

Girard School District Board of Education
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2026
5:45 p.m.
Girard High School Auditorium

1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Board President, Mr. Rich Brown, called the September 28, 2026 Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Rich Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Procedural: 1.3. Silent Meditation

A moment of silent meditation was observed.

Procedural: 1.4. Roll Call – Members

Roll call was called and the following Board Members were present: Rich Brown, Mike McConnell, Joseph Legnasky, Kelly Amenta, Kelly Fisher, Daniel Maher, Joseph Meka, Brady Sager, Melissa Smith
All present.

Action, Procedural: 1.5 Notation of Items to be added, deleted, or corrected to the Agenda

Board Secretary, Mr. Hagmaier, announced that on Friday, September 25, 2026, the following changes were made to the Board Agenda:

- Resolution 10.16 - Lisel Zeppenfeld added
- Resolution 10.20 - Wrestling salary distribution updated
- Resolution 11.2 added - Memorandum of Understanding Between Girard School District and Girard Federation of Teachers
- Resolution 11.3 added – Nicole Fries – Family Medical Leave
- Resolution 11.4 – Wording changed from ‘van rental and gas’ to ‘transportation’

Mr. Hagmaier noted resolution 11.4 Corey Sterrett – Termination was added on Sunday, September 27, 2026.

Prior to the meeting commencing, resolution 10.9 Sheree McConnell – Resignation from Dramatics Assistant – RAMS was moved from a consent item to an action item allowing Board member Mike McConnell to abstain. Resolution 13.1 Approval of Consent Items will be updated to reflect this change.

Action: 1.6. Agenda Approval

Resolution to approve the Agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Joseph Legnasky, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

2. Recognition of Visitors

Procedural: 2.1. Recognition of Visitors

Board President Brown welcomed visitors in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Others Present: Superintendent David Koma, Jacob Hagmaier, Solicitor Pat Kennedy, Michelle Doritty, Mary Ann Mook, Jeff Orr, Darrin Mayes, Clinton Southworth, Liam O’Niell, Mitchell Brooks

3. Student Presentation

3.1 RAMS - Liam O’Neill

RAMS eighth-grade student representative Liam O’Neill shared school highlights, including the new LDR ticket incentive program rewarding positive behavior and academic achievement, Jacket Leaders elections and upcoming activities, and Homecoming spirit week and parade participation. He also provided updates on fall

sports and the after-school intramural program, which offers students opportunities to participate in activities such as hiking, wiffle ball, basketball skills, and collectible cards.

3.2 GHS - Mitchell Brooks

GHS senior student representative Mitchell Brooks reported that the first month of school went smoothly. He highlighted the 2026 Homecoming celebration, including the Board Games-themed parade featuring floats from all four GHS classes, RAMS Student Council, EVES PTO, and local youth athletic programs. The Homecoming Queen and runners-up were announced at halftime of Friday's football game, and more than 330 students and guests attended Saturday's dance. Key Club assisted with Spirit Week decorations, and the National Honor Society is preparing for its October induction ceremony. Student Council, Key Club, NHS, and PBIS will continue collaborating to promote a positive school climate throughout the upcoming months.

4. Public Comments

Informational: 3.1. Public Comments

Board Secretary Jacob Hagmaier announced no public comments were received.

At 5:54 p.m. Mr. Rich Brown called Board Members to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The Board Meeting resumed following Executive Session and Board President Brown announced Board Members met in Executive Session from 5:55 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal related items. No action was taken during the session.

5. Committee Reports

Informational: 5.1. Education Committee - Joseph Meka

Mr. Joseph Meka reported on Pennsylvania's newly enacted \$50.85 billion state budget, signed by Governor Shapiro, highlighting increased education funding, including \$565 million allocated through the adequacy and tax equity funding formula. He also discussed the ongoing uncertainty surrounding school-choice tax credits and their potential impact on the 2027–2028 school year.

Informational: 5.2. Technology Committee - Kelly Fisher

Mrs. Kelly Fisher shared that she shadowed the Technology Department to gain a better understanding of its roles and responsibilities within the district. The department maintains secure, reliable, and uninterrupted technology operations, while collaborating closely with the Maintenance Department and first responders to support district safety.

Informational: 5.3. Erie County Technical School - Joseph Legnasky

Mr. Joseph Legnasky stated that the Diggers and Dumpers program was successfully completed, with approximately 500 students and more than 600 community members attending. The solar project has received the necessary permits, with groundbreaking scheduled for October 12. ECTS has applied for a PennDOT Heavy Equipment Grant, and the PCCD School Safety Grant application is due October 16. A partnership with Nexstar Media will feature a monthly lifestyle show for one year, highlighting programs and activities at ECTS. The episodes will air on local media outlets, with ECTS selecting the topics to be filmed on campus. Toyota of Erie and Preston Auto Group presented a \$30,000 donation to help fund the program. Additionally, the Art & Design Systems program will assume responsibility for school photography.

Informational: 5.4. Facilities Committee - Mike McConnell

Mr. Mike McConnell reported that work will continue on the expanded GHS Hive of Fame project, including painting lobby supports and the framework around the office windows and adding a framed display. At RAMS, sprinkler inspections are ongoing to identify potential issues and prevent future emergency repairs. At EVES, Mr. Southworth will discuss proposed improvements and safety-related items at the October workshop for Board input and possible approval. Mr. Southworth also recognized Dan Barthelson, Dean Kurtzhals, Dan Suscheck, and Mike Platz for their hard work preparing the grounds and facilities for recent events, noting the many compliments received and the outstanding appearance of the field logo.

Informational: 5.5. Girard Foundation - Brady Sager

Mr. Brady Sager reminded the Board that the 2026 Hive of Fame Banquet will be held on October 10 at Lake Shore Country Club. This year's inductees are Dale Sparber, Everett Hamilton, and Mitch Miller. He also reported that the refresh of the Hive of Fame wall at GHS has been completed.

Informational: 5.6. Human Resources - Melissa Smith

Mrs. Melissa Smith stated there is no new report at this time.

Informational: 5.7. I.U. Board - Joseph Meka

Mr. Joseph Meka reported on updates from Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5, including TruNorth security training and the launch of the IU5 department's redesigned website.

Informational: 5.8. Policy Committee - Mike McConnell

Mr. Mike McConnell stated there are 8 policies on the agenda for first reading.

Informational: 5.9. PSBA Report - Richard Brown

Mr. Rich Brown shared that the Board's self-assessment has been completed. The results will be discussed at the October workshop, where the Board will work to establish new goals.

Informational: 5.10. Recreation Board - Melissa Smith

Mrs. Melissa Smith noted that summer programs have concluded and fall activities, including cheerleading, cross country, and wrestling, are getting underway.

Informational: 5.11. Student Affairs/Activities - Daniel Maher

Mr. Daniel Maher reported that the wrestling boosters are officially incorporated. Fall sports are underway with volleyball off to a great start, boys' and girls' golf have three District 10 qualifiers, and the girls' golf team won its first mega match in school history. Soccer and cross country are also off to strong starts, football continues to rebuild, and cheerleading and marching band participation are at their highest levels in years. The LMBA Marching Band Championships will be held October 31 at Veterans Stadium. Winter sports schedules are nearly complete. The district is working with Athletic Trainer Lydia Zurinsky on several initiatives, including meeting state-mandated AED requirements a year and a half ahead of schedule, communicating updated concussion protocols to parents, and promoting the on-site athletic training services available to GHS athletes.

Mr. Maher also shared the cyber program is off to a good start, with parents and students responding positively to Edmentum and finding the platform easy to use.

Informational: 5.12. Finance Committee - Joseph Legnasky

Mr. Joseph Legnasky reviewed the District's monthly bills, totaling just over \$1million.

6. Superintendent's Report

6.1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent David Koma reported that EVES held its first PBIS assembly of the school year and reintroduced the *Caught Being Good* initiative, which recognizes students for demonstrating kindness, responsibility, service, perseverance, and other positive behaviors. At RAMS, Homework Help is underway, and the two AmeriCorps members are establishing their routines, providing valuable academic support. The administration also plans to discuss a proposed middle school fundraising event at the upcoming Board Workshop before proceeding further with planning. At GHS, Homecoming festivities took place throughout the week. Congratulations were extended to the Homecoming royalty, and the float competition winners were announced: the Class of 2030 took first place, followed by the Class of 2028 as runner-up.

7. Minutes

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.1. *Board Special Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2026

Resolution to approve the August 10, 2026 Board of Education Special Meeting minutes.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.2. *Board Workshop Minutes - August 10, 2026

Resolution to approve the August 10, 2026 Board of Education Workshop minutes.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.3. *Board Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2026

Resolution to approve the August 24, 2026 Board of Education Meeting minutes.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.4. *Board Special Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2026

Resolution to approve the September 14, 2026 Board of Education Special Meeting minutes.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

8. Administration

Action (Consent): 8.1. *Achievement of Tenure

Resolution to acknowledge the achievement of Tenure by the following Professional Employees:

Armored Gruber - Tenure achieved August 28, 2026

Remington Lavery - Tenure achieved August 28, 2026

Courtney Seybert - Tenure achieved August 28, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 8.2. *Board Policy - First Reading

Resolution to approve the first reading of the following Board Policies, as presented:

Policy 102 - Academic Standards

Policy 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings

Policy 246 - School Wellness

Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

Policy 704 - Maintenance

Policy 716 - Integrated Pest Management

Policy 805.2 - School Security Personnel

Policy 822 - Automated External Defibrillators (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike

McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 8.3. *Updated List of Buses

Resolution to approve the updated list of buses for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike
McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 8.4. *Student Transportation of America - New Bus Driver

Resolution to approve new hire bus driver with Student Transportation of America (STA) for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Robert Anderson - effective retroactive to September 14, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike
McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

9. Business, Finance & Property

Action (Consent): 9.1. *Treasurer's Report

Resolution to approve Treasurer's Report as of August 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike
McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.2. *Financial Report

Resolution to approve General Fund Report as of September 18, 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike
McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.3. *Activity Reports

Resolution to approve Activity Reports for:

EVES - August 2026

RAMS - August 2026

GHS - August 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike
McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.4. *Athletic Report

Resolution to approve Athletic Report as of August 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.5. *Cafeteria Report

Resolution to approve Cafeteria Report for August 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.6. *Investment Report

Resolution to approve Investment Report for August 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.7. *Payment of Bills excluding Check# 121131

Resolution to approve the payment of bills excluding check# 121131.

General Fund Checks

Check # 120946 - #120960, Dated and Mailed 08/21/2026

Check # 120961 - #120980, Dated and Mailed 08/28/2026

Check # 120981 - #120984, Dated and Mailed 09/03/2026

Check # 120985 - #121021, Dated and Mailed 09/04/2026

Check # 121022 - #121043, Dated and Mailed 09/11/2026

Check # 121044 - #121061, Dated and Mailed 09/18/2026

Check # 121062 - #121166, Dated 09/29/2026

Cafeteria Fund Checks

Check # 11626 - #11627, Dated and Mailed 08/21/2026

Check # 11628 - #11630, Dated and Mailed 09/16/2026

Capital Projects Fund Checks

Check # 797- #797, Dated 09/19/2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.8. *Surplus Items

Resolution to declare items surplus to the needs of the district and delegation of authority to the Superintendent and Director of Business to dispose of same as listed:

Cheerleading

- Early 2000s cheer uniforms
 - 9 skirts
 - 10 long sleeve tops
 - 10 sleeveless shell tops
 - 1 damaged storage tote

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 9.9. *Per Capita Exonerations

Resolution to approve Per Capita Exonerations, as presented.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 9.10. SitelogIQ - Pennsylvania's Statewide School Facility Condition Assessment

Resolution to approve invitation to participate in Pennsylvania Statewide School facility Condition Assessment through SitelogIQ.

This motion, made by Brady Sager and seconded by Joseph Legnasky, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 9.11. Payment of Bills - Check # 121131

Resolution to approve the Payment of Bills - Check #121131.

Check # 121131 Dated 09/29/2026 — Rabe Environmental System

(Rich Brown to abstain and state the reason.)

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Kelly Fisher, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Abstain, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Mr. Rich Brown abstained and cited employer conflict.

10. Personnel

Action (Consent): 10.1. *Jeanette Settella - Family Medical Leave

Resolution to acknowledge the intermittent Family Medical Leave request of Jeanette Settella (EVES Teacher) effective retroactive to September 28, 2026 through October 23, 2026, not to exceed 60 days, in accordance with Board Policy 335.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.2. *Kristen Hull - Family Medical Leave

Resolution to acknowledge the intermittent Family Medical Leave request of Kristen Hull (EVES Teacher) effective December 1, 2026 through January 18, 2027, not to exceed 60 days, in accordance with Board Policy 335.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.3. *Penny King - Full-Time Teacher Aide

Resolution to appoint Penny King as Full-Time Teacher Aide at Elk Valley Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year with a start date retroactive to September 21, 2026, 6.75 hours per day, \$17.55 per hour. Pay and benefits in accordance with the Non-Instructional Contract. Assignment may be in any school building and is subject to change.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.4. *Casey Hornyak - Part-Time Recess Aide

Resolution to appoint Casey Hornyak as Part-Time Recess Aide at Elk Valley Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year with a start date retroactive to September 4, 2026, 3.25 hours per day, \$16.15 per hour. Pay and benefits in accordance with the Non-Instructional Contract. Assignment may be in any school building and is subject to change. (Vacancy is due to the resignation of Danielle Koech.)

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.5. *Kristina Burfield - Part-Time Recess Aide

Resolution to appoint Kristina Burfield as Part-Time Recess Aide at Elk Valley Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year with a start date retroactive to September 8, 2026, 3.25 hours per day, \$16.15 per hour. Pay and benefits in accordance with the Non-Instructional Contract. Assignment may be in any school building and is subject to change. (Vacancy is due to the retirement of Kim Younkin.)

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.6. *Erin Pizzo - Resignation Summer Reading Club Advisor

Resolution to accept the resignation of Erin Pizzo from Summer Reading Club Advisor at Rice Avenue Middle School effective retroactive to September 11, 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.7. *Silas Armitage- Resignation from Dramatics Assistant-GHS

Resolution to acknowledge the resignation of Silas Armitage from Dramatics Assistant-GHS effective retroactive to August 28, 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.8. *Silas Armitage- Resignation from Dramatics Assistant-RAMS

Resolution to acknowledge the resignation of Silas Armitage from Dramatics Assistant-RAMS effective retroactive to August 28, 2026.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 10.9. Sheree McConnell - Resignation from Dramatics Assistant-RAMS

Resolution to acknowledge the resignation of Sheree McConnell from Dramatics Assistant-RAMS effective retroactive to August 31, 2026.

This motion, made by Joseph Legnasky and seconded by Melissa Smith, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Abstain, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Mr. Mike McConnell abstained and cited family member conflict.

Action (Consent): 10.10. *Autumn Dewey - Resignation from Mentor II Position

Resolution to acknowledge the resignation of Autumn Dewey from Mentor II for Sean Murphy effective 2026-2027 school year.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.11. *Kelsea Kloecker - Mentor for Sean Murphy

Resolution to appoint Kelsea Kloecker as Mentor II for Sean Murphy (RAMS Special Education Teacher) for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$500. (Vacancy is due to the resignation of Autumn Dewey.)

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.12. *Appoint Professional Employees - Family Engagement Nights for 2026-2027 School

Year

Resolution to appoint the following Professional Employees to conduct various Family Engagement Night events at Elk Valley Elementary School during the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Family Science - appoint Desirae Andrzejczak and Lisa Davis to conduct two (2) evening Family Science Nights (1st/2nd and 3rd/4th) for parents and students at Elk Valley Elementary School to be held throughout the 2026-2027 school year from 6:00-7:30 pm; plus three (3) hours of preparation for each night, at the ancillary rate.

Family Math - appoint Sue Dahlstrand and Paula Kochera to conduct two (2) evening Family Math Nights (1st/2nd and 3rd/4th) for parents and students at Elk Valley Elementary School to be held throughout the 2026-2027 school year from 6:00-7:30 pm; plus three (3) hours of preparation for each night, at the ancillary rate.

Family Literacy - appoint Joanna Fiscus and Paula Kochera to conduct two (2) evening Family Literacy Nights (K/1st and 2nd-4th) for parents and students at Elk Valley Elementary School to be held throughout the 2026-2027 school year from 6:00-7:30 pm; plus three (3) hours of preparation for each night, at the ancillary rate.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.13. *Elementary Teachers for Title I Fall Family Information Night

Resolution to retroactively approve fifteen (15) Elementary Teachers for the annual Title I Fall Family Information Night at Elk Valley Elementary School, tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2026, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Fifteen (15) teachers needed for 1.5 hours to present and explain items pertaining to their station; teachers will be paid the ancillary rate for a total of 2.5 hours, 1 for planning and 1.5 for the event, as follows:

Desirae Andrzejczak	Trisha Aranyos	Carrie Bailey	Erin Benson	Sue Dahlstrand
Lisa Davis	Emily Esterline	Armored Gruber	Tricia McKenzie	Courtney Seybert
Ashtyn Snodgrass	John Susnik (*ESS Sub)	(OPEN)	(OPEN)	(OPEN)

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.14. *AmeriCorps Service Members at RAMS for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to acknowledge three (2) full-time AmeriCorps Service Members for Rice Avenue Middle School for 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Hannah Gadwell - retroactive to September 3, 2026

Kenzie Lehman - retroactive to September 8, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.15. *Appoint Non-Athletic Supplemental Positions for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to appoint the following Non-Athletic Supplemental positions and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Salaries for Non-Athletic Supplemental Positions will be prorated in the event of interruption

of services.

Supplemental Positions:

Dramatics Assistant - GHS	~~Silas Armitage~~ Jordan Lander	Salary \$1,455
Dramatics Assistant - RAMS	~~Silas Armitage~~ Jordan Lander	Salary \$ 643
Dramatics Assistant - RAMS	~~Sheree McConnell~~ Melanie Bova	Salary \$ 643
Summer Reading Club - RAMS (Split) Summer Reading Club - RAMS (Split)	~~Erin Pizzo~~ Grace Kizina Grace Kizina *approved at June 22, 2026 Board Meeting	Salary \$917.50 Salary \$917.50
PA Junior Academy of Science - RAMS	~~(OPEN)~~ Ashley Griffith	Salary \$ 526

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.16. *ESS Northeast, LLC., Certified Substitutes for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to approve the following ESS Northeast, LLC., Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Mia Karpinski - retroactive to September 14, 2026

Robin Seneta - retroactive to September 23, 2026

Paula Learn - retroactive to September 25, 2026

Liesl Zeppenfeld - retroactive to September 28, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.17. *ESS Northeast, LLC., Emergency Permit Substitutes for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to approve the following ESS Northeast, LLC., Emergency Permit Substitutes for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Angela Conley - retroactive to August 25, 2026

Carter Houston - retroactive to August 25, 2026

Leo Zausen - retroactive to August 27, 2026

Andrew Walkiewicz - retroactive to August 31, 2026

Teresa Conway - retroactive to September 2, 2026

Diane McCauley - retroactive to September 10, 2026

Linnea Sylvain - retroactive to September 10, 2026

Juneann Allison - retroactive to September 22, 2026

Timothy Toal - retroactive to September 25, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike

McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 10.18. *ESS Northeast, LLC., Non-Instructional Substitutes for 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution to approve the following ESS Northeast, LLC., Non-Instructional Substitutes for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Michelle Hess - retroactive to September 21, 2026

Shamyra Logan (nurse) - retroactive to September 22, 2026

Tammy Rader - retroactive to September 25, 2026

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike

McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 10.19. Kristen Hull - Sabbatical Leave

Resolution to approve Mrs. Kristen Hull (EVES Teacher) for a half-term Sabbatical Leave beginning on January 19, 2027, and ending on June 9, 2027, for professional development purposes.

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Mike McConnell, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike

McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 10.20. Appoint Athletic Supplemental Positions for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to appoint the following Athletic Supplemental Positions and Salaries as shown for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the Professional Contract as presented. Salaries for Athletic Supplemental Positions will be prorated in the event of a season being interrupted for any reason. (Kelly Amenta to abstain and state reason.)

Contract Supplement B-2

(Athletic Positions)

Boys' Basketball

(Total allocated by 2026-2027 Professional Contract is \$28,262)

Head Coach	Mark Schrier	Salary \$ 10,168
Assistant Varsity/Head JV Coach (split)	Dylan McDonald	Salary \$ 4,193
Assistant Varsity Coach (split)	Greg Majchrzak	Salary \$ 4,193
9th Grade Coach (split)	Greg Amenta	Salary \$ 3,636
8th Grade Coach (split)	Tanner Tramontano	Salary \$ 3,036
7th Grade Coach (split)	Ryan Carr	Salary \$ 3,036

Swimming

(Total allocated by 2026-2027 Professional Contract is \$15,524)

Head Coach	Heather Pier	Salary \$ 10,168
Assistant Coach	Matt Duffy	Salary \$ 5,536

Wrestling

(Total allocated by 2026-2027 Professional Contract is \$22,022)

Head Coach	Curt Cardman	Salary \$ 10,168
1st Assistant Coach (split)	Jamie Greig	Salary \$ 5,200
Assistant Coach (split)	OPEN	Salary \$ 1,520
Assistant Coach (split)	Nolan Stahl	Salary \$ 2,934
Assistant Coach (split)	OPEN	Salary \$ 2,200

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Abstain, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Mrs. Kelly Amenta abstained and cited family member conflict.

Action: 10.21. Appoint Volunteer Assistants for 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution to appoint the following as Volunteer Assistants for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$1.00:

Marching Band Volunteer	Zachery Montgomery - retroactive to August 25, 2026
Marching Band Volunteer	Jenna Kalicky - retroactive to September 8, 2026
Volleyball Volunteer	Ashley Griffith - retroactive to September 10, 2026
Boys Basketball Volunteer	Josh Szymanowski - retroactive to September 11, 2026
Boys Basketball Volunteer	Phil St. Julien - retroactive to September 11, 2026
Boys Basketball Volunteer	Seth Taylor - retroactive to September 11, 2026
Boys Basketball Volunteer	John Amenta - retroactive to September 11, 2026
Boys Basketball Volunteer	Mark Amenta - retroactive to September 11, 2026
Girls Basketball Volunteer	Terry Thompson - retroactive to September 17, 2026
Wrestling Volunteer	Matt Friend - retroactive to September 24, 2026
Wrestling Volunteer	Marshall Marfinetz - retroactive to September 24, 2026
Wrestling Volunteer	Mitchell Marfinetz - retroactive to September 24, 2026
Wrestling Volunteer	Ben Corbin - retroactive to September 24, 2026
Wrestling Volunteer	Caleeann Blarr - retroactive to September 24, 2026

(Kelly Amenta to abstain and state reason.)

This motion, made by Joseph Legnasky and seconded by Dan Maher, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Abstain, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Mrs. Kelly Amenta abstained and cited family member conflict.

11. New Business

11.1. New Business

None.

Action: 11.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between Girard School District and Girard Federation of Teachers

Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Girard School District and Girard Federation of Teachers, as presented.

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Joseph Meka, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Abstain, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike

McConnell: Abstain, Joseph Meka: Abstain, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3

Mrs. Kelly Amenta abstained and cited family member conflict.

Mr. Mike McConnell abstained and cited family member conflict.

Mr. Joseph Meka abstained and cited family member conflict.

Action: 11.3. Nicole Fries - Family Medical Leave

Resolution to acknowledge the intermittent Family Medical Leave request of Nicole Fries (RAMS Speech and Language Therapist) effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, not to exceed 60 days, in accordance with Board Policy 335. This request replaces and nullifies the FMLA request approved at the June 22, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

This motion, made by Joseph Legnasky and seconded by Kelly Fisher, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action: 11.4. Corey Sterrett - Termination

Resolution, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to terminate Corey Sterrett (EVES Custodial Maintenance) effective September 28, 2026.

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Mike McConnell, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

12. Students

Action (Consent): 12.1. *AmeriCorps Youth Volunteer Members

Resolution to acknowledge six (6) student AmeriCorp youth volunteer members for Girard High School for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Esa Blucas

Lula Emerick

Larissa Miller

Adiara Ndiaye

Adnrew Rastatter

Jacob Tolbert

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 12.2. *GHS College Campus Trip

Resolution to approve the request of Heather Pier (Athletic Director/Cyber School Coordinator) and Matt Mikovich (GHS Teacher) to take estimated thirty (30) 11th & 12th-grade students on a field trip to the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine (approximately 128 miles) on November 10, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 12.3. *Wrestling Tournament - Overnight Trip

Resolution to approve the request of Heather Pier (Athletic Director) for GHS Boys Wrestling to attend the Fred Bell Tournament held at Grove City Area High School on January 29-30, 2027. Cost to the District is the tournament entry fee, meals, and bus transportation, including overnight bus driver accommodations, not to exceed \$1,950.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 12.4. *Bradford Icebreaker Invitational

Resolution to approve the request of Head Swim Team Coach Heather Pier for the following one-day Swim Team trip: Bradford Icebreaker Invitational, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (approximately 113 miles) on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The cost to the district is approximately \$1,000 for transportation.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Action (Consent): 12.5. *Swimming District 10 Championships

Resolution to approve Head Swim Coach Heather Pier to travel with GHS students who qualify for District 10 Swim Team championships to the Spire Institute in Geneva, OH, on February 26-27, 2027. Departure and return times to be determined.

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

13. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 13.1. Approval of Consent Items

Resolution to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented:

Minutes:

7.1 to 7.4

Administration:

8.1 to 8.4

Business, Finance & Property:

9.1 to 9.9

Personnel:

10.1 to 10.18

Students:

12.1 to 12.5

This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Brady Sager, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

14. Correspondence

14.1. I.U. Board Minutes - June 24, 2026

14.2. Erie County Technical School Minutes - N/A

14.3. Other

There is no other business this meeting.

15. Adjournment

15.1. Adjournment

Resolution for Adjournment.

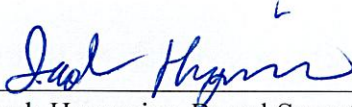
This motion, made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Joseph Legnasky, Carried.

Kelly Amenta: Yea, Richard Brown: Yea, Kelly Fisher: Yea, Joseph Legnasky: Yea, Dan Maher: Yea, Mike McConnell: Yea, Joseph Meka: Yea, Brady Sager: Yea, Melissa Smith: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

The September 28, 2026 Girard School District Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jacob Hagmaier, Board Secretary