Lehighton Area School District
1000 Union Street
Lehighton, PA 18235
Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

1. Opening Exercises

1.1 Call to Order
Board President, A. Matika called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1.2 Opening Exercises
Opening Exercises included the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

1.3 Meeting Announcements
A Board Meeting was held on May 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
An Executive Session was held on June 4, 2026 from 9:48 PM to 10:09 PM for Personnel Contract Negotiations.
An Executive Session was held on June 8, 2026 at 6:45 PM for legal discussions according to Title 65 Section 708 (a) 5.
A Special Board Meeting was held on June 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
A Workshop Meeting was held on June 8, 2026 after the Special Board Meeting in the Boardroom.
An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting at 6:30 PM for safety discussions according to Title 65 Section 708 (a) 7.
A Board Meeting will be held on June 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
A Workshop Meeting will be held on July 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
A Board Meeting will be held on July 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.

1.4 Roll Call
PR/AB

PR	**Ms. Joy Beers**	**PR**	**Mr. Jeremy Glaush**	**PR**	**Mr. Alex Matika**
PR	**Mr. David Bradley**	**PR**	**Ms. Denise Hartley**	**PR**	**Ms. Heather Neff**
PR	**Mrs. Lory Frey**	**PR***	**Mr. William Howland**	**PR**	**Mr. Timothy Tkach**

** W. Howland present via Google Meet.*

Also Present:
Mr. Jason Moser, Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Lentz, Business Administrator present via Google Meet
Ms. Janine Partenio, Board Recording Secretary

Ryan Bowman, Barbara Bowes, Walter Zlomsowitch, Roy James, Thomas Williams, Michael Coulson, Kay Barry, Christina Haupt, Fred Kemmerer, Jarrad Hedes ,John Orsulak, Gretchen Laviolette and Atty. Beth Shore via Google Meet..

A. Matika noted the attendance of B. Shore and M. Lentz via Google Meet. In response to an inquiry from D. Bradley regarding M. Lentz's physical attendance, J. Moser clarified that M. Lentz was attending remotely while traveling in Ireland. D. Hartley acknowledged his travel.

1.5 Presentations/Recognition
None at the time.

1.6 Public Comment - Only on the Board’s Proposed Approval of the Agenda as Presented or as Modified
Public comment will only be permitted to discuss whether or not an item currently listed on the draft agenda that has been posted should be on the agenda or off the agenda. No discussion on the substance of the agenda item will be permitted since the discussion will be exclusively limited to whether or not an item should appear on the agenda.

None at the time.

1.7 Approval of Agenda
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

1.8 Public Comment - Traditional Public Comment Period on Agenda Items Only
A. Matika then opened the traditional public comment period on agenda items, reminding attendees that pursuant to Policy 903, public comment is limited to the designated periods at the beginning and end of the agenda.

Pastor M. Coulson addressed the board regarding the first reading of the proposed bullying and cyberbullying policy, expressing concern that it lacked detailed procedures for implementation. He referenced House Bill 830 regarding a 24-hour parent notification requirement for bullying incidents, stressed the critical link between bullying and youth mental health, and urged the board to establish clear, written guidelines to ensure accountability. M. Coulson also commented on the second reading of the class size policy, questioning the removal of language requiring consultation with teaching staff. J. Moser noted that teaching staff input would still be considered, and D. Bradley inquired whether M. Coulson believed that requirement should be explicitly restored in the policy language. M. Coulson affirmed that teachers should have a structured avenue for feedback. D. Bradley noted concerns regarding the delegation of board authority, and A. Matika thanked M. Coulson for his feedback, noting the board would take it into consideration.

B. Bowes provided public comment regarding budget items 4.8 and 4.9. She addressed a video recently posted to YouTube by a board director concerning budget adjustments and fund balance usage. B. Bowes stated that the financial details cited in the video were inaccurate, defended the current use of the unassigned fund balance to address special education cost overruns, and requested that directors verify financial records to ensure accurate information is provided to the public.

W. Zlomsowitch commented on item 4.9, discussing historical budget figures and criticizing recent public statements regarding district spending and board governance.

1.9 Reports
Student Board Representatives
None at the time.

Superintendent
J. Moser provided an update on upcoming district reports, stating that a comprehensive overview of state testing results—including PSSAs and Keystones—along with end-of-year norm-referenced assessments would be presented to the Board and public during the July meeting rather than in June due to time constraints.

J. Moser then presented a detailed overview of the proposed 2026–2027 district budget, highlighting a significant reduction in the overall deficit compared to the proposed final budget introduced in May. He noted that the revised budget includes a 3.5% real estate tax increase, generating approximately $681,200 in revenue, alongside an expenditure reduction of roughly $608,000. These cost savings were achieved primarily through an early retirement incentive for staff, as well as departmental and building-level supply budget reductions averaging 1.5% to 2%, achieved without impacting student programming.

