

**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 1, 2026, by President Joseph Sullivan followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Christopher Callas, Terry Day, Michael Lepak, Dominic Lucarelli, Joseph Sullivan, Mikki Yesesky , Jordan Elliott (Student)

Member Absent:

Others Present: Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Nicole Rosno

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda – A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the April 1, 2026 Board of Education Regular meeting.

Minutes – A motion was made by Chris Callas, seconded Mike Lepak, and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings: March 11, 2026 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Order of Business

A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by Chris Callas, and carried 6-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mike Gill - Superintendent ♦ We can send astronauts to the moon(Artemis II), but NYS budget will not be on time. ♦ NYS climate control initiatives. ♦ Working on staffing organization in transportation and facilities departments since transitions from Todd’s retirement. ♦ Working on contract for maintenance of buses at new garage. ♦ Spring sports participation is very high, 2 buses needed for away Track meets.

Nicole Rosno – Administrator ♦ Solution Tree mentor, Barb Phillips, gave presentation this past week on Tier 2. Tier 2 is for all students. Data is showing that they have reduced numbers of Tier 3 interventions since beginning of the year. Making great progress! ♦ Lucky to Lead March Challenge – help students follow Cohen Cougar Code during the month of March, receiving rainbows and shamrocks. Winners get a movie!

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Save comments for budget presentation.

Jordan Elliott – Student Member ♦ TAE had lots of activities this month during March Madness— Leprechaun search every day, and Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge for prizes. Juniors are coming out on top! ♦ Spring sports are in full swing; they have big numbers, Tennis team beat Notre Dame. ♦ May 6, students returning to NYC to see Hamilton on Broadway through Grant—added more tickets. ♦ College Fair is coming up at the end of the month. ♦ Work base shadowing at Cohen Elementary school. ♦ Junior Rotarian Book Drive project is going well, hoping to continue this after this year, there is ongoing collection of books, drop off boxes at all main offices.

Public Comment – Dan Delorme –Class of ’83, Retired Physics Teacher, Energy Manager of Horseheads CSD, gave a brief overview about ways for school districts to save on energy costs.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Chris Callas, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 6-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1 through F-2, and being further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

F-1 Amendment to Prior Board Action (Retirement Date)

a. Retirement date change:

	NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	notes
1.	Patricia Berman	Elementary Teacher	06/30/26	From 3/4/26 meeting, date changed from 6/26/26 to 6/30/26
2.	Nancy Monks	Special Ed. Teacher	06/30/26	From 3/4/26 meeting, date changed from 6/26/26 to 6/30/26

F-2 Resignation/Retirement/Termination:

a. Resignation:

	NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	notes
1.	Makenna Nicholson	Elementary Teacher	06/26/26	5 years of service
2.	Nancy Kennison	Elementary Teacher	04/22/26	13 years of service

b. Retirement:

	NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	notes
3.	Dawn Call	Elementary Teacher	06/30/26	28 years of service
4.	Kerry Hertlein	Elementary Teacher	06/30/26	28+ years of service

F-3 Appointments:

a. Substitute Teacher: Aylissa Stevens-Fiske

b. Substitute Support: Aylissa Stevens-Fiske, Brittany Spencer, Magnus Brown

c. Coaching

NAME	POSITION	LEVEL	YEAR	STIPEND
1. Tina Kohler	Modified Track	2	2	\$2528.26

d. 25-26 Athletic Volunteers:

NAME	POSITION:
1. Aries Sanchez	Softball
2. Josh Tryon	Baseball
3. Jon Renshaw	Tennis
4. Chris Suwak	Tennis
5. Brittany Pesesky	Tennis
6. Jason Forsyth	Tennis
7. Ryan Stroman	Baseball
8. Scott Buchanan	Baseball

ADDITION:

e. Non-Instructional Civil Service Conditional/Probationary:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	Step	Salary	notes
1. Adam Brimmer	Bus Driver	pending DMV Final Qualifications	1	\$21.88/hr	Driving Test 04/17/26
2. John Cole	Bus Driver	pending DMV Final Qualifications	1	\$21.88/hr	Driving Test 04/17/26

FINANCIAL

G-1 Reports - acknowledged

A motion was made by Mike Lepak, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the following consent financial reports G1a thru G1f.

- a. Budget Status Report as of March 25, 2026
- b. Revenue Status Report as of March 25, 2026
- c. Budget Transfer Report as of March 25, 2026
- d. Treasurer's Report for February 2026
- e. Claims Auditor Report for February 2026
- f. Extra Classroom Report for February 2026

FACILITIES

The updates below were reviewed by Superintendent Gill and Business Manager Martha Clark.

