

**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 on Tuesday, June 16, 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.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENT

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: Kristina Francis, Chris Krott

VISITORS: Wanda Stebbins

REPORTERS: None

Minutes **Motion:** It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. All present voted yes.

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

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

Bill List **Motion:** It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lance Baker, to approve payment of the June 2026 General Fund bill list as presented. All present voted yes.

July Bills

Motion It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lance Baker, to approve Mrs. Flexman's request to pay the July 2026 bills on July 15th, 2026, and present the bill list at the August 2026 regular board meeting. All present voted yes.

Cafeteria Report

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve the May 2026 cafeteria report as presented. All present voted yes.

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

Mrs. Garthwaite provided information on summer school and the anticipated number of attendees and Acadience Spring Data numbers.

Mrs. Burns updated the board with the end of the year enrollment numbers and the projected numbers for Pre K and K5.

Mr. LaBella noted that graduation went well. There were 45 students that attended and 47 graduated.

Mr. Splain stated that the state budget is nearly on time, golf at Birch Run is not an option and we will work with OV for 2026-2027, and track resurfacing will be in June/July 2026

Board Policy Updates

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following policies after final review.

140 Charter Schools
 221 Dress and Grooming (students)
 236.1 Threat Assessment
 325 Dress and Grooming (employees)
 332 Working Periods
 619 District Audit
 810 Transportation
 All present voted yes.

Policy 237 Electronic Devices and 716 Integrated Pest Management are available for the first reading.

Parking Lot Repairs

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following repairs to the parking lots using capital funds;

OEES-Saw cut/repair three areas: Middle of lot, near end of parking row, and area near old tennis courts.

1. Mill out areas and haul away
 2. Put in 2-3 inches of blacktop and then compact.
 3. Put down hot tar around patches.
- \$4,180.00

OEES-MAIN LOT (reseal/fill cracks/repaint lines)

1. Blow off blacktop of debris/dirt
 2. Fill major cracks with hot tar
 3. Seal
 4. Line paint & handicap areas
- \$4,140.00

OEHS-MAIN LOT/FRONT LOOP (reseal/fill cracks / repaint lines)

1. Blow off blacktop of debris/dirt
 2. Fill major cracks with hot tar
 3. Seal
 4. Line paint & handicap areas
- \$12,420.00

OEHS-MAIN LOT (saw cut/repair four areas near maintenance building, by track & behind the locker room area – sunken area)

1. Mill out areas and haul away.
 2. Put in 2 to 3 inches of blacktop
 3. Put hot tac coat around patch to help kee the water out.
- \$6820.00

All present voted yes.

**Administrative
Regulation/ Policy
Updates**

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the 2026-2027 Extra Curricular Rules & Responsibilities policy. All present voted yes.

**Administrative
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Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the recommended updates to the 2026-2027 Staff and Student Acceptable Use Policies. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta seconded by Lance Baker, to approve Ms. Harley Brown as the Certified School Nurse at Step 1 Bachelors. This is pending receipt of certifications, clearances, and any other necessary documentation. All present voted yes.

Personnel

Motion: It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Lisa

Beaver, to approve Stephanie Rimer as a substitute nurse for the 2026-2027 school year. This is pending receipt of certifications, clearances, and any other necessary documentation. All present voted yes.

Mrs. Nicole Rhinehart has met the requirements in Pennsylvania to earn tenure.

**Summer
Employment**

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve Lane Taylor as a substitute summer maintenance employee. All present voted yes.

Supplemental

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve student athletes to attend the 2026 Joe DeCerber Holiday Memorial Showcase on Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th, 2026. All present voted yes.

**Supplemental/Volun
teers**

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Erikka Henretta, to approve the following;
Volleyball Assistant Coach: Jenna Rouse
Volleyball Volunteer: Amanda App
Cheer Advisor (Football, Basketball): Ashley Parris
Cheer Assistant (Football, Basketball): Kimberly Stewart
Cheer Volunteer: Payton Kaziska
This is pending receipt of certifications, clearances, and any other necessary documentation. All present voted yes.

Service Agreement

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Jeannine Gray, to approve the following Service Agreements;
2026-2028 TGC Service Agreement
2026-2028 Beacon Light Service Agreement
2026-2027 ACCESS Billing; Dr. Andrew Kayes
2026-2027 NPRC Dual Enrollment Agreement
2026-2026 Job Corps Agreement
All present voted yes.

**Resolution/Agreeme
nt**

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the resolution that would allow Trustees of the Seneca Highlands Voluntary Employees Benefit Association to begin operations on July 1, 2026, through the dissolution of the current SHIRT. All present voted yes.

**School Board
Updates**

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Lisa Beaver, to approve the following individuals: Treasurer – Lance Baker 2026-2027. All present voted yes.

**PSBA 2026 Delegate
Assembly**

Motion: It was moved by Erikka Henretta, seconded by Jeannine Gray to approve Ms. Cindy Murphy as our PSBA Delegate for the 2026-2027 school year. All present voted yes.

Final Budget

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Robert DeLong, to approve the final budget for 2026-2027. This presents the final budget amount of \$14,227,182. All present voted yes.

**Homestead
Farmstead
Resolution – Act 1
Resolution**

Motion: It was moved by Jeannine Gray, seconded by Erikka Hennretta, to approve the revenue through the state's property tax exclusion program for the 2026-2027 school year. All present voted yes.

Field Trips

Motion: It was moved by Lisa Beaver, seconded by Lance Baker, to approve the following field trips:
GT Thompson's Ag Summit, 8/10/26, Bellefonte, PA, Mr. Witmer, 8 students, Cost \$156.80

Ag Progress Days, 8/12/26, PSU Research Farm, Rock Springs, Mr. Witmer/Mrs. Gould, 8 students, Cost \$180.60

NIEA Conference, 10/7/26, Buffalo, NY, Mrs. Woodruff, Cost \$235.40

All present voted yes.

Adjournment

Motion: It was moved by Lance Baker, seconded by Lisa Beaver to adjourn at 7:42 PM. All present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi L. Flexman
Business Manager/Board Secretary