J. Moser discussed the broader context of district finances, referencing tax trends over recent years and emphasizing that while the district maintains control over internal expenditures, revenue streams present ongoing challenges. He detailed how federal ESSER funding heavily supplemented district revenues beginning in 2020–2021—peaking in 2023–2024 at over $3.5 million—before sharply declining to $843,000 for the current cycle. With state revenue adjustments leveling off, inflation accumulating to approximately 28% since 2020, and operational expenses rising across utilities, maintenance, and benefits, J. Moser explained that relying solely on tax increases is insufficient and that managing expenditure controls remain critical.

Addressing agenda item 4.8, J. Moser clarified the requested reassignment of funds to cover actual, non-projected tuition shortfalls for special education services owed to outside providers, including BHA and the CLIU, for the 2025–2026 school year. He noted that budget predictions for these services have been refined for the upcoming year and highlighted ongoing internal strategies—such as expanding in-district programming to bring students back into local facilities—to better manage future costs.

Following the presentation, A. Matika reserved further input for public comment. D. Bradley inquired about asking a question regarding the report, to which A. Matika instructed that the topic be addressed during the designated agenda item discussion

Business Administrator
M. Lentz provided an update on the 2026–2027 budget development process, noting that for the fifth consecutive year, the district faced uncertainty due to a lack of clear direction on the state budget. He detailed how district administrators refined costs, leveraged purchasing consortiums for competitive pricing, and realigned program supports to establish a stronger baseline for future fiscal years. Addressing current expenditure concerns, M. Lentz explained that the deficit in the 2025–2026 fiscal year stemmed from actual special education expenses significantly exceeding originally budgeted projections—particularly regarding services from Behavioral Health Associates (BHA) and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit (CLIU).

D. Bradley requested clarification regarding where BHA and support service costs were listed in the proposed 2026–2027 budget. M. Lentz and Superintendent J. Moser clarified that these costs are categorized under the 1200 function code (special programs) and the 300 object line (purchased professional and technical services). M. Lentz confirmed that while the 2025–2026 budget originally allocated $1.78 million for BHA, actual year-to-date expenditures reached nearly $2.89 million, necessitating a transfer from unassigned funds to cover the resulting deficit. For the upcoming 2026–2027 school year, the combined allocation for BHA, CLIU tuition, and associated student transportation under the 1200-300 line was increased to $4.468 million to accurately reflect ongoing student needs. In response to a query from Board member D. Hartley, M. Lentz affirmed that historical district spending for BHA had escalated steadily from approximately $1 million in 2022 to $3.4 million in 2024–2025.

Addressing a financial inquiry from L. Frey, M. Lentz confirmed that the remaining general fund balance of approximately $8 million would sufficiently cover district obligations through July and August until tax revenues arrive in late September.

D. Bradley raised additional questions regarding revenue assumptions and budget structure:

- Property Assessments & Collections: D. Bradley questioned whether updated property assessment values from the county or state could yield higher revenue than anticipated. M. Lentz explained that assessment figures were pulled as of late April 2026 and that collection actuals aligned with typical yearly trends. D. Bradley also questioned the 96.6% tax collection rate projection; M. Lentz clarified that this statistical rate reflects delinquent tax patterns and state reporting requirements under Form PDE-2028.

- Fund Balance & Reserves: D. Bradley pointed out a $69,000 discrepancy in the projected ending general fund balance and questioned the inclusion of a $50,000 budgetary reserve. M. Lentz explained that the $69,000 represented the net deficit remaining in the proposed final budget, while the $50,000 reserve serves as a flexible buffer to accommodate potential shifts arising from the finalized state budget subject to future Board approval for transfers.

LCCC/CLIU/CCTI/Library
A. Matika noted that there was no report submitted for LCCC.

J. Glaush stated he had no report as he was unable to attend the recent meeting.

H. Neff reported that although she was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict, she reviewed the meeting briefs and shared the following updates:

- CCTI welcomed a new principal, Mr. Mac, who spent the final days of the school year connecting with staff and students and expressed plans to attend a future Board meeting to meet members.
- CCTI students across carpentry, electrical distribution, automation, and HVAC programs will participate in a tiny home project, providing hands-on experience while offering the homeowner a build at roughly one-third of standard market costs.
- The SHINE summer camp ran from June 12 through June 19, and Mr. Reinbold is actively seeking grant funding—specifically via the Perkins Grant—to reinstate the after-school SHINE Club for 5th through 8th-grade students.

D. Hartley reported that the library is preparing for its upcoming "Christmas in July" raffle in the park fundraising event.

1.10 Minutes
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Board Meeting, the June 8, 2026 Special Board Meeting and the June 8, 2026 Workshop Meeting.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2. Personnel
2.1 Resignation for Retirement
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by H. Neff, accept the following resignations for retirement, with appreciation:
Robert Barowski - High School Science Teacher effective June 30, 2026 after 27.43 years of service to the District.
Elisabeth Yescavage - Middle School English Language Arts Teacher effective June 30, 2026 after 29.84 years of service to the District.
Kristine Betz - Elementary Center Kindergarten Teacher effective June 30, 2026 after 19.11 years of service to the District.

A. Matika expressed deep gratitude for all three educators, sharing a personal anecdote regarding E. Yescavenge's impact as his former seventh-grade homeroom teacher. R. Bowman and Superintendent J. Moser both commended R. Borowski and E. Yescavenge for their phenomenal dedication, acknowledging the significant combined years of service and noting that their retirements mark a substantial loss to the district community.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.2 Resignations
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by H. Neff, to accept the resignation of the following employees, with regret:
Debra McArdle - Elementary Center Lunch Aide effective June 13, 2026.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

D. Bradley left at 7:50 PM.

2.3 Job Descriptions
MOTION by L. Frey, SECONDED by D. Hartley, to approve the following job descriptions:
Operations Council Member
District Reception/Building and Grounds Coordinator (Revised)

J. Moser provided context on the items, noting that the Operations Council job description had been delayed from the previous month to ensure it was thoroughly vetted and thoughtfully structured before being presented to the Board. He added that the District Reception / Buildings and Grounds Coordinator description represented a minor revision to an existing role rather than an entirely new position.

Vote: YES - 8 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.4 Game Workers Pay Scale
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by W. Howland, to approve the 2026-2027 Game Workers Pay Scale as attached.

D. Bradley returned at 7:52 PM.

J. Glaush inquired whether the Board had ever received a breakdown of annual revenue generated per game across all district athletic events in comparison to the operational costs. J. Moser acknowledged that while he did not have the exact revenue figures on hand, he would compile and provide the data to the Board. J. Moser also noted that securing game workers can often be challenging despite the compensation, with J. Glaush agreeing and recalling previous discussions regarding clearance requirements for workers. J. Moser reiterated that athletic revenue records are tracked and will be shared.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.5 Candidates for Employment
MOTION by L. Frey, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the following candidates for employment in accordance with the respective contracts:
Department heads for the 2026/2027 school year at a contracted rate of $1,800.00 each:
Erica Pagotto - Citizenship MS
Sarah Dunchack - Mathematics MS
AnnaLeigh Conway - Science MS
Cory Hartsell - Citizenship HS
Sharon Leitzel - English Language Arts HS
Michelle Rohrbach - Mathematics HS
Melissa Blocker - Science HS
Diane Micheletti - Art K-12
Timothy Sharrow - Health & Physical Science K-12
Stephanie Kulpa - Music K-12
Kevin Bond - Practical Arts 5-12
Carrie Kenny - Pupil Services K-12
Kristel Orsulak - Special Education K-12

Julie Solt - 2026-2027 school year 6th Grade Team Leader at a contracted rate of $1,800.00

Elementary Center Curriculum Council for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 school years each at a contracted rate of $1,800.00:
Suzanne Cordes
Justine Helman
Ashley Lichtenwalner
Jennifer Kunkel
Norine Zehner

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.6 Candidates for the Substitute List
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by W. Howland, to approve the following list of requested candidates for the 2026-2027 Substitute List, pending any necessary paperwork:
Melissa Stough - Substitute Teacher
Elisabeth Yescavage - Substitute Teacher
Kristine Betz - Substitute Teacher
Yvette Sharrow - Substitute Teacher

A. Matika praised the quality of the candidate pool, while H. Neff and J. Glaush expressed enthusiasm regarding recently retired district teachers returning to serve as substitutes. Superintendent J. Moser noted that one of the retiring educators mentioned they would likely not begin subbing until a couple of months into the school year.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.7 Candidates for Athletic Coaching/Manager
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by D. Hartley, to approve the following requests for Athletic Coaching/Manager Candidates, as per contracted rates, pending any necessary paperwork:
Assistant Girls Wrestling - Bart Mease at a stipend of $4,576.34
Assistant Girls Wrestling - Empress Matos at a stipend of $4,576.34
Junior High Girls Wrestling - Maggie Pagotto at a stipend of $4,574.16
Assistant Boys Wrestling - Joe Tartar
Assistant Boys Wrestling - Tyler Cann
Assistant Boys Wrestling - Michael Cremeens
Junior High Boys Wrestling - Steve Reed
Assistant Boys Basketball - Jeff Miller at a stipend of $4,140.34
Middle School Boys Basketball - Dan Rossino at a stipend of $4,042.00
Middle School Boys Basketball - Anthony Rossino at a stipend of $4,042.00
Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball - DJ Rossino
Volunteer Boys Varsity Basketball - JC Dietz
Assistant Girls Basketball - Ramon Rodriguez at a stipend of $4,140.34
Assistant Girls Basketball - Mackenzie Borger at a stipend of $4,140.34

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.8 Candidates for Extracurricular Activities
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by W. Howland, to approve the following requests for Extracurricular Activities Advisor Candidates, as per contracted rates, pending any necessary paperwork:

Elementary Center

Bryan Buffington - 5th Grade Band at a stipend of $1,000.00.
Jennifer Grima - Yearbook at a stipend of $2,200.00.
William Schoener - Student Leadership at a stipend of $1,900.00.

Middle School

Theresa Kokinda - Ace at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Stephanie Gustafson - Art Exhibit at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Renee Marciante - 6th Grade Band at a stipend of $1,000.00.
Renee Marciante - 7th/8th Grade Band at a stipend of $2,000.00
Dana Kacyon - 6th Grade Chorus at a stipend of $1,000.00
Dana Kacyon - 7th/8th Grade Chorus at a stipend of $2,000.00.
Meghan Sander & Dana Kacyon - Splitting Drama/Theater at a stipend of $1,050.00 each
Theresa Kokinda - FBLA at a stipend of $1,800.00.
Heather Mullen - FCCLA at a stipend of $2,300.00.
Timothy Sharrow - Fall Intramurals at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Timothy Sharrow - Spring Intramurals at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Terry Haberman - Spring Intramurals at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Renee Marciante - Jazz Band at a stipend of $1,700.00.
AnnaLeigh Conway - Science Olympiad Head at a stipend of $2,200.00.
Stephanie Gustafson - Science Olympiad Assistant at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Dana Kacyon - Show Choir at a stipend of $2,600.00.
Jessica Grasso - 6th Sense at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Kimberly Lusch - 6th Sense at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Thomas Weidner III & Dana Kacyon - Stage Manager at a stipend of $850.00 each.
Theresa Kokinda - Student Council at a stipend of $4,000.00.
Amy Smith & Kimberly Lusch - Splitting Yearbook at a stipend of $1,100.00 each.
Amy Smith & Kimberly Lusch - Splitting Photography at a stipend of $850.00 each.

High School
Kali Andrew - Aevidum at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Kelli Costenbader - Aevidum at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Rachel Klotz - Art Exhibit at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Renee Marciante - Band Front at a stipend of $3,400.00.
Nicholas Miller - Chess at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Lydia Weller - High School Chorus at a stipend of $3,100.00.
Nicholas Miller - e-sports at a stipend of $2,300.00.
Bryan Buffington - Band at a stipend of $5,000.00.
Nicholas Miller - FBLA at a stipend of $1,800.00.
Courtney Schleicher - FCCLA at a stipend of $2,300.00.
Diane Micheletti - FCCLA Assistant at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Bryan Buffington - Jazz Band at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Angela Harris - Junior Class at a stipend of $1,900.00.
Bernard Shea - LEAD at a stipend of $2,000.00.
Diane Micheletti - National Art Honor Society at a stipend of $1,700.00.
Michelle Rohrbach - National Honor Society at a stipend of $2,000.00.
Rachel Klotz - Photography at a stipend of $1,500.00.
Sharon Leitzel - Scholastic Scrimmage Head at a stipend of $2,200.00.
Nicholas Miller - Senior Class at a stipend of $2,300.00.
Lydia Weller - Show Choir at a stipend of $2,600.00.
Rachel Klotz - Student Council at a stipend of $2,000.00
Robert Barowski - Student Council at a stipend of $2,000.00.
Lydia Weller - Theater Production-Vocal at a stipend of $1,400.00.
Rachel Klotz - Yearbook at a stipend of $3,700.00.
Courtney Schleicher - Yearbook Assistant at a stipend of $1,500.00.

D. Bradley inquired whether compensation for these extracurricular advisor positions would qualify for the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) if the candidates were existing district staff members. Superintendent J. Moser confirmed that because the stipends are processed directly through district payroll, they do go through PSERS.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.9 Psychologist Employment Contract
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the agreement between James R. Schwab, Psychologist, and the Lehighton Area School District for school year 2026-2027, in the amount not to exceed $16,560.00, to be paid from the Special Education Budget.

D. Hartley inquired whether J. Schwab specializes in child psychology. J. Moser confirmed his specialization in child and clinical psychology. J. Moser further clarified that the district does not necessarily exhaust the full contracted amount, as his services are utilized primarily for high-profile cases involving significant risk or trauma that require specialized clinical expertise beyond the scope of internal school psychologists.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.10 Pre-Approval of Employee Continuing Education Courses
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for employee continuing education:
1. **Employee #81** – June 12-September 12, 2026/Critical Literacy Strategies for Learners Who Are Easily Bored (Graduate Course Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00)
2. **Employee #904** – June 22-June 22, 2027/Getting "Appy" in the Classroom (Post Master's Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).
3. **Employee #904** – June 22-June 22, 2027/Science of Reading (Post Master's Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).
4. **Employee #824** – June 22-June 22, 2027/Getting "Appy" in the Classroom (Post Master's Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).
5. **Employee #824** – June 22-June 22, 2027/Science of Reading (Post Master's Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).

6. **Employee #612** – July 1-July 31, 2026/Future Ready: Educating for Career Exploration and Success (Graduate Course - Up to $1,731.00).
7. **Employee #612** – July 1-July 31, 2026/Trauma Informed Classroom (Graduate Course - Up to $1,731.00).
8. **Employee #626** – June 10-June 24, 2026/Before You Burn Out: Teacher Self-Care Interventions (Graduate Course Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).
9. **Employee #626** – June 10-June 24, 2026/The Elements of Nature Writing (Graduate Course Non-Degree Seeking - Up to $1,731.00).
10. **Employee #1807** - July 1, 2026-January 1, 2027/Western Governors University - M.S. Curriculum & Instruction Program (up to $577.00 per credit/up to 15 credits).

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.11 Professional Development
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the following Professional Development opportunities: **Employees #1928, #1036, #153, #1666, #1172** to receive Acadience Reading K-6 Data Interpretation training at a total cost not to exceed $750 to be paid out of the 2026/2027 Professional Development budget.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2.12 Acknowledgment of FMLA Leave
MOTION by L. Frey, SECONDED by D. Hartley, to acknowledge FMLA leave for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:
1. **Employee #1932 -** FMLA Leave starting August 24-October 12, 2026.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3. Programs

3.1 Consent Agenda
MOTION by , SECONDED by , to approve consent agenda items *3.2-*3.7.

(The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business and streamline the meeting. There is no discussion of items on a consent agenda. If clarification of an item is necessary, then a request should be made that the item be removed from the consent agenda and considered by the board as a separate motion.)

A. Matika offered a motion to remove the policy on cyberbullying from the first reading consent agenda to allow additional time for review following a recently released House bill. In response, J. Glaush noted that because the item was only a first reading and would not be implemented immediately, the Board could allow it to pass the first reading and table or review it prior to the second reading next month. A. Matika agreed with the approach, withdrew his request to pull the item, and allowed his initial motion to lapse.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3.2 * Elementary Center Title Plan
Approve the 2026-2027 Elementary Center Title I Plan.

3.3 * 2025-2026 Act 80 Days
Confirm November 7, 2025 was utilized as an Act 80 Day for the 2025-2026 school year.

3.4 * Mobile Dental Van
Approve the attached dental services agreement with Lehigh Valley Health Network for the Mobile Dental Van.

3.5 * Disposal of Surplus Property
Approve the disposal of the attached unneeded surplus, unusable, and/or obsolete property from the District that is consuming valuable storage space according to policy 706.1

3.6 * First Reading of Policies
Move the following policies for First Reading for Public Review and Comment:
249 - Bullying Cyberbullying - Review of this policy is required every three years according to 24 P.S. 13-1303.1- A. Minor edits also included.

3.7 * Second Reading and Final Approval of Policies
Approve the following policies for Second Reading and Final Approval:
118 - Independent Study
126 - Class Size
304 - Employment of District Staff

D. Bradley addressed A. Matika regarding the previously discussed cyberbullying policy. D. Bradley requested that the administration clarify who authored the proposed policy and whether it was drafted prior to or following the passage of the recent state legislation. A. Matika acknowledged the inquiry for follow-up.

3.8 Policy 006
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the following policies for Second Reading and Final Approval:
006 - Meetings

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 7 NO - 2 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3.9 CLIU E-Rate Consortium
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the Letter of Agency for participation in the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 E-Rate Consortium for the procurement of eligible E-Rate services for the years 2026-2031.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3.10 2026-2027 Prom
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the 2026-2027 Prom to be held at Bear Creek Mountain Resort on May 7, 2027.

A. Matika questioned if there was an agreement to go with this. J. Moser stated there was not at this time.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3.11 Use of School Property
Approve Use of School Property for the following requests:
None at the time for Board Approval.

4. Financial Matters

4.1 Consent Agenda
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve consent agenda items *4.2-*4.7.

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Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.2 * Elementary Center Kitchen
Approve the quote from ISC InterSource Specialties Co. for ISC Softex Plus Ceiling Panels for a total of $7,136.00 to be paid from Capital Reserve.

Insulated Ceiling Panels for the Elementary Center Kitchen as part of Capital Projects.

Recommendation to approve the quote from ISC InterSource Specialties Co. for ISC Softex Plus Ceiling Panels for a total of $7,136.00 to be paid from Capital Reserve.

4.3 * One Point Partitions - High School Bathrooms
Approve the quote with One Point Partitions for powder coated steel partitions for the High School Bathrooms.

Three quotes are included for partitions for the High School bathrooms. This is part of Capital Projects.

4.4 * Curriculum Associates - iReady
Approve the renewal of i-Ready math for grades K-6 at a total cost of $171,130.16 for 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029. Funds to come out of 2026-2027 curriculum budget.

4.5 * CDW Amplified - Google Workspace
Purchase 2,750 Google Workspace for Education Standard licenses through CDW at a cost of $8,250 to be paid out of the 2026/2027 technology budget.

4.6 * Canvas - Instructure
Purchase Canvas LMS through Instructure for the 2026/2027 school year at a cost of $15,456 to be paid out of the 2026/2027 technology budget.

4.7 * Harris Technology - Verkada Cameras
Approve the exterior camera upgrade with the purchase of Verkada Cameras from Harris Technologies in an amount of $134,724.63. Funds are to come out of the 2026-2027 Technology budget.

4.8 Assigned Fund Balance
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the Board Assigning Fund Balance in the amount of $1,017,096 for BHA expenditures that exceed the BHA Budget.

The BHA budget for 2025-2056 is $1,783,805.41and current year to date expenditures for student program services is $2,800,901.81. The BHA student services budget is attached.

D. Bradley questioned why such a substantial transfer was being requested during the final week of the school year. Business Administrator M. Lentz explained that the district makes annual prepayments to BHA based on the prior year's projected costs. As actual tuition and service obligations accrued throughout 2025–2026, those prepayments were exhausted, leading to expenditures that surpassed the original budget line. M. Lentz confirmed that the figure presented ($1,017,096) represents actual processed bills received to date, with a final reconciliation bill expected in July.

J. Beers suggested that assigning fund balance was unnecessary and that the bill could simply be paid from the unassigned fund balance upon arrival. D. Bradley referenced a weekend email indicating the transfer was structured to keep the unassigned fund balance below the state's 8% threshold. Superintendent J. Moser clarified that assigning the funds provides an accurate and transparent portrayal of the district's actual fiscal deficit. J. Moser emphasized that leaving the funds unassigned would present a misleading picture to both the Board and the public—making it appear as though the district held over 8% in reserve while simultaneously proposing a real estate tax increase, when those funds are already committed to real obligations.

D. Hartley and L. Frey discussed the billing cycle, noting that service providers typically bill one month in arrears. M. Lentz reaffirmed that while additional final reconciliations will be presented on the July Board agenda, the requested assignment reflects verified, actual year-to-date costs rather than estimated projections.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 6 NO - 3 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.9. 2026-2027 Final Budget

MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by W. Howland, to approve the 2026-2027 general fund budget as presented in PDE 2028 format and the 2026-2027 budget and tax resolution with revenues of $51,443,380, expenditures of $51,512,855, and property taxes at 53.6751 mills.

D. Bradley raised multiple concerns regarding the budget, including:

- Blank pages that he characterized as missing information and a "blind trust."
- A $50,000 "flush fund" and a remaining fund balance exceeding $3 million, which he argued should be consumed rather than increasing taxes.
- An overly conservative tax collection estimate of 3.3% for uncollected taxes, noting he wanted to prevent pushing 270 taxpayers "over the edge."
- County total asset value records that were 20% higher than the figures used in the budget.
- A combined $4.4 million budget for the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit (CLIU) and Behavioral Health Associates (BHA), where he argued $50,000 to $100,000 could be saved by bringing individuals back to the district.

Based on these points, D. Bradley argued for a zero or minus one mill tax change instead of a 3.5% tax increase.

D. Bradley made a motion to table the vote for at least 30 days, asserting that the proposed final budget had not legally been out on the street for the required 30-day period.

J. Moser contested this statement, clarifying that changes can legally occur between a proposed final budget and a passed final budget.

To resolve the legal timeline, G. Laviolette relayed the Board's questions to Atty. B. Shore, who was attending via Google Meet, to clarify the advertising requirements. M. Lentz, confirmed that there were connectivity issues with the Google Meet. B. Shore clarified that under Section 6-687 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, a budget must be prepared 30 days in advance and posted for at least 20 days prior to the final adoption, but a preliminary board vote is not required for it to count as a proposed budget. Subsequent votes would be subject to standard 24-hour Sunshine Act requirements.

Following this legal clarification, D. Hartley asked if the board could technically vote tonight given that a prior vote took place on May 25. J. Partenio and B. Bowes verified that the budget was prepared and posted on BoardDocs on Friday, May 22 due to the holiday weekend, meaning it had been publicly available for 31 days. J. Moser and A. Matika confirmed that this met the 30-day benchmark.

J. Beers seconded D. Bradley's motion to table the budget.

A. Matika concluded the discussion by stating that the board would take one final legal question from D. Bradley before opening the floor to public comment on the new motion. D. Bradley clarified that the intent of his motion was to postpone the adoption in order to re-examine the financial figures and pursue a zero-mill tax change.

