Agenda of Combined Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Ellwood City School District

A Combined Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ellwood City School District will be held Monday, September 14, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM Board Room at Lincoln High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

1. **Meeting Opening**

   1.A. Call To Order

   1.B. Roll Call

   1.C. Silent Meditation

   1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

   1.E. Student Recognition
   Description: Recognition of the following students:
   Virginia Smith, grade 9, donating items to students through her Books to Blessings charity.
   Ella Fauzey, grade 3, donating items to students through her school supply drive.
   Maura Fauzey, grade 8, donating items to students through her school supply drive.

   1.F. Board Recognition
   Description: Recognition by PSBA of school board directors who have reached five-year service milestones.
   1. Mrs. Kathy Tillia
   2. Dr. Claire Fauzey

   1.G. Presentation by EDM Consultant on Facilities Master Plan

   1.H. Public Comment
   Description: Process and procedures for Public Comment are guided by ECASD School Board Policy #903. Public Comment is limited to residents or taxpayers of the District. Any individual who wishes to address the Board is required to announce his or her name, address, and group affiliation if appropriate. Each individual will have three (3) minutes to address the Board on Agenda items only. The Public Comment section of the agenda is for comment only. Dialogue and questions will not be entertained.

   1.I. Approval of Minutes
   Description: Motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2026 Committee Meeting, August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting, and the August 19, 2026 Special Meeting.

2. **Revenue/Finance - Gray, Biehls**
3. **Personnel - Tillia, Mancini, Cirelli**

   3.A. Approve Support Staff Substitutes

Description: Motion to approve the following as support staff substitutes for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Christopher Brandt, cafeteria substitute
2. Theresa Quinn, cafeteria substitute
3. Elizabeth Baxendale, cafeteria substitute

3.B. Approve FMLA's
Description: Motion to approve the following for Family Medical Leave in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act and Policy #335:
1. Employee #0020 - Intermittent leave from August 2026 to June 2027.
2. Employee #0021 - Intermittent leave from August 2026 to June 2027.
3. Employee #0022 - Intermittent leave from August 2026 to June 2027
4. Employee #0023 - intermittent leave from September 8, 2026 to September 8, 2027.

3.C. Approve Sabbatical
Description: Motion to approve a sabbatical leave for restoration of heath retroactively beginning August 27, 2026 and continuing through the end of the first semester of the 2026-27 school year.

3.D. Accept Resignation
Description: Motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Dixon, LHS Graphic Arts position, effective August 27, 2026.

3.E. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU
Description: Motion to approve the MOU with the SEIU in regards to the job description change for the Technology Clerk/Graphic Arts position.

3.F. Approve Job Description Change
Description: Motion to approve the change to the Graphic Arts/Technology Clerk Job Description.

3.G. Hire Instructional Aide
Description: Motion to hire _____as Instructional Aide in accordance with the current SEIU 32BJ Bargaining Agreement, pending required paperwork.

3.H. Approve Additional Van Drivers
Description: Motion to approve additional van drivers with ABC Transit for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Rachel Marks
2. Rene Baldwin

3.I. Approve Teacher Mentors
Description: Motion to approve the following as second year teacher mentors:
1. Tracy Craig as Teryl Rice's second year mentor.

2. Julie Meyer as Emily Keltz's second year mentor.

4. **Athletics/Facilities & Community - Boots, Gray, Mancini**

4.A. Approve Facility Requests
Description: Motion to approve the following facility requests:
1. EC Football Boosters is requesting the use of the LHS cafeteria to feed the football team every Thursday, beginning September 3, 2026 through October 30, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. REC Wrestling is requesting the use of the North Side Gymatorium for wrestling practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from October 12, 2026 until March 1, 2027 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the principal's discretion.

4.B. Recognize Booster Groups
Description: Motion to recognize booster groups as affiliate organizations of the Ellwood City Area School District for the 2026-27 school year:
1. EC Football Boosters
2. LHS Softball Boosters
3. Wolverine Hoop Boosters

4.C. Approve Board Resolution
Description: Motion to approve a resolution recognizing approved booster/clubs of the district in order for the group to obtain a small game of chance license.

4.D. Approve Service Agreement
Description: Motion to approve a Service Agreement with Thompson Safety Works for annual fire extinguisher inspection and semi-annual kitchen suppression inspection.

4.E. Approve Service Agreement
Description: Motion to approve a service agreement with Industrial Commercial Elevator to furnish service quarterly per unit for all elevators in the district.

4.F. Approve Bowling Club letters
Description: Motion to approve the awarding of Varsity letters to eligible athletes of the Bowling Club in accordance with established District procedures and applicable lettering requirements.

4.G. Discussion on the Facility Master Plan

4.H. Authorize Superintendent to investigate facility restructuring
Description: Motion to authorize Superintendent to investigate and evaluate potential three-building facility configurations for the Ellwood City Area School District, as an alternative to the District's current four-building model. This authorization is for planning and informational purposes only and does not constitute a decision or commitment by the Board to close, consolidate, or reconfigure any District facility.

5. **Education/Student Affairs - Cirelli, Tillia, Fauzey**

5.A. Approve Field Trips/Social Events
Description: Motion to approve the following field trip:
1. Art Club 9-12 would like to go to PennWest Edinboro for a hands-on-workshop on Friday, October 23, 2026. The school vans would depart at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m.

5.B. Approve Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Agreement
Description: Motion to approve the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission Agreement for the 2026-27 school year for the Student Assistance Program 7-12 (SAP) at a cost of $4,376.00, no increase from last year.

5.C. Public Library Donation
Description: Motion to _____ the donation to the Ellwood City Public Library to_____.

5.D. Informational
Description: The Volleyball Boosters will be having Ellwood Ice come to their concession stand on October 14 for their pink out game.

5.E. Discussion on PSBA Officers
Description:

5.F. Discussion FID days versus Remote Days

6. **Committee Reports**

7. **Meeting Closing**

7.A. New Business

7.B. Public Comment
Description: Process and procedures for Public Comment are guided by ECASD School Board Policy #903. Public Comment is limited to residents or taxpayers of the District. Any individual who wishes to address the Board is required to announce his or her name, address, and group affiliation if appropriate. Each individual will have three (3) minutes to address the Board. The Public Comment section of the agenda is for comment only. Dialogue and questions will not be entertained.

7.C. Adjournment

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Ellwood City School District

A Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ellwood City School District was held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at Lincoln High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

1. **Conduct Board Interviews**
Description: School Board Candidates were interviewed.
Robert Brough, Joyce Cirelli, Victoria Malcolm and Renee Pitrelli.

2. **Public Comment**

a. Reilly Brown, 1846 Wurtemburg Rd., a senior at LHS spoke in support of Mr. Brough.

b. Craig Brown, 1846 Wurtemburg Rd. father of students who attend and have attended the District, spoke on behalf of Mr. Brough.

c. Peri Malcolm, has resigned as crossing guard because gets no support from District or Borough.

d. Tiffany London, 1540 Barkley Rd. Portersville, spoke in support of Mr. Brough.

e. Rebecca Grim, 617 First Ave. Ellwood City, spoke in support of Mr. Brough.

3. **Appoint School Board Director**
Description: Motion to appoint Joyce Cirelli as School Board Director to fill Board vacancy beginning August 1, 2026 until term ends December 2027.
Motion by Dr. Fauzey seconded by Mrs. Biehls.
Roll Call Vote Yes: Mrs. Biehls, Mr. Boots, Dr. Fauzey, Ms. Galbreath, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Mancini, Mrs. Tillia, Ms. Tomon
Motion approved 8-0

Description: Notary administered the Oath of Office per School Code Section 321 for newly appointed member.
"I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity"

Administrators gave their monthly reports.

Revenue/Finance - Gray, Biehls

3.A. Approve Allegheny Intermediate Unit Proposal
Description: Motion to approve the proposal from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit administrative support to assist with implementation of charter student recruitment.

4. **Personnel - Tillia, Mancini**

4.A. Approve Substitute List
Description: Motion to approve the list of Support Staff Substitutes for the 2026-27 school year.

4.B. Approve Resignations
Description: Motion to Approve the following resignations:
1. Bryan Neghiu - LHS Personal Care Aide effective August 19, 2026.
2. Michael Bellissimo - LHS Custodian, for the purpose of retirement effective September 4, 2026.

4.C. Approve Activity Sponsors
Description: Motion to approve the list of Activity Sponsors for the 2026-27 school year.

4.D. Approve Bus Drivers
Description: Motion to approve the list of bus drivers with ABC Transit for the 2026-27 school year.

4.E. Hire Part Time Cafeteria Worker
Description: Motion to hire _____ as a part time cafeteria worker for the 2026-27 school year in accordance with the current SEIU 32 BJ Bargaining Agreement.

4.F. Hire Custodian
Description: Motion to hire _____as a full time custodian immediately in accordance with the current SEIU 32 BJ Bargaining Agreement.

4.G. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU
Description: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU concerning Job description changes and bidding.

4.H. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU
Description: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU concerning Stadium Clean up.

4.I. Approve Additional Fall Coaches
Description: Motion to approve Additional Coaches:
1. Cassondra Jackson- Volunteer Cross Country Coach

5. **Athletics/Facilities & Community - Boots, Gray, Mancini**

5.A. Recognize Booster Groups
Description: Motion to Recognize Booster Groups as affiliate organizations of the Ellwood City Area School District for the 2026-27 School year:
1. EC Golf Boosters
2 EC Girls Volleyball Boosters
3. LHS Blue Band Boosters

5.B. Disposal of Equipment
Description: Motion to approve the disposal of obsolete, unused, and damaged equipment from Helling Stadium, high school baseball field as well as the following in accordance with Policy #706.1:
- The old maintenance work van - 2006 GMC Savana, VIN#1GTFG15T261237364 STYLE/BODY: Cargo Van, has not been used for 3 years, will not pass inspection for scrap.
- Mower: X Mark 72" cut; This does not work and can be salvaged for scrap, it no longer runs, it is completely gutted of all parts, seats, batteries, etc.
- Brick: broken brick pile (trash, unusable condition)
- Fence: Broken vinyl fence/gate; no use and brittle (trash)
- Water Buffalo: has not been used in 20 years and does not function.

5C. Approve Phone Vendor
Description: Motion to approve a vendor for reduced cost phone service for the Ellwood City school district.

6. **Education/Student Affairs - Tillia, Fauzey**

6.A. Approve Foreign Exchange Student
Description: Motion to approve a foreign exchange student with FLAG (Foreign Links Around The Globe) from Brazil for the 2026-27 school year to reside with a district family.

6.B. Approve Watson Institute Agreement
Description: Motion to approve the 2026-27 Watson Institute Agreement for the 2026-27 school year for one student at a cost of $69,148.00.

6.C. Approve BVIU ESL Services
Description: Motion to approve the English as a Second Language (ESL) agreement for the 2026-27 school year with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.

6.D. Approve Cray Youth and Familty Services Private Academic School Agreement
Description: Motion to approve the Cray Youth and Family Services Private Academic School Agreement for three slots at a cost of $31,044.20 per slot for a total of $93,132.60 for the 2026-27 school year.

6.E. Approve MIU IV OT Services
Description: Motion to approve the Itinerant Occupational Therapy Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2026-27 school year at a total cost of $1,560.00 for services from September to November.

6.F. Discussion Item
Description: Discuss the Summer Camp Food amount.

6.G. Approve proposed ECAVA attendance changes
Description: Motion to approve the proposed change to ECAVA attendance and truancy guidelines for the 2026-27 LHS handbook.

6.H. Approve Adelphoi Agreement
Description: Motion to approve the Adelphoi Agreement for the 2026-27 school year at a daily cost of :
Day Treatment : Regular Ed $107.35/Special Ed $126.20
Emotional Support: Regular Ed $109.43/Special Ed $128.65

7. **Approval of Minutes**
Description: Motion to approve the July 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the July 20, 2026 Combined Meeting Minutes.

8. **Meeting Closing**

8.A. New Business

8.B. Public Comment

1. Emily DeNome, 304 Wood St. Ellwood City spoke about tax increase and the waste of taxpayer money.

8.C. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:54. P.M.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Ellwood City School District

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ellwood City School District was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at Lincoln High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

1. **Meeting Opening**

1.A. Call To Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.B. Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Jean Biehls, Mr. Norman Boots, Mrs. Joyce Cirelli, Ms. Kathy Galbreath, Mrs. Erica Gray, Mr. Nick Mancini, Mrs. Kathy Tillia, Ms. Jennifer Tomon

Absent: Dr. Claire Fauzey

1.C. Silent Meditation

1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

1.E. Public Comment

a. Victoria Malcolm, 511 9th St. Ellwood City, gave kudos to the board for passing the cell phone policy and asked about free lunches.

b. Peri Malcolm asked about the school police car.

1.F. Approval of Minutes

Description: Motion to approve the July 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the July 20, 2026 Combined Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Ms. Galbreath seconded by Mr. Mancini and carried without objection.

2. **Revenue/Finance - Gray, Biehls**

2.A. Approve Allegheny Intermediate Unit Proposal

Description: Motion to approve the proposal from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit administrative support to assist with implementation of charter student recruitment.
Motion by Mrs. Gray seconded by Mrs. Biehls.
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Biehls, Mrs. Cirelli, Mrs. Gray, Ms. Tomon
No: Mr. Boots, Ms. Galbreath, Mr. Mancini, Mrs. Tillia
Absent: Dr. Fauzey
Motion defeated 4-4

2.B. Approve Phone Vendor

Description:
Motion that the Board of School Directors approve the telecommunications service agreement for the Ellwood City School District with Full Service Network, as outlined in the attached proposal.

This approval authorizes the district to enter into a 5-year term agreement for the following services and costs:

- Vendor: Full Service Network.
- Included Services: One (1) Phone Service Only Bundle, six (6) E-Fax Capabilities, one (1) SIP Service with 23 Calling Paths, and one (1) Block of 30 DID with E 9-11 Serviceability.
- Contract Term: 5-year term.
- Monthly Cost: $476.49 per month (taxes and surcharges not included).
- One-Time Cost: A one-time activation fee of $599.99 for the Digital Voice & Phone Bundle.

Motion by Mrs. Gray seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

2.C. Approve Change Order
Description: Motion to approve change order 48R-1 to install rubber tile and base stairwells S2 and S3.
Motion by Mrs. Gray seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

3. **Personnel - Tillia, Mancini, Cirelli**

3.A. Approve Substitute List
Description: Motion to approve the following Support Staff Substitutes for the 2026-27 school year:
Cafeteria:
Kristen Aquino-Tritt
Sabrina Boggs
Beth Duncan
Victoria George
Jeff McCullough
Renee Schombert
Gertrude Worrell

Custodial:
Joe Funari
Dakota Marshall
Tiffany Rossman

Nurse:
Jennifer Cassandro
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.B. Approve Resignations
Description: Motion to Approve the following resignations:
1. Bryan Neghiu - LHS Personal Care Aide effective August 19, 2026.
2. Michael Bellissimo - LHS Custodian, for the purpose of retirement effective September 4, 2026.
3. Roy Jenkins - Maintenance, effective August 21, 2026.

4. Sarah Edinger - Cafeteria Worker effective August 6, 2026.
5. Hannah DiCaprio - North Side Teacher effective August 7, 2026.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.C. Approve Activity Sponsors
Description: Motion to approve the list of Activity Sponsors for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mrs. Cirelli and carried without objection.

3.D. Approve Bus Drivers
Description: Motion to approve the list of bus drivers with ABC Transit for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

3.E. Hire a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker.
Description: Motion to hire Alexis Moffatt as a part time cafeteria worker for the 2026-27 school year in accordance with the current SEIU 32 BJ Bargaining Agreement.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU
Description: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU concerning Job description changes and bidding.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.G. Hire Custodians
Description: Motion to hire John Dombeck, Sam Keally, Thomas Morgan, and Noah Smetzer as full time custodians immediately in accordance with the current SEIU 32 BJ Bargaining Agreement, pending receipt of clearances.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Mancini and carried without objection.

3.H. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU
Description: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU concerning Stadium Clean up.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

3.I. Approve Additional Fall Coaches
Description: Motion to approve Additional Coaches:
1. Cassondra Jackson- Volunteer Cross Country Coach
2. Robert Magnifico - Jr. High Assistant Football Coach
3. Colten Critzer - Volunteer Boys Golf
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

3.J. Approve FMLA Leave
Description: Motion to approve the following FMLA in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act and Policy #335:
1. Employee #0019 - Intermittent leave from September 1, 2026 until September 1, 2027
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

4. **Athletics/Facilities & Community - Boots, Gray, Mancini**

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3. LHS Musical Boosters
4. Cheer Boosters
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7. Wolverine PTO
Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

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- Water Buffalo: has not been used in 20 years and does not function.
- Gas stove at Hartman Intermediate
- 3 phase hot plate at North Side Primary
Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Ms. Tomon and carried without objection.

5. **Education/Student Affairs - Cirelli, Tillia, Fauzey**

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Motion by Mrs. Cirelli seconded by Mrs. Biehls and carried without objection.

5.H. Discontinue Summer Camp Food
Description: Motion to discontinue the budget item for $1500.00 each summer camp allowance for EC Football Boosters, Blue Band Boosters, and Cheer Boosters.
Motion by Mrs. Cirelli seconded by Ms. Tomon.
After discussion by the Board – Motion to amend the agenda by Mr. Boots seconded by Mrs. Cirelli.
Motion to pay $750 to each group for the 2026-27 school year and discontinue in 2027-28.
Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Mr. Mancini and carried without objection.

5.I. Approve Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Agreement
Description: Motion to approve the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission Agreement for the 2026-27 school year for the Student Assistance Program 7-12 (SAP) at a cost of $4,376.00, no increase from last year.
Motion by Mrs. Cirelli seconded by Mr. Boots.
Motion to table by Mr. Boots seconded by Mrs. Cirelli Motion tabled.

6. **Committee Reports**

Committee members gave their reports

7. **Meeting Closing**

7.A. New Business

7.B. Public Comment

a. Victoria Malcolm stated that New Horizon needs supplies.
b. Peri Malcolm mentioned other sports teams have not been recognized.
c. Lisa Nardone asked about the summer school information.

7.C. Adjournment

Ms. Galbreath motioned to adjourn seconded by Mr. Boots.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. to Executive Session.

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Ellwood City School District

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ellwood City School District was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 8:00 PM in the Board Room at Lincoln High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

1. **Meeting Opening**

   1.A. Call To Order – Meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. An Executive session was held prior to the meeting for personnel.

   1.B. Roll Call

   Present: Mrs. Jean Biehls, Mr. Norman Boots, Mrs. Joyce Cirelli, Dr. Claire Fauzey, Ms. Kathy Galbreath, Mr. Nick Mancini, Mrs. Kathy Tillia, Ms. Jennifer Tomon

   Absent: Mrs. Erica Gray

   1.C. Silent Meditation

   1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

   1.E. Public Comment - None

2. **Revenue/Finance - Gray, Biehls**

3. **Personnel - Tillia, Mancini, Cirelli**

   3.A. Hire K-2 Autistic Support Teacher
   Description: Motion to hire Danielle Agostinelli as the K-2 Autistic Support Teacher for the 2026-27 school year in accordance with the current EAEA Agreement, pending receipt of necessary documents.
   Motion by Mrs**.** Tillia seconded by Dr. Fauzey and carried without objection.

   3.B. Approve Mentor Teacher
   Description: Motion to approve Kristin Roberts as a teacher mentor for the K-2 Autistic Support Teacher.
   Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Dr. Fauzey and carried without objection.

   3.C. Accept Resignation
   Description: Motion to accept the resignation of Kayla Brandt, Instructional Aide effective August 14, 2026.
   Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

   3.D. Accept Resignation
   Description: Motion to recommend that the Board accept the resignation of Cara Huth, Elementary Principal, subject to the District's rights under applicable Pennsylvania law, including the right to require continued service for up to sixty (60) days following receipt of the employee's resignation and to authorize the Superintendent to waive the

requirement of continued service.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.E. Resolution to Eliminate Position and Approve Agreement to Voluntarily Reassign Staff
Description: Resolution to eliminate the position of Director of Educational Programs and approve the agreement for the positional realignment of Mr. Daniel Parson to the position of North Side Primary School Principal at the salary of $112,000.00.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots.
Roll Call Vote Yes: Mr. Boots, Mrs. Cirelli, Ms. Galbreath, Mr. Mancini, Mrs. Tillia
No: Mrs. Biehls, Dr. Fauzey, Ms. Tomon
Absent: Mrs. Gray
5 Yes, 3 No, 1 Absent – Motion Carried

3.F. Appoint Federal Programs Coordinator
Description: Motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Parson as Federal Programs Coordinator at a stipend of $5,000.00.
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.G. Approve Cafeteria Substitute
Description: Motion to approve the following as a support staff substitute for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Jordyn Strabel - Cafeteria Substitute
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mr. Boots and carried without objection.

3.H. Approve Additional Fall Coach
Description: Motion to approve the following as a fall coach for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Tracy Covert - Volunteer Cross Country Coach
Motion by Mrs. Tillia seconded by Mrs. Biehls and carried without objection.

4. **Athletics/Facilities & Community - Boots, Gray, Mancini**

4.A. Disposal of Equipment
Description: Motion to sell seven milk coolers between all schools to Marburger Dairy at a price of $300 - $500 per cooler which is in compliance with Policy #706.1.
Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Dr. Fauzey and carried without objection.

4.B. Recognize Booster Groups
Description: Motion to Recognize Booster Groups as affiliate organizations of the Ellwood City Area School District for the 2026-27 School year:
1. EC Soccer Boosters
2. EC Track and Field Boosters
3. EC Cross Country Boosters
Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Mrs. Cirelli and carried without objection.

4.C. Approve Facility Request

Description: Motion to approve the following facility requests:

1. Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival Committee is requesting the use of the Sgt. Leslie H. Sabo Jr. Memorial Auditorium for "A Christmas with Pure Gold" on Sunday, November 29, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Boots seconded by Dr. Fauzey and carried without objection.

5. **Education/Student Affairs - Cirelli, Tillia, Fauzey**

6. **Meeting Closing**

6.A. New Business

Motion to amend the agenda by Ms. Tomon seconded by Dr. Fauzey

Motion to allow Mr. Parson's children to complete school within the Ellwood City Area School District until the graduate.

Motion by Ms. Tomon seconded by Mrs. Cirelli and carried without objection.

6.B. Public Comment

1. Zak Powell, 426 Beatty St. Ellwood City commented on the parking lot paving as well as the area by auditorium.

6.C. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session by Ms. Galbreath at 8:21 p.m.

Football Team Dinners

STATUS Pending my approval

DATE Thu, Sep 3, 2026

Ben Mohr opened this request

August 25, 2026 @ 1:05 PM

Request type	External Facilities Request
Event name	Football Team Dinners
Building	Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School
Resource types	Cafe
Resources	Cafe
Event time	Thu, Sep 3, 2026, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Schedule	Weekly on Thursday, until October 30
Occurrence count	9
Setup time	5 minutes
Teardown time	5 minutes
Event Details	Event Details
Estimate Number Attending	60
Alternative Date 1	-
Alternative Date 2	-
Will admission be charged?	No
Will you be operating small games of chance?	No
District Rates	District Rates
District Rates	District Rates are non-negotiable

Police / Security	Police and/or Security are required. The District will determine the number and type of security to be provided, and the applicant shall pay for security personnel at a rate of $45 an hour per security personnel.
Saturday and Sunday Custodial Fee	Saturday and requests require a custodial hourly fee. $40.00 per hour on Saturday and $70.00 per hour on Sunday.
Auditorium Fee	Fees for the Lights/ Sound/ Stage crew will be charged at the districts deaccession.
I agree	☑

Additional Facility Accommodations

Cafeteria Additional Services	-
Technology Requested	☐

Event Contact Information

Orginization	Ellwood City Football Boosters
Person in Charge Name	Ben Mohr
Email Address of Person in Charge	ecfboosters@gmail.com
Phone Number of Person in Charge	7249444297
Address of Person in Charge	509 Foch St

Agreements and Acknowledgements

Policy 707	Policy 707 The Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement License Agreement These forms will be mailed to you once the School Board has approved your request. These forms must be completed and returned to the District Office. Failure to return completed forms will null and void the facility request.
I Agree to Policy 707	☑
Upcoming reminder	1 day(s) before an event's start date.

Entrances

Entrances	Door J
Door unlock timing	15 minutes early
Door lock timing	15 minutes after

Nancy Nocera assigned this request

September 2, 2026 @ 1:47 PM

Assigned to	Keith Keller

Bill DeJoseph

STATUS Pending estimate acceptance

DATE Mon, Oct 12, 2026

Bill DeJoseph opened this request

August 24, 2026 @ 3:35 PM

Request type	External Facilities Request
Event name	Bill DeJoseph
Building	North Side Primary
Resource types	Gym
Resources	Gymatorium
Event time	Mon, Oct 12, 2026, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Schedule	Weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, until March 1
Occurrence count	61
Setup time	5 minutes
Teardown time	5 minutes
Event Details	Event Details
Estimate Number Attending	40
Alternative Date 1	-
Alternative Date 2	-
Will admission be charged?	No
Will you be operating small games of chance?	No
District Rates	District Rates
District Rates	District Rates are non-negotiable

Police / Security	Police and/or Security are required. The District will determine the number and type of security to be provided, and the applicant shall pay for security personnel at a rate of $45 an hour per security personnel.
Saturday and Sunday Custodial Fee	Saturday and requests require a custodial hourly fee. $40.00 per hour on Saturday and $70.00 per hour on Sunday.
Auditorium Fee	Fees for the Lights/ Sound/ Stage crew will be charged at the districts deaccession.
I agree	☑

Additional Facility Accommodations

Technology Requested	☐

Event Contact Information

Orginization	REC Wrestling
Person in Charge Name	Bill DeJoseph
Email Address of Person in Charge	billdejoseph@gmail.com
Phone Number of Person in Charge	7249719528
Address of Person in Charge	115 1st Street

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I Agree to Policy 707	☑
Upcoming reminder	-

Entrances

Entrances	Door 2
Door unlock timing	15 minutes early
Door lock timing	End time

Nancy Nocera estimated this request

September 2, 2026 @ 1:43 PM

	Description	Qty/Hours	Rate	Tax rate	Occurrences	Line total
1	Gymatorium - $200.00 per event	1	$200.00	-	10/12/26 5:25 PM - 7:35 PM	$200.00
	Totals					$200.00

Tax	$0.00
Total amount	$200.00
Description	This is an estimate, final invoice may change.

Nancy Nocera emailed the estimate

September 2, 2026 @ 1:43 PM

To billdejoseph@gmail.com

Cc nnocera@ecasdk12.org

Subject North Side Primary schedule request estimated

Body

Hello Bill DeJoseph,

The estimate for your request "Bill DeJoseph" is attached. The details are included below:

Request type: External Facilities Request
Event name: Bill DeJoseph
Buildings: North Side Primary
Resource types: Gym
Resources: Gymatorium
First occurrence: Mon, Oct 12, 2026, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
First occurrence reservation: Mon, Oct 12, 2026, 5:25pm - 7:35pm
Schedule: Weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, until March 1

Line items:
Gymatorium - $200.00 per event x 1 @ $200.00 = $200.00
Subtotal: $200.00
Total amount: $200.00
Description: This is an estimate, final invoice may change.

Please use the link below to accept or decline your estimate:

https://ecasd.gofmx.com/scheduling/requests/4855351

Regards,

Ellwood City Area School District

Attachments

Bill DeJoseph Estimate.pdf
Download (30.01 KB)

Nancy Nocera assigned this request

September 2, 2026 @ 1:47 PM

Assigned to Keith Keller

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZED DISTRICT CLUBS

Adopted by the Board of School Directors of the Ellwood City Area School District
on September 14, 2026

The following school affiliated booster clubs of the Ellwood City Area School District are approved clubs of the Ellwood City Area School District:

Ellwood City Baseball Boosters
Ellwood City Cross Country Boosters
Ellwood City Football Boosters
Ellwood City Track and Field Boosters
LHS Blue Band Boosters
Wolverine PTO
Ellwood City Girls Volleyball Boosters
LHS Musical Boosters
Ellwood City Jr-Sr Varsity Wrestling Boosters Club
Ellwood City Soccer Boosters
Ellwood City Wolverine Golf Boosters
Ellwood City Alumni Hall of Fame
Ellwood City Boys Basketball Boosters
Ellwood City Girls Basketball Boosters
Ellwood City Cheer Boosters
Ellwood City Softball Boosters

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of Ellwood City Area School District approves these clubs in accordance with the Office of the Treasurer of Lawrence County in order to apply for a small games of chance license.

_____
Board President

{SEAL}

_____
Board Secretary

ELLWOOD CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Board approval is needed when your field trip meets any of the following:

1. Exceeds a distance of 50 miles (one way) within our state,
2. Is out of the state of Pennsylvania regardless of distance,
3. The length of the field trip exceeds the normal school day.

Date of request 9/8/2026 Teacher making this request Amanda Hatkevich

Name of the class/club & grade Art Club 9-12

Date of trip 10/23/2026 Departure time 7:00 AM Return time 2:30

Destination address 205 Meadville St. Edinboro, PA 16444

Distance traveled one way 83.3 miles

Mode of transportation 2 school vans

Ellwood City Transit (724) 752-9701

Transportation-Paid for by:

- ☐ Student raised funds (activity or club)
- ☐ District (check ahead of time for funds with principal

Itinerary attached

ALL CHAPERONES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ACT 34 and ACT 151 CLEARANCES ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL.

Chaperones should also teach the grade level attending the field trip.
Number of recommended chaperones: High School: 1 per 25 students Elementary: 1 per 5 students

Chaperones names Amanda Hatkevich + Tiffany London

Number of students attending trip 12

Placed on the school calendar? (Please notify Ashley DiBuono of field trip so that this event can be added to the district calendar on the school website) email sent

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X Needs Board Approval

X Permission Granted
___Permission Denied

___Permission Granted
___Permission Denied

Michael Gamin
Principal

Superintendent

2026 Edinboro Art Day Itinerary:

6:45 AM	Depart Lincoln High School
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Arrive at PennWest Edinboro
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Check in at Cole Auditorium PennWest Edinboro
9:00 - 9:20 AM	Welcome and Introduction
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Demonstration
10:15 - 11:45	Hands-on Workshop
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch, Edinboro art student presentations, and closing remarks
12:30 - 12:45	Depart from PennWest Edinboro for Lincoln Jr/Sr High School
2:00 - 2:15	Arrive at Lincoln Jr/Sr. High School

SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made by and between **LAWRENCE COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION, INC.,** hereinafter referred to as "SCA", 20 E. Washington St. 2nd Floor, New Castle, PA 16101 and **ELLWOOD CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,** 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117, hereinafter referred to as "School District."

I. **Term**: This agreement shall be effective **August 2026 through June 2027.**

II. **Services**

Student Assistance Program (7-12)

The School District and the SCA agree to cooperate mutually in the provision of services for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative.

The School District agrees to provide a SAP Core Team/SAP Coordinator that complies with state guidelines for membership, training, common planning times and ongoing maintenance.

The School District agrees to seek written parental/guardian consent for all drug and alcohol assessment referrals and to provide a copy of the written consent to the SCA's Drug and Alcohol SAP Liaison.

The SCA agrees to provide a Drug and Alcohol SAP Liaison. The SAP Liaison will serve as a team member but will not view the written student educational records without parental/guardian consent. The duties of the liaison will be as follows:

- Attend a minimum of two (2) Core Team meetings per month to provide assistance with student referrals.
- Provide crisis assistance, intervention and consultation to students and faculty as needed.
- Refer youth for a drug and alcohol assessment as necessary. Assessments will be completed by a SCA Case Management Specialist in the school setting or at the SCA office (based on the student/parent/guardian/school preference). Completion of assessments is contingent upon receiving written parental/guardian permission
- Once the level of care has been determined and accepted, the SCA Case Management Specialist will make the necessary referral arrangements to a licensed drug and alcohol provider. The Case Management Specialist and SAP Liaison will assist the youth through the treatment process and his/her return to school.

- Provide information regarding the outcome of said assessments in compliance with the State and Federal Drug and Alcohol Confidentiality Regulations and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

- Participate in parent/teacher meetings.

- When applicable, the SAP Liaison shall facilitate or co-facilitate school-based support groups; facilitate and support the school-based aftercare plan for students who are returning to school from treatment; and, collaborate with other agency providers.

- Provide information regarding drug and alcohol service providers and other agencies to assist the SAP Team, students, and families.

- Assist with faculty in-service and student orientation, as requested, within the limitations of staff availability and funding.

- Provide ongoing technical assistance and consultation to the SAP Team.

- Provide assistance in maintaining SAP records and compiling the statistics regarding SAP activities.

Prevention (K-12)

The SCA will provide Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) and other related prevention services. Such services may include in-class presentations, in-service trainings, special events/activities, faculty/youth group assistance, etc.

The School District and SCA will attempt to schedule prevention services in either half or full-day segments to allow for efficient use of SCA resources.

The SCA will attempt to fulfill the School District's requested schedule. However, due to staff limitations, the SCA will commit to schedules on a first-come, first-serve basis.

III. **Contacts:**

The SAP Core Team/SAP Coordinator is the designated contact person for the School District.

The SAP Drug and Alcohol Liaison (Prevention Supervisor) is the designated contact person for the SCA.

IV. **Contract Amount:** The School District agrees to reimburse the SCA **Four Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars ($4,376)** for prevention

services. Student Assistance Program services are provided at no cost to the School District.

IV. **Invoicing Procedures**: The SCA will submit an invoice for the full amount no later than **February 28, 2027.**

V. **Payment:** The School District will reimburse the SCA in full no later than **April 30, 2027.**

VI. **Confidentiality**: The SCA and School District agree to abide by all federal and state regulations regarding student and drug and alcohol confidentiality. The SCA and School District shall not disclose to others any confidential information gained by virtue of this Agreement.

VII. **Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)**: The SCA and School District agrees to abide by all HIPAA requirements. The SCA and School District agrees to safeguard the confidentiality of data pursuant to the Federal and State Drug and Alcohol confidentiality laws and regulations. SCA and School District acknowledge that they must disclose certain information to each other pursuant to the terms of this Service Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI"). SCA and School District intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to the other pursuant to this Service Agreement, and to comply with applicable transaction and code requirements in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104 -191 and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (collectively "HIPAA") and other applicable federal and state laws.

VIII. **Contract Termination:** SCA or School District may terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days written notification to the other party.

IX. **Indemnification:** School District agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless SCA, its officers, agents and employees, and the SCA agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless School District: (a) from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, laborers and any other persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement; and (b) from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the other party in the performance of this Agreement; and (c) against any liability, including costs and expenses, for violation of proprietary rights or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under this Agreement or based on any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.

X. **Contract Construction:** The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, in witness of the covenants set forth below, the parties have affixed their signatures hereto:

SCA

Rebecca Abramson-Jones

Rebecca Abramson
Executive Director

08/05/26

Date

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Amy Anderson
Superintendent

Date