

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OTTO-ELDRED BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The regular meeting of the Otto-Eldred Board of Education was held in the Otto-Eldred Elementary Technology Center Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Cynthia Murphy.

The meeting began with everyone present saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS: Lindsey Anderson, Lance Baker, Lisa Beaver, Robert DeLong, Jeannine Gray, Erikka Henretta, Daphne Knapp, Cindy Murphy, Nate Rodgers

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Matthew D. Splain, Superintendent; Nicholas J. LaBella, High School Principal; Lindsay A. Burns, Director of Student Services/Special Education; Nichole M. Garthwaite, Elementary Principal; Jodi L. Flexman, Business Manager / Board Secretary

ABSENT: None

FACULTY/STAFF: Katie Jo Barrett, Erin Jackson, Chris Krott, Kirsten Perry, Ashley Shanahan, Brandon Witmer

VISITORS: Wanda Stebbins

REPORTERS: None

Minutes **Motion:** It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Nate Rodgers, to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. All present voted yes.

At this time, the board provided time for public comment. No public comment was given.

Mrs. Perry provided information to the board on the programming that the students in her STEM Class have been doing. They were broken down by grade levels and the skills the grade levels possess. They are STEM Bots List - K4-K- Bee Bots, 1-2 Code and Go mice, 3-Giggle Bots, 4 Giggle Bots, Ozobots, 5 Giggle Bots, 6 Giggle Bots.

Treasurer's Report **Motion:** It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's report as presented. All present voted yes.

Bill List **Motion:** It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Lance Baker, to approve the April 2026 bill list as presented. All present voted yes

Cafeteria **Motion:** It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Nate Rodgers, to approve the March 2026 Cafeteria Report as presented. All present voted yes.

The Schedule of Accounts and Athletic Fund reports for March 2026 were presented to the Board for their information.

Mrs. Garthwaite relayed to the board that the summer school planning has started, IU9 Songfest was held on 4/10/26, PTO Family Game Night will be 4/16/26, and the Final benchmark assessment will be 4/27-5/22 for Acadience, and 5/4-5/29 for Heggerty.

Mr. LaBella noted that there is a lot happening now at the High School. Student scheduling will begin this week, PSSA tests will be next week, Ellie Yingling qualified for State band, and Mr. & Mrs. Woodruff along with Mr. Graham hosted an outdoor field trip on Saturday, April 11 with an additional trip on April 18, 2026.

Mrs. Burns briefly reviewed current enrollment, which seems to be holding steady, PreK Enrollment has started; however, numbers are currently low, the PSSA Testing schedule is out, and testing will begin next week, the tall cop presentation was a success.

Mr. Splain shared information with a couple resolutions on the agenda, anticipates an on-time budget, cell phone ban has not yet been passed, and there are a few building projects this summer.

Board Policy

#140, 221, 236.1, 325, 332, 619, 810 have been uploaded to the April board folder for review.

Mr. Splain provided the board with a brief update on the budget process for next school year.

Compensation **Motion:** It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lance Baker, to approve the proposed salaries for staff for 2026-2027 as presented. All present voted yes.

The staffing plan will be provided to the Board at the May meeting.

Fund Balances **Motion:** It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lindsey Anderson, to approve the fund balances on all

accounts. No additional transfers will be made at this time. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve Hannah Lathrop as a substitute school nurse for 2025-2026. A full-time Certified School Nurse candidate has not yet been selected. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the continuation of emergency certified staff in their current positions: Kera Hendershot, Jared Dickerson. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve the following substitutes:
Substitute Custodian: Dennis Mong
Substitute Teacher: Carter Wolfe
pending receipts of certifications, clearances, and all other necessary documentation. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the resignation of Mrs. Lorinda Bruzzi. All present voted yes.

**Summer
Employment**

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following to fill the summer positions:
Summer Food: Anna Schiesl (Cook), and Jean Magnano (Monitor)
Summer Custodian: Chad Obenrader and Dennis Mong.
All present vote yes.

Supplemental

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following individuals for the 2025-2026 supplemental positions:
Track Event Workers: Kaci Daniels, Jared Dickerson, Erin Jackson, Jessica Myers, Ashlee VanGuilder, Mikah Watkins.
All present voted yes.

Volunteers

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following volunteers to perform as “Artists in Residence” with the jazz band this school year.
Makenzie Miller, Katie Jo Barrett, Billy Clayson.
All present voted yes.

**Seneca Highlands
IU9 Operating
Budget**

Motion: It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the 2026-2027 Seneca Highlands IU9 Operating Budget. Roll call vote. All in attendance voted yes.

**CTC Operating
Budget**

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve the 2026-2027 CTC Operating Budget as presented. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carries.

Mr. LaBella provided the board with an update of events for the Class of 2026 Awards and Graduation Ceremony.

Field Trips

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver to approve the following field trips:

Livestock Tour/Pick Up: 4/15/26

Location: Lazy Hog Farm

Teacher/Advisor: Witmer/Gould

Students: 8

Estimated Cost: \$343.20

6th Grade Field Trip: 5/21/26

Location: WWII Museum

Teacher/Advisor: Blauser/Rosenswie

Students: 36

Estimated Cost: \$0

2nd Grade Field Trip: 5/22/26

Location: Hidden Valley Animal Adventure Park, Varysburg, NY,

Teacher/Advisor: 6, Archer/Givan/TBD

Students: 35

Estimated Cost: \$413.15

Students In Nature: April–May, 2026

Location: Outdoors

Estimated Cost: \$500 - \$1000 (Grant Funded)

Senior Walk: 5/28/26

Location: Elementary School

Teacher/Advisor: Jackson + 2

Students: 45

Estimated Cost: \$45.00

All present voted yes.

Agreements

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lindsey Anderson to approve the following agreements:

- 2026-2027 UPMC Cole Athletic Training Agreement

- 2026-2027 D9 North Basketball Assignor Contract
- Shared Services agreement for support of the Oswayo Valley District Office
- 2026-2027 Dickinson Center Linkage Agreement
- 2026-2027 IU9 Technology Pool Agreement
- 2026-2027 School Based ACCESS Program Billing Agreement

All present voted yes.

Sponsorship

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve a \$100 sponsorship opportunity for the Annual Golf Tournament organized by the WWII museum in Lieu of the typical donation made for field trips. All present voted yes.

Affirmation

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the required affirmation for the current structure for 4-year-old programming: combination of K4 and Pre-School. This is for PreK Counts programming and funding. All present voted yes.

Resolution

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lindsey Anderson, to approve the PSBA State Budget Resolution for an on-time budget and a budget that addresses inadequate funding for public education. All present voted yes.

Resolution

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the resolution in support of House Bill 41 and Senate Bill 1253. All present voted yes.

PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Nate Rodgers, to approve Ms. Cindy Murphy as our PSBA Delegate for the 2026-2027 school year. All present voted yes.

Adjourn

Motion: It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to adjourn at 8:07. All present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi L. Flexman

Business Manager/Board Secretary