Agenda of Committee Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Ellwood City School District

A Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ellwood City School District will be held Monday, November 2, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM Board Room at Lincoln High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117.

1. **Recognition of the Boys Golf Team and Coach Sam Barry**
2. **Presentation of Facility Planning**
3. **Revenue/Finance - Gray, Biehls**
4. **Personnel - Tillia, Mancini, Cirelli**

4.A. Approve Independent Gymnast
Description: Motion to approve Addy Lake as an independent/individual gymnast representing the District for the 2026-27 school year under the coaching of Terri Gazda from Monaca Turners Gymnastics.

4.B. Approve Additional Winter Coaches
Description: Motion to approve the following winter coaches for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Justin Shazer - JV Head Boys Basketball coach.
2. Terri Gazda - Independent Gymnast coach.
3. John Fraser - Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach
4. Mike Sinclair Sr. - Volunteer Wrestling Coach
5. Christopher Quintanilla - Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach/Volunteer-pending student numbers.

4.C. Accept Resignations
Description: Motion to accept the following resignations:
1. Alexis Moffatt - Cafeteria Worker effective October 24, 2026.
2. John Dombeck - Custodian effective October 12, 2026.
3. Noah Smetzer - Custodian effective October 26, 2026.

4.D. Hire Cafeteria Worker
Description: Motion to hire the following cafeteria worker in accordance with the current 32 BJ SEIU Bargaining Unit Agreement.

4.E. Hire Full Time Maintenance
Description: Motion to hire _____as full time maintenance worker in accordance with the current 32 BJ SEIU Bargaining Agreement.

4.F. Hire Custodians

Description: Motion to hire the following as full time custodians in accordance with the current 32 BJ SEIU Bargaining Agreement.

4.G. Appoint Board Secretary
Description: Motion to appoint Lauren Chappell as School Board Secretary effective November 10, 2026.

4.H. Approve EDM contract
Description: Motion to approve a limited scope of work transitional contract with EDM Financial, LLC effective November 24, 2026 on an as needed basis.

4.I. Approve Support Staff Substitutes
Description: Motion to approve the following as support staff substitutes for the 2026-27 school year:
1. Rebecca Grimm - Substitute nurse.
2. Noah Smetzer - Custodian

4.J. Approve Student Teacher
Description: Motion to approve the following as a student teacher from Slippery Rock University for the Spring Semester of the 2026-27 school year:
1. Lucas Bruno - Lee Caldwell from March 16, 2027 to May 6, 2027.

4.K. Approve Extra Season Pay
Description: Motion to approve extra season pay for Fall Coaches.

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

5.A. Recogniza Booster Groups
Description: Motion to recognize the following booster group as an affiliate organization of the Ellwood City Area School District for the 2026-27 school year:
1. ECASD Athletic and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

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

6.A. Approve MIU IV IDEA 611 and 619
Description: Motion to approve MIU IV IDEA Section 611 and Section 619 Agreements for the 2026-27 school year.

6.B. Approve Field Trips/Social Events
Description: Motion to approve the following field trips/social events:
1. LHS Blue Band, approximately 30 students in grades 7-12 to go to New York City and Hershey Park from Friday night April 23 through Sunday, April 25, 2027. The private coach bus will depart on Friday, April 23, 2027 at 6:00 p.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2027.

6.C. Approve New/Revised Policy
Description: Motion to approve the following new/revised policy that has been on the display since the last meeting:
1. Policy #005 - Organization

7. **Approval of Minutes**
Description: Motion to approve the October 5, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes and the October 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

8. **Discuss Board Meeting Dates for 2027**

9. **Meeting Closing**

9.A. New Business

9.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.

9.C. Adjournment

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 10/7/2024 Teacher making this request Lee Caldwell

Name of the class/club & grade LHS Blue Band grades 7-12

Date of trip 4/23 - 4/25 Departure time 6:00 pm Return time 6:00 pm.

Destination address 100 Hershey Pk Drive (4/23 evening) / Empire State Building 20 West 34th New York (4/25)

Distance traveled one way 393 miles.

Mode of transportation Coach Bus - Private Coach bus.

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 see 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 @ 30 students - Nicole Dicerbo (Booster President)
Paul Joseph, Jocelyn Dombeck.

Number of students attending trip 30 student

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) yes.

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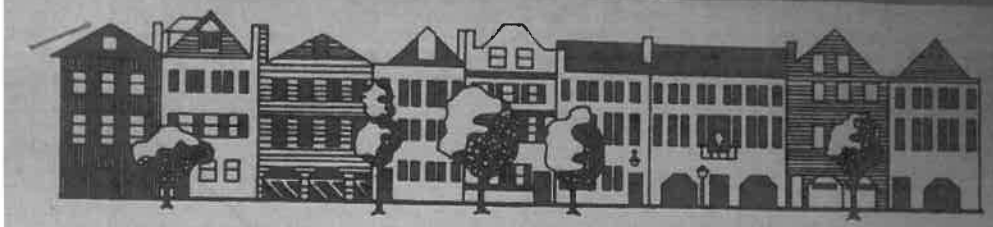
✓ Needs Board Approval R trip over 50 miles April 23rd - 25th outside school time

___Permission Granted
___Permission Denied

___Permission Granted
___Permission Denied

Principal

Superintendent



Classic Heritage Tours

September 29, 2026

Lincoln Blue Band Boosters
ATTN: Nicole DiCerbo. Coordinator
[redacted]

TRIP PROPOSALS 2027 – Ball Park Quotes

NEW YORK CITY / HERSHEY PARK
April 24-25, 2027 (p.m. departure on April 23)
2 Days – 1 Night

TOUR COST: **$775.00 per person quad occupancy**
$800.00 per person triple occupancy
$840.00 per person double occupancy
$900.00 per person single occupancy

TOUR INCLUDES: Round trip motor coach transportation w/ relief driver en route to NYC, one night accommodations, two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, 911 Museum, One World Observation or Empire State Building, Broadway show – Aladdin, Hershey Park and night security.

Price is based on 30 paying passengers.

Price based on 40 paying passengers would be $70.00 less per person

BOARD POLICY

005 Organization

POLICY NUMBER	ADOPTED	REVISED	LAST REVIEWED
005	2/9/2006	2/10/2025	12/10/2024
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v2.1	UNDER-REVIEW	First Reading	9/29/2026

Organization Meeting

The **school directors** shall meet and organize annually during the first week of December. Notice of the time and place of the organization meeting shall be given to all **school directors** by mail at least five (5) days before the meeting by the Board Secretary. The organization meeting shall be a regular meeting.[1] [2] [3] [4]

Order

The organization meeting shall be called to order by the current President or Vice-President of the outgoing Board, or any hold-over member of the Board. A temporary President shall be elected from among the hold-over members of the Board. The Board Secretary shall be secretary of the meeting. In an election year, the certificates of election or appointment of all new **school directors** shall be read, and a list shall be prepared of the legally elected or appointed and qualified **school directors**.[2] [5]

At the organization meeting, the temporary President may administer the oath or affirmation of office to those **school directors** who have not previously taken and subscribed to the same.[2] [6]

Officers

Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. Where no such majority is achieved on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast for the two (2) candidates who received the greatest number of votes.

1. The school directors shall annually, during the first week of December, elect from their members a President and Vice-President who shall serve for one (1) year.[3]

2. The school directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a Treasurer who shall serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July after such election. The Treasurer may be a corporation duly qualified and legally authorized to transact a fiduciary business in the Commonwealth, and

   2nd Class { } shall not be a member of the Board.[3]

   3rd & 4th {X} may be a member of the Board.[3]

   The Treasurer shall not enter upon official duties until furnishing bond in accordance with law and with Board approval. The Treasurer shall be compensated in the manner and at the rate determined by the Board.[7] [8] **[9]**

3. The school directors shall, during the month of May in every fourth year, elect a Secretary who shall serve a term of four (4) years beginning the first day of July following such election, and

   2nd Class { } shall not be a member of the Board.[3]

   3rd & 4th {X} may be a member of the Board.[3]

   The Secretary shall not enter upon official duties until furnishing bond in accordance with law and with Board approval. The Secretary shall be compensated in the manner and at the rate determined by the Board. **[9]** [10] [11]

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by Board election; such officers shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The same school director may not hold more than one (1) office of the Board. No commissioned officer or professional employee of the Board shall serve, temporarily or permanently, as an officer of the Board.[3] [12]

Officers of the Board may only be removed from such office, during the designated term of office, after receiving notification of the reason for removal and the opportunity for a hearing before the Board, in accordance with applicable law.[13] [14] [15]

Appointments

The Board shall have the authority to appoint:

1. A tax collector, where a tax collector is not elected to collect taxes, there is a vacancy or an elected tax collector refuses to qualify.[16] [17]
2. {X} Solicitor.[12] [18]
3. { } Assistant Secretary.[19]
4. {X} Independent auditor.[20]
5. {X} Delegates to a state convention or association of school directors.[21]
6. {X} Other appointments the Board deems necessary.

Appointees of the Board may be removed from such appointment in accordance with the terms of a contract or provisions of applicable law.[15]

Resolutions

The Board may at the organization meeting, but shall prior to July 1 next following, designate:

1. Depositories for school funds.[22]
2. Newspaper(s) of general circulation as defined in law.[23]
3. Normal day, place and time for regular meetings.[4]
4. Normal day, place and time for open committee meetings.
5. { } Normal day, place and time for executive sessions of the Board.

Board Committees

The Board has the authority to **appoint** Board committees. Board committees authorized to take official action or render advice on district business shall operate in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. [15] [24]

{X} Committees shall consist of no more than **three (3)** members.

{X} Committees shall not include a majority of the membership of the Board.

{X} Members shall be appointed by the President

(X) who shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees.

( ) who shall appoint the Superintendent as an ex-officio member of all committees.

{X} A member may request or refuse appointment to a committee.

{X} Refusal to serve on any one (1) committee shall not be grounds for failure to appoint a member to another committee.

{X} Each Board committee shall be convened by a chairperson, who shall report for the committee

( ) and prepare minutes of open committee meetings.

(X) and be appointed by the President.

( ) and be chosen by the committee from among its members.

{X} The President may appoint

( ) at the organization meeting

(X) as soon after the organization meeting as practicable

members of the Board to the following standing committees, where they shall serve a term of one (1) year: Athletics/Facilities & Community, Education/Student Affairs, Personnel, Revenue/Finance, Security, Recognition, Lawrence County Career and Technical Center Representative(s),

{X} Ad hoc committees may be created, charged and assigned a fixed termination date, which may be extended by the President.

{ } Members of committees shall serve until the committee is discharged.

The Board shall develop Board Operations Guidelines that describe the duties and establish procedures for the operation of standing committees.

Consultants

The Board may appoint, employ or retain consultants to provide the district with specialized services not normally required on a continuing basis. Compensation shall be determined and approved by the Board.

The function of a consultant shall be to make studies and present recommendations to the Board. A consultant shall not be charged with the implementation of a report.

A consultant has no administrative authority over any facet of district schools, but shall act solely as advisor to the Board, officers and employees.

The use of consultants from outside the district who promote a particular commercial product is discouraged.

NOTES:

Duties of President - 24 P.S. 426, 427

Vice-President - 24 P.S. 428

Secretary - 24 P.S. 433

Treasurer - 24 P.S. 439, 440, 442

Solicitor - 24 P.S. 406

If the oath of office is to be administered by a district justice or district judge - change to Magisterial District Judge

If the oath of office is administered by a Magisterial District Judge, add the following in the cite column:

42 Pa. C.S.A.

102, 327

Solicitors, Superintendents and/or Board Secretaries may not administer oaths of office, unless the individual is also a Notary Public.

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Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 401**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **24 P.S. 402**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **24 P.S. 404**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **24 P.S. 421**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **24 P.S. 426**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] **24 P.S. 321**
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[7] **24 P.S. 436**
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[8] **24 P.S. 438**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[9] **Pol. 811 — Bonding**
POLICY REFERENCE

[10] **24 P.S. 431**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] **24 P.S. 432**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] **24 P.S. 324**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[13] **24 P.S. 514**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[15] **Pol. 006 — Meetings**
POLICY REFERENCE

[16] **24 P.S. 508**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[17] **24 P.S. 683**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[18] **24 P.S. 406**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[19] **24 P.S. 434**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[20] **24 P.S. 2401**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[21] **24 P.S. 516**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[22] **24 P.S. 621**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[23] **24 P.S. 106**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[24] **65 Pa. C.S.A. 701**
LEGAL REFERENCE