B. Bowes gave a public comment and spoke in opposition to the motion to table, presenting an analysis of the district's past tax structure. She argued that a previous one-mill tax reduction had resulted in a revenue loss of $354,626, creating the current deficit. She stated that the proposed 3.5% tax increase was insufficient as it still left the budget approximately $66,000 to $67,000 short of recouping those losses. B. Bowes criticized past board decisions to return money to taxpayers before federal funding cliff impacts were fully realized, contending that maintaining level taxes the previous year would have prevented the current dilemma. During her comments, an exchange occurred when D. Bradley attempted to interject, which B. Bowes rejected.

R. Bowman then spoke, attributing the district's long-term financial position to systemic issues dating back 10 to 15 years. While expressing disagreement with drawing down the reserve fund balance to cover the deficit, R. Bowman focused his inquiry on the rising costs associated with Behavioral Health Associates (BHA). He questioned J. Moser regarding the historical student-to-cost ratio over the last five years and asked for a definitive plan to transition out-of-district students back into the local system to curb escalating tuition expenditures. G. Laviolette noted the extensive review work J. Moser had already dedicated to the matter.

J. Moser provided a detailed response, confirming that while BHA costs had doubled over the last five years, student enrollment had not. He reported that out-of-district placements at BHA had decreased from 47 students at the beginning of the school year to a projected 23 students for the upcoming term due to graduation and the strategic replication of services within the district. J. Moser outlined the ongoing programmatic expansions, noting that the district had successfully added two elementary emotional support classrooms this year, with plans to add a high school emotional support teacher and an elementary autistic support teacher next.

J. Moser emphasized that a methodical, long-term approach was necessary to ensure the emotional well-being and stability of the students, noting that abruptly moving students who have been settled in specialized placements for years would be detrimental. He shared benchmarking data from his previous district of a comparable size and demographic, which utilized comprehensive in-house emotional, autistic, and life skills programming to limit out-of-district placements to just 14 students, contrasted against the nearly 70 out-placed students he inherited upon arrival. J. Moser concluded by stating that out-of-district placements had already been cut in half within a single year and expressed confidence that the district's financial and programming framework regarding outplacements would be drastically improved within the next two years.

J. Glaush commended J. Moser and S. Michalik for their collaborative efforts to implement rigorous screening processes, ensuring that students requiring specialized assistance were directed to the appropriate programs. J. Moser concurred, framing this strategy as a "continuum of service" designed to exhaust all internal, tiered support options before utilizing outplacements like BHA or the CLIU. J. Moser maintained that the district could successfully replicate many of these specialized services internally. D. Bradley asserted that a 10% reduction in outplacement costs would eliminate the need for a tax increase altogether, a claim J. Moser contested.

D. Bradley then questioned Atty. B. Shore regarding Section 6-687 of the school code, asking if a 10-day public notice period was triggered when a budget adjusted by more than $2,000, claiming a million-dollar change had occurred over the weekend. J. Moser clarified that total estimated expenditures and revenues for the 2026-2027 budget remained unchanged; rather, the million-dollar adjustment represented actual expenses from the 2025-2026 fiscal year being settled via the assigned fund balance. Atty. B. Shore advised that the 10-day public notice provision for expenditure changes was satisfied because the proposed budget had been publicly posted since May 22. J. Partenio and J. Moser confirmed the May 22 posting date, and Atty. B. Shore verified the district was in legal compliance.

A. Matika closed the floor to further remarks and called for a roll call vote on D. Bradley's motion to table the budget vote. D. Bradley reiterated his position that the delay would allow the board to identify $400,000 in savings and avert a tax increase.

Roll Call Vote to table:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	0	X	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	0	X	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	0	X	0	0

Vote: YES - 2 NO - 7 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion Failed

Following the failure of the motion to table, A. Matika returned to the original, open motion to approve the 2026-2027 final budget and tax resolution. He opened the floor for comments. D. Bradley stated he had a comment to make. A. Matika noted that D. Bradley had exceeded his allotted three-minute speaking limit on the item.

D. Bradley contested the time limit and questioned the necessity of the $400,000 tax increase, reiterating his stance that the district should utilize its existing multimillion-dollar fund balance rather than raising taxes. T. Tkach called to move forward with the question, noting that a motion and a second were already on the floor. In response, D. Bradley questioned T. Tkach regarding how many of his children were employed by the school district.

A. Matika intervened to stop further discussion and directed J. Partenio to conduct a roll call vote on the original motion to approve the 2026-2027 final budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote for 4.9:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 6 NO - 3 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

Motion Passed

4.10 Homestead/Farmstead
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the Homestead Farmstead Resolution for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.11 Food Service Transfers
MOTION by W. Howland, SECONDED by L. frey, to make the following transfer from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund as per the Reimbursements from the Commonwealth:
May 2026
NSLP Lunch Federal $106,622.53
NSLP Breakfast Federal $36,774.34
NSLP State Lunch $3,705.84
NSLP State Breakfast $8,919.90
CACFP Child & Adult Care Food Program $3,016.57

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.12 Food Service Deficit
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve a transfer in the amount of $5,777.35 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund for the purpose of reconciling and clearing outstanding student meal account balances, as presented to close out 2025-2026 Fiscal year in compliance with National School Lunch Program Guidelines.