H-1 Capital Project 2025 – Transportation Facility Update – Hit some milestones, got some flooring on the mezzanine level. Stairs are now in the stairwell. Big piece left is the exterior work. Ceramic tiling will commence following the receipt of the missing orange ceramic tiles. Permanent windows around the facility have been installed. At Edison window work along College Avenue has continued. Remaining window work will be completed in April with the exception of the BOCES technology office, which will be completed over the summer break. Finish of the exterior panels at the front of the building have begun.

H-2 Capital Outlay 2026 – TAE Classroom renovation – Casework and countertops for base bid work and additional work are currently in production. This first batch of casework will be available at the beginning of May for install. Fabrication of additional casework is commencing now. This last batch of casework will follow the original work by approximately one month. Plumbing work associated with the new washer and dryer will be completed over the April recess. The project will be closed out, as required, this fiscal year which ends June 30th.

Moved to Consent items....will return to New Business after discussion topics:

CONSENT

A motion was made by Mike Lepak, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-5.

K-1 CSE Recommendations – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the of February 27, March 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12,13, 17, 18, 19, and 24, 2026, CSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the February 27, March 3, 6, 10, 13, and 17, 2026, CPSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

K-3 Instrument donation/Hansen Family – accepted

The Board accepted the donation in kind from Hansen Family Foundation of the following items valued at \$2,127 to be used by the Cohen Middle School Instrumental Music Department:

- One Yamaha CSS-1450A Snare Drum (\$397.00)
- One Yamaha SS745A Snare Drum Stand (\$110.00)
- One Yamaha CB7028S7 Bass Drum and Stand (\$1,620.00)

K-4 Community Service Day Donation- accepted

The Board accepted the grant donation from Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc., for \$750.00 to be used for the Thomas Edison High School Community Service Day 2026 - busing.

K-5 Cooperative Purchasing Resolution - approved

The Board approved the following 2026-27 cooperative purchasing resolution with the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego (DCMO) BOCES for equipment, supplies and contract items for the 2026-27 school year.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS,

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES area in New York, and to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating members; (3) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (4) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (5) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

DISCUSSION:

N-1 2025-26 Calendar Changes – Give Back Days – looking to surround Memorial Day weekend (Friday, Monday, Tuesday).

N-2 2026-27 Budget Presentation - Business Manager Martha Clark reviewed final budget presentation with questions and answers. Budget assumptions have remained the same, tax increase will be 2.0%.

Jumped back to:

NEW BUSINESS

J-1 Budget Proposition - approved

A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to approve the below budget resolution calling for a public vote:

Proposition Number 1 (Budget)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$31,889,027 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2026-27 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 2.0% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 2.69% for this school fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority, more than fifty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

J-2 Capital Reserve Fund Propositions - approved

A motion was made by Dominic Lucarelli, seconded by Mike Lepak, and carried 6-0 to approve the resolution calling for a public vote for the following capital reserve fund propositions:

Proposition Number 3 (Technology Reserve)

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase information technology equipment to include 170 HP Chromebooks with three year device warranty, google education upgrade, and case for aggregate sum not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Technology Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts in the 2025-2026 school year.

Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

Proposition Number 4 (Transportation Reserve)

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase one DOT approved student transportation vehicle for the purpose of student transportation for aggregate sum not to exceed Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000),

and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Transportation Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost.

Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Transportation Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

Proposition Number 5 (Maintenance Equipment Reserve)

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two operations and maintenance vehicles equipped for snow removal for the purpose of supporting building operations and maintenance for aggregate sum not to exceed of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), and to appropriate and expend from the district's existing Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters on May 20, 2025, for such cost.

Since the funds are to be expended hereunder are from the Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday	April 22, 2026	Regular BOE Mtg/BOCES Admin Vote	7:00 pm	Comm Rm
Wednesday	May 6, 2026	Regular BOE Mtg/Public Presentation	7:00 pm	Comm Rm
Tuesday	May 19, 2026	Budget VOTE & BOE Member Elections	11:00a-8:00p	TAE Gym

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:17pm a motion was made by Chris Callas, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 6-0 to enter executive session discuss/review individual employment history and evaluations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:55pm a motion was made by Chris Callas, seconded by Mikki Yesesky, and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:56pm motion was made by Mikki Yesesky, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk