the following Educational Item:

1) **Curriculum/Programs:**

- a) Approve the 2026/2027 High School Program of Studies.

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins -yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

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

2. **Field Trips:**

- a) 1/22-1 /23/26 PMEA Commonwealth University District Orchestra Students
Number of Students: 2 Cost to Students: \$20.00 Cost to District: \$392.00
- b) 2/3,2/24,2/26 Jr. County Band Festival S. Williamsport Jr. High Band Members

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| | Number of Students: 3 | Cost to Students: \$20.00 | Cost to District: \$392.00 |
| d) | 2/18-2/20/26 | Northwest High School | High School Chorus |
| | Number of Students: 4 | Cost to Students: \$0.00 | Cost to District: \$1,200.00 |
| e) | 2/28/26 | Central Columbia High School | Theatre Club |
| | Number of Students: 25 | Cost to Students: \$16.00 | Cost to District: \$0.00 (Club Funded) |
| f) | 3/12/26 | High School | Renn & Ferrell Grades 3-6 |
| | Number of Students: 447 | Cost to Students: \$0.00 | Cost to District: \$580.00 |

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| Mr. Chris Downey-yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Educational Item - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Ritter to approve the following Educational Item:

2 **Field Trips:**

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| c) | 2/4-2/6/26 | PMEA Towanda School District | District Band Students |
| | Number of Students: 8 | Cost to Students: \$0.00 | Cost to District: \$283.00 |

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - no | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

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

- 3 Student Discipline/Adjudication - None

4 **Handbooks/Calendar:**

- a) Approve the first reading of the draft 2026/2027 school calendar.

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

5. Other - None

Personnel Items - Resolved: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Ritter to approve the following Personnel Item:

1 **Professional & Administrative Staff:**

- a) Approve to change Ashley Gardner as a Full-time Interventionist, \$67,300.00, Step 7 (pro-rated).

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| Mr. Chris Downey - yes | Mr. Craig Dudek- yes |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes | Mr. Randy Holmes - yes |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

- 2. Support Staff: None
- 3. Athletics: None
- 4. Supplemental Staff - None
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding - None

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

6. **Other:**

- a) To accept the resignation of Board Member Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett, effective January 15, 2026, and to approve the posting of the vacancy in region #2.

Mr. Chris Downey-yes

Mr. Craig Dudek- yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes

Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent

Mr. Scott Ritter - yes

Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

Resignations received and accepted by Superintendent Stamm:

- Karen Stannert, retirement resignation, effective the end of the 25/26 school year.
- Tara Holdren, retirement resignation, effective the end of the 25/26 school year.
- Lauren Balliet, retirement resignation, effective the end of the 25/26 school year.
- Stephen Budman, retirement resignation, effective August 29, 2026.
- Raine Ohnmeiss, resignation of tax collector for Jordan Twp, effective completion of 2025 Settlement.
- Catherine Gardner, retirement resignation, effective June 19, 2026.
- Brian Barckley, retirement resignation, effective January 3, 2027.
- Kayleigh Rooker, resignation effective January 9, 2026.

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

- 1. Budget - None

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

Mrs. Shannon McConnell..:Barlett- absent

Mr. Scott Ritter - yes

Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

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

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

- a) Approve CSIU E-rate Funding Contract for 1 year.

Mr. Chris Downey - no

Mr. Craig Dudek- yes

Ms. Victoria Harrington- yes

Mr. Randy Holmes - yes

Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - yes

Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent

Mr. Scott Ritter - yes

Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Mr. Floyd Swales - yes

Motion Carried

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

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

b) Approve LearnWell Contract.

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
Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent
Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Motion Carried

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

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

c) Approve IDEA-Section 619 Pass through funds Use of Funds Agreement.

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
Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent
Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Motion Carried

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

3. **Contracts/Agreements:**

d) As requested by the LycoCTC Joint Operating Committee to transfer the contract with Fidevia from East Lycoming School District to LycoCTC.

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
Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent
Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Motion Carried

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

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

a) Approve to reject the Asphalt Repair and Tar/Chip Bid.

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
Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent
Mr. Brian Shearer - yes

Motion Carried

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

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

b) Approve Stadium Lights 40 Footcandles from MUSCO, Football Field at \$220,000.00 and Soccer Field at \$204,500.00.

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| Mr. Chris Downey - no | Mr. Craig Dudek- no |
| Ms. Victoria Harrington- no | Mr. Randy Holmes - no |
| Mrs. Nichole Hopkins - no | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - no | Mr. Brian Shearer - no |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - no | <u>Motion Failed</u> |

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

5. **Other:**

a) Approve to appoint Jennifer Mausteller for tax collector of Franklin and Jordan Townships effective February 1, 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 | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Public Comments:

- Becci Swales (Wolf Twp) - New board and academic concerns.
- Ashton Hackenberg (Wolf Twp) - Title I services.
- Amber Johnson (Franklin Twp) - Firefly/Acadience assessments and school delay/closing procedures.
- Melissa Bunce (Franklin Twp) - School calendar and Title I services.

Comments from Individual Board Members:

- Scott Ritter - Public attendance, academic committee meeting and school delay/closing procedures.
- Floyd Swales - Public attendance and school delay/closing procedures.

Adjourn from Regular Session into Executive Session: It was moved by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Ritter to adjourn the regular session into executive session for personnel, student discipline and legal matters at 8:31 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 | Mrs. Shannon McConnell-Barlett- absent |
| Mr. Scott Ritter - yes | Mr. Brian Shearer - yes |
| Mr. Floyd Swales - yes | <u>Motion Carried</u> |

Adjourn from Executive Session: Executive Session was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather N. Burke

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Business Manager/Board Secretary