This transfer is required to balance the Food Service accounts by covering the net negative meal balances at the close of the period. The requested transfer amount was calculated by offsetting current negative balances with unclaimed funds from inactive student accounts and available funds in the donations account, as detailed below:
Total Negative Balances (All Students): $12,700.95
Less: Positive Balances (Inactive Students): ($6,889.40)
Less: Food Service Donations Account: ($34.20)
Net Transfer Amount Required: $5,777.35

Addressing previous questions regarding negative balances under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), J. Moser explained that the amount reflects compounded past balances that were not cleared annually as required. He noted that moving forward under CEP, negative balances should only occur from à la carte purchases. J. Glaush noted the significance of the transfer amount.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.13 Tustin Group
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by D. Hartley, to approve the TWS Full Service Water Management Proposal from The Tustin Group for the High School for a Contract Period from July 1 2026, through June 30, 2027 at $3,195.00 (Payable Quarterly at $798.75) and a Contract Period from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028 at $3,288.00 (Payable Quarterly at $1,096.00).

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.14 McGraw Hill Reveal Algebra
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve the purchase of McGraw Hill Reveal Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry books for a total cost of $93,567.70 to be paid over the course of 2 years, $46,783.85 each year, out of the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 curriculum budgets.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

D. Bradley inquired whether the line item for book rebinding remained unused during the year because the district anticipated purchasing new books. J. Moser stated that he did not know the specific reason, though he noted funds are typically allocated for repairs. G. Laviolette clarified that the funds would have applied to math books previously rebound, and D. Bradley confirmed that the budgeted amount was left unspent at zero. G. Laviolette affirmed his observation.

4.15 BrainPop
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the purchase of BrainPop through the CLIU#21 consortium at a cost of $1,648.25 to be paid out of the 2026/2027 technology budget.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.16 SAVVAS MyPerspectives
MOTION by D. Hartley, SECONDED by W. Howland, to purchase SAVVAS MyPerspectives for English classes grades 9-12 at a total cost of $102,936.25 to be paid over 2 years out of the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 curriculum budgets.

G. Laviolette noted that the curriculum provides continuity, as the "MyPerspectives" program is also utilized for English Language Arts at the middle school level, creating a seamless progression for grades six through 12. A. Matika thanked her for the update.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstension
Mr. Jeremy Glaush, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Denise Hartley, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. William Howland, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Heather Neff, Vice-President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Timothy Tkach, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David Bradley, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Lory Frey, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Alex Matika, President	X	0	0	0

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.17 Per Capita/Occupational Tax Exemptions
MOTION by D. Bradley, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the attached exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.18 Activities Funds
MOTION by H. Neff, SECONDED by D. Hartley, to approve the Lehighton Area High School and Lehighton Area Middle School Activities Funds for May 2026

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.19 Reports
MOTION by W. Howland, SECONDED by L. Frey, to approve the following Reports:
May 2026
1. Condensed Board Summary
2. Expenditure Report
3. Revenue Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Fund Summary

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4.20 Payment of Bills
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by H. Neff, to approve the following Payment of Bills:
June 2026

General Fund:	
--Non-Negotiable	$ 25,239.95
--Regular Checks	$1,266,919.62
--Credit Card	$ 0.00
Debit Card:	$ 4,588.57
Payroll (May):	$1,477,511.65
Food Service Fund:	$ 117,947.56
Total:	**$ 2,892,207.35**

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

5. Miscellaneous
None at the time.

6. Old Business
None at the time.

7. New Business for Discussion
None at the time

8. Communications
8.1 Directors' Concerns
None at the time.

8.2 Public Comment
B. Bowes declined her opportunity to speak.

M. Coulson addressed the board, emphasizing that while thorough budget audits are necessary, the board must maintain a balance between fiscal stewardship and prioritizing student needs. He noted that investing resources in students yields long-term benefits for the community and expressed frustration with state-level policies that prioritize cost savings over educational quality. A. Matika thanked him for his comments.

R. Bowman commented on state education funding in light of prior constitutional court challenges, expressing optimism that the Commonwealth would fulfill its funding obligations. He praised the district's quality of education but highlighted a history of poor financial decisions, stressing that the board must focus on a long-term plan for the next five years. R. Bowman noted that out-of-district placement costs are one of the district's largest expenses and stated he looked forward to J. Moser's upcoming detailed presentation on addressing the issue.

8.3 Adjournment
MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by H. Neff, to adjourn the Meeting.

Vote: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The June 22, 2026 Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Karpowicz, Board Secretary
By Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary