Dallastown Area School District
11/12/26 BOARD / BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2026 ▪ 6:30 PM
HS LGI Room, 700 New School Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313

Wesley Anderson:	Present
Dina Aubel:	Absent
Matthew Charvat:	Present
James Cohn:	Present
Karl Dotterweich:	Present
Albert Granholm:	Present
Anthony Pantano:	Present
Eric Pierce:	Present
Scott Wingard:	Present

Present: 8, Absent: 1.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mr. Pantano**
   The regular business meeting of the Dallastown Area School District Board of School Directors convened on Thursday, November 12, 2026, in the High School LGI Room. Board President, Anthony Pantano, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2. **ROLL CALL & EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT - Mr. Pantano**
   Mr. Pantano noted Mrs. Aubel was absent and all other board members were present. He announced an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel matters, review tonight's action items, review a draft of the 12/3 Organization Meeting agenda, review the 2025-26 Auditor's Report and review upcoming agenda items.

   2 - 11.12.26 Board Meeting Attendance Sign In Sheets

3. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA**
   Motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Eric Pierce and seconded by Karl Dotterweich, Carried.

Wesley Anderson:	Yea
Dina Aubel:	Absent
Matthew Charvat:	Yea
James Cohn:	Yea
Karl Dotterweich:	Yea
Albert Granholm:	Yea
Anthony Pantano:	Yea
Eric Pierce:	Yea

Scott Wingard:	Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

By voice vote, the motion passed (8-0-1).

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no public comments.

5. **CONSENT ITEM(S)**
Motion to approved the Consent Items as presented. This motion, made by Eric Pierce and seconded by Karl Dotterweich, Carried.

Wesley Anderson:	Yea
Dina Aubel:	Absent
Matthew Charvat:	Yea
James Cohn:	Yea
Karl Dotterweich:	Yea
Albert Granholm:	Yea
Anthony Pantano:	Yea
Eric Pierce:	Yea
Scott Wingard:	Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

By voice vote, the motion passed (8-0-1).

President Secretary Treasurer

5.A. **Board Minutes: Previous Meeting(s)**
5.A - 10.22.26 Board Meeting Minutes - signed

6. **ACTION ITEM(S)**

6.A. **Approval of 2025-26 Auditor's Report - Mr. Rohrbaugh / Ms. Jennifer CruverKibi, CPA, Maher Duessel**
Motion to approve Action Item 6.A - Approval of 2025-26 Auditor's Report. This motion, made by Eric Pierce and seconded by Karl Dotterweich, Carried.

Wesley Anderson:	Yea
Dina Aubel:	Absent
Matthew Charvat:	Yea
James Cohn:	Yea
Karl Dotterweich:	Yea
Albert Granholm:	Yea
Anthony Pantano:	Yea

Eric Pierce:	Yea
Scott Wingard:	Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

By roll call vote, the motion passed (8-0-1).

6.A - DASD 2026 Communication Letter 11-3-26
6.A - DASD 2026 Financial Statements 11-3-26

7. FINANCE ITEMS

7.A. 2027-28 Budget Resolution #2026-05: Authorizing a Rate of Tax for Support for 2027-28 FY Budget Not to Exceed Its Act 1 Adjusted Index - Mr. Rohrbaugh

Mr. Rohrbaugh reviewed Resolution #2026-05 for the 2027-28 fiscal year budget regarding potential property tax limits. He explained the resolution commits DASD to keeping any potential tax increase at or below the state's Act 1 adjusted index, which is set at 4.8% for the 2027-28 cycle (up slightly from 4.6% the previous year). He noted adoption of this resolution does not mean the board is raising taxes - it only establishes the maximum ceiling if an increase is later deemed necessary. He added that passing the resolution allows DASD to bypass creating a formal preliminary budget, as there are no longer state exceptions to file for. Resolution #2026-05 will be an action item at the 11/19 Board Meeting.

7.A - 2027-28 Opt Out of Preliminary Budget Resolution #2026-05

8. BUILDING AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

8.A. Bond Fund Update - Mr. Rohrbaugh

Mr. Rohrbaugh provided a Bond Fund update through October 2026, highlighting major construction expenses, investment returns, and project statuses. He noted the YTE Building Project accounts for the bulk of recent expenses at roughly $3.3M. He highlighted a few change orders noting total costs remain well below the budget threshold, and heavy construction is underway at the back of the building. He pointed out DASD earned approximately $271K in interest from matured CDs, a strategy DASD plans to continue as upcoming projects are scheduled. Mr. Rohrbaugh noted closeout on the LHE Building Project is delayed due to to delays in getting contractors back on-site to finish final punch-list items, though officials hope to get final sign-offs soon. He shared the OVE Building Project design and engineering costs are beginning to ramp up, with further updates scheduled to follow later in the meeting.

8.A - Bond Fund Summary - 11.12.26

8.B. York Township Elementary Building Project - Dr. Doll

Dr. Doll provided an update on the YTE Building Project and reported strong progress. He reminded everyone that the scope of the project is not to expand student capacity in the building, but to renovate and update the building since the last renovation took place in 1992. The project will expand core spaces including the cafeteria, small and large group areas, and consolidating kindergarten onto a single level. He noted overall construction is on schedule, within budget, and 45% complete. He shared photos of exterior and structural

work, stair towers and loading dock walls, and brick veneer installation is underway. Top-layer steel is expected to arrive this week. He added classroom framing is fully installed, interior framing and drywall are nearly 98% complete, and top-floor painting has begun. He noted electrical rough-ins are 99% complete, and mechanical ductwork and piping are 95% complete. Dr. Doll stated DASD is exploring expediting summer kitchen work, in coordination with contractors and food service provider Chartwells, to ensure it finishes before the next school year starts.

8.B - YTE Building Project - Executive Report No 04 - 11.12.26

8.C. **Ore Valley Elementary Building Project - Dr. Doll**

Dr. Doll provided an update on the OVE Building Project highlighting pre-construction milestones and upcoming summer pre-work. He noted, similar to the YTE Building Project, this project at OVE will not expand student capacity but instead it will renovate instructional and core spaces in a building last updated in the 1990s. He noted the project is on schedule as it transitions into the documentation phase. He added DASD recently received official township land development approval, giving the green light to move forward toward bidding and permitting. He noted summer pre-work is currently in the planning stage with hopes of completing early pre-work this upcoming summer which will immediately improve the student experience and free up the building project schedule ahead of main construction in 2028.

8.C.1. **Summer 2027 Site and Paving Work - Mr. Rohrbaugh / Mr. Blaydon**

Mr. Blaydon from RLPS and DASD administration presented the proposed scope, timeline, and procurement plan for early site work at OVE Building Project in Summer 2027. The summer site work will prepare the campus before main building construction begins in 2028. The summer site work will focus on site infrastructure, building a new driveway to keep traffic circulating smoothly around active construction zones, installing stormwater management facilities for the overall project, doing minor work along Chestnut Hill Road, and replacing existing asphalt, sidewalks, and curbing. Mr. Blaydon noted the design is complete and currently undergoing peer review and permitting. He added because the summer 2027 work is strictly site-related, it is exempt from the state's Act 34 public hearing process (which the board will address in spring 2027 for the main 2028 building renovations). Contractors will have a tight 9-10 week window (June-August 2027) to complete the site work. Dr. Doll added DASD administration plans to gather pricing in December and January using the state's COSTARS cooperative purchasing network to avoid a formal bidding process, with plans to return to the board for final approval. However, if COSTARS pricing is unsatisfactory, as occurred on the YTE Building Project, DASD retains the option to put the work out to public bid.

8.C.1 - OVES Summer 2027 Site Work Presentation - 11.12.26

8.D. **Secondary East Campus Turf Field Recommendation - Dr. Doll / Mr. Rohrbaugh / Mr. Heilman**

Dr. Doll and Mr. Rohrbaugh presented the final design and status update for the Secondary

East Campus Turf Field project, converting the current grass soccer field into a multi-sport facility. They noted this will be an action item on the 12/3 Board Meeting. They reminded the board this project came about by growing athletic participation despite declining overall enrollment. The project has cleared all regulatory hurdles having secured final York Township land development approval and, just today, final approval from the York County Conservation District.

Mr. Rohrbaugh reviewed the approved final project design by Site Design for the turf field. He noted that in order to maximize usage and manage costs, the plan does not include a center logo or colored end zones and will be lined for football, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. The field will also feature a 6-foot perimeter fence, ball nets behind the goals, and space for team equipment storage. He added because the grass field currently lacks dedicated parking. The plan adds a new 67-space lot off Boundary Avenue (including 5 handicap accessible spaces), improves the pedestrian path from the middle school baseball lot, retains existing South Walnut Street parking, and adds emergency vehicle access onto the field. He noted the plan calls for keeping the existing press box and concession/bathroom building while adding a concrete gathering plaza and hillside bleachers seating roughly 296 spectators (plus top-entry accessible seating), addressing the current lack of permanent seating. DASD is set to transition into reviewing COSTARS pricing and payment proposals and board members were invited to tour the site before voting on the project at the 12/3 Board Meeting.

The board reviewed COSTARS pricing, operational details, and long-term maintenance trade-offs for the Secondary East Campus Turf Field. Out of three COSTARS quotes (ranging up to $3.8M), DASD administration recommended Landtek (partnered with Hellas for turf) at $3.295M, requesting a $3.5M not-to-exceed budget to include a $205K (~7.5%) contingency for unforeseen site/dirt work. This comes in $500K below the original $4M projection and will be paid in cash from the $14.7M Capital Reserve Fund, requiring no debt or tax increases. Work will begin this winter (off-peak season for turf installers) to avoid higher spring/summer pricing. Work is estimated at 120 weather-dependent workdays, targeting a June 1 or July 1 completion. Mr. Anderson endorsed the 16mm shock pad and 10-year warranty, noting it protects student-athletes, improves drainage, lasts 20-30 years across multiple turf replacements, and lowers future resurfacing costs (estimated at ~$500,000 every 10-12 years). Mr. Pierce posed questions regarding lighting, access and ADA compliance, whether eliminating grass mowing/fertilizing would truly yield the estimated $25K per year in savings, stating staff hours would simply be absorbed elsewhere rather than reducing payroll.

8.D - Hellas-LandTek - DASD Athletic Facilities Upgrades Quote - 11.12.26
8.D - East Campus Turf Field - Final Design - 11.12.26

9. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEM(S)

9.A. New HS Course Request: Athletic Performance and Careers Cohort - Dr. Heffler / Mrs. McCauley / Mr. Thoman

Dr. Heffler, Mrs. McCauley, and Mr. Greg Thoman, Health & PE Department Chair, presented a proposal for a new high school course, Athletic Performance and Careers

Cohort. This will be an action item at the 11/19 Board Meeting so the course can be added to the upcoming course selection guide. The course is designed for 10th and 11th graders over one or two years. The pilot will serve 90 students (30 per class across a three-trimester rotation during Period 5) using existing staff and facilities. Unlike standalone electives, cohort students commit to all three trimester modules.

- Year 1: Strength Training, Athletic Performance (a new curriculum focusing on speed, power, agility, reaction time, and injury prevention), and Sports Administration.
- Year 2: Strength Training, Athletic Performance, and First Aid/Athletic Training.

The course was created to bridge physical education with career readiness and to help address severe shortages in youth coaching and officiating. The program will prepare students for optional industry certifications in Red Cross First Aid/CPR, NFHS Coaching, and PIAA Officiating (via PIAA's fee-waived junior officiating program, likely covering major sports like football, basketball, soccer, and wrestling). Spreading training across the full school year also prevents athletes from overtraining 5 days a week during a single trimester. The strength training and athletic performance modules each earn 0.5 PE credits (counting toward the 1.5-credit graduation requirement, capped at 1.0 PE credit per year), while the third module counts as an elective. No new personnel are required, and capacity could expand to 180 students in future years if demand warrants. Board members responded enthusiastically. Mr. Pierce voiced his support while suggesting future job-shadowing or co-op partnerships with local orthopedic providers like OSS to connect students to physical therapy tech jobs.

9.A - 2027-28 New Course Proposal - Athletic Performance and Careers Cohort - 11.12.26

10. **CALENDAR OF BOARD EVENTS**
Mr. Pantano noted upcoming board events.

11. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Two DASD residents addressed the board during the second opportunity for public comment:

- Susan Angelili, York Township resident, shared concerns gathered while attending local zoning meetings regarding new housing developments. She questioned the negative emotional impact of one-way hallways on students, noting that one-way hallways prevent easy locker access and force students to carry all their belongings all day. She noted concerns with seating high school students three to a seat on buses is physically and emotionally unsafe compared to elementary students, even if legally permitted. She stated her concerns with the potential high turnover at Reliance Transportation and unreported bullying of quiet students. She urged DASD to place human bus monitors on routes with chronic behavioral issues rather than relying solely on cameras.
- Miranda Stanciu, York Township resident, asked for clarification on a 0.56 growth factor cited during Mr. Dyke's recent Enrollment and Growth Report at the previous board meeting. She requested information or documentation explaining the research and methodology behind that figure.

12. **BOARD COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
    - Mr. Anderson gave kudos to the high school music department, specifically the orchestra, band, and chorus, following their recent fall concert.
    - Mr. Pierce shared his positive experience judging a weekend debate competition at DAIS, commending the high school students for their impressive public speaking skills.
    - Mr. Pantano announced he will be absent from the 11/19 Board Meeting and Mr. Granholm will be overseeing the meeting in his absence. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving ahead of the holiday break.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**
    The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

    Respectfully submitted,

    Lisa B. Little

    Lisa B. Little, Board Secretary