

The Eastern Local Board of Education met in regular session on March 19, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Edmund McVey
Adam W. Bolender
Deborah L. Forsythe
Lowell S. Richey
Kristi Kress Wilhelmy

Approval of Agenda as Amended, Res. No. 24-25

Mr. Richey moved and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes

Minutes and Financial Reports, Res. No. 25-25

Mr. Richey moved and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2025 and to approve the financial reports as presented for the month ended February 28, 2025.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes

Hearing of the public – None

CTC report – None

Legislative report – Mr. Michael and Mr. Kendall provided updates on real estate taxes and the proposed State Education Budget.

Principal report – Written reports were provided.

Amended Appropriations, Res. No. 26-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve the following changes to appropriations.

Fund	Description	Amount
200	Student Activity (Choir) Increase due to Kings Island Trip	+ 10,500.00

Roll Call: Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes

Approve 2025-2026 Pay Dates, Res. No. 27-25

Mr. Bolender made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 pay dates as presented. These dates include revisions to July and August dates in order to transition to a 24-pay schedule instead of the current 26-pay schedule.

Roll Call:	Mr. McVey,	yes
	Mr. Richey,	yes
	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	yes
	Mr. Bolender,	yes
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes

FY26 “Amounts and Rates” from Brown County Budget Commission, Res. No. 28-25

Mrs. Wilhelmy moved and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to accept the “Amounts and Rates” for the estimate of tax collections/rates as prepared by the Brown County Budget Commission for the ensuing fiscal year (2025-2026).

Roll Call:	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes
	Mr. McVey,	yes
	Mr. Richey,	yes
	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	yes
	Mr. Bolender,	yes

Approve Copier Contract, Res. No. 29-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to approve a 5-year copier lease with ProSource effective July 1st at a cost savings of approximately \$40,000.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bolender,	yes
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes
	Mr. McVey,	yes
	Mr. Richey,	yes
	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	yes

Approve 5-Year Contract with Julian & Grube as Independent Audit Firm, Res. No. 30-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to approve a 5-year contract with independent audit firm “Julian & Grube” for audit services for fiscal years July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029. This motion includes the approval of the financial statements being presented on an “Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting” (Cash Basis).

Roll Call:	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	no
	Mr. Bolender,	yes
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes
	Mr. McVey,	yes
	Mr. Richey,	yes

Motion Carries

Letters of Resignation, Res. No. 31-25

Mrs. Wilhelmy moved and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to accept resignation letters from the following individuals: Mary Diane Scott (Bus Driver-Retirement), Ashley Jenkins (Student Council Co-Advisor), Alexa Kelch (Junior Class Co-Advisor), and Taylor Schmitz (EHS Cheerleading Coach).

Roll Call:	Mr. Richey,	yes
	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	yes
	Mr. Bolender,	yes
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes
	Mr. McVey,	yes

Change of Board Meeting Date, Res. No. 32-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to change the April board meeting date from April 16th to April 30, 2025. The meeting shall be at the same scheduled time and location.

Roll Call: All yes

Superintendent Michael shared highlights from the District newsletter. Science Fair Winners were recognized. Ryker Warren, Olivia Wilhelmy, Hunter Jodrey, Morgan Johnson and Paisley Vize presented their projects. Mr. Michael also shared about the “Vouchers Hurt Ohio” movement.

Approve Addendum to AED Emergency Action Plan and Protocol, Res. No. 33-25

Mrs. Wilhelmy made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the EOP (Emergency Operating Plan) to include the Addendum to AED Emergency Action Plan and Protocol as presented.

Roll Call: All yes

The Board held the first reading of proposed policy updates (first reading).

Approve Board Policy Updates for Policy 5223 and Policy 5113, Res. No. 34-25

Mrs. Forsythe made a motion and Mr. Richey seconded the motion to approve updates to Policy 5223 (Religious Release Time) and Policy 5113 (moving Open Enrollment deadline from August 1st to July 1st). These are being approved at the first reading due to the timeline for implementing these policies.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bolender,	yes
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes
	Mr. McVey,	yes
	Mr. Richey,	yes
	Mrs. Wilhelmy,	yes

Approve Field Trip and Facilities Requests, Res. No. 35-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to approve the field trip and facilities requests as presented.

Roll Call: All yes

Approval of Certified ACT Tutoring Contracts, Res. No. 36-25

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve a \$500 payment for the following certified teachers: Jennie Clark (ACT Prep Coordinator), Rachel Hauck (Science), Amy Dotson (Math) and Teresa Perkins (Language Arts).

Roll Call: All yes

Mr. Richey moved that the board adjourn. Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All yes

8:35 P.M. meeting adjourned.

President

Treasurer