

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Constellation Schools – Parma Community Middle & High Cafeteria, Parma Ohio

I. Roll Call

Sarah O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present: John Noga, Jerry Bednar, Bert Butts, Leo Tischer and Lori Turner.

School staff present: Brian Belmont, Ashley Blasik, Lisa Demkowicz, and Jonathan Cooper.

ACCEL Schools LLC Present: Sarah O'Bryan, Mary Beth Oko, Christine Garten, Debbie Piazza, Kate Craft, Alisa Jones, Julia Howerton, Lisa Vinarcik and Brian Preseren.

Sponsor representative: Joyce Lewis

Financial Services: Dave Massa

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2025

EC-2025-09-01

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving the minutes of August 21, 2025, as presented.

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

IV. Principal Report

Enrollment for school year 2025/2026 – 403.

V. Committee Reports

The LPDC September 17, 2025, Minutes were made available to the board members.

VI. Education Services

Education Program Director

No report.

Director of Academic

No report.

VII. Student Services

Special Education Program Coordinator

Special Education Numbers for September 2025 were made available to the board members. Board approval was requested Re-Adopting the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures for the 2025/2026 School Year.

Re-Adopting the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures for the 2025/2026 School Year

EC-2025-09-02

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Re-Adopting the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures for the 2025-2026 School Year, as presented.

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

School Nurse Program Coordinator

The Nurse Report for September 2025 was made available to the board members.

VIII. Technology Report

No report.

IX. Human Resources Report

Sarah O'Bryan presented staff terminations as information only.

X. Facilities Manager Report

No report.

XI. Business and Safety Manager Report

No report.

XII. Marketing Report

Lisa Vinarcik asks that the principal reach out to their board members inviting them to events held at their School.

XIII. Treasurer Report

Dave Massa board approval for the August 2025 Financial Report. Board approval was requested for the FY2026 Three Year Forecast. Board approval was requested for the FY2026 Annual ODE Budgets.

August 2025 Financial Report

EC-2025-09-03

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by John Noga, approving the August 2025 Financial Report, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

FY2026 Three Year Forecast

EC-2025-09-04

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving the FY2026 Three Year Forecast, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

FY2026 Annual ODE Budget

EC-2025-09-05

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving the FY2026 Annual ODE Budget, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

XIV. Superintendent Report

Sarah O'Bryan requested board approval for the following Revised Policy 2.2070 Promotion and Retention, Revised Policy 2.2110 College Credit Plus – Advanced Standing Program, Revised Policy 4.1070 Attendance/Truancy/Withdrawal, Revised Policy 4.2170 Student Cellular Phones in School, Revised Policy 4.3010 Expulsion and Suspension Policy, Revised Policy 5.2290 School Emergency Management Plan, Revised Policy 5.2320 Student Suicide and Revised Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Child Sexual Violence Prevention. Board approval was requested for the Fall 2025 ESC of Lake Erie West Community School Contract Modifications.

Revised Policy 2.2070 Promotion and Retention Policy

EC-2025-09-06

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 2.2070 Promotion and Retention Policy, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 2.2110 College Credit Plus – Advanced Standing Program

EC-2025-09-07

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 2.2110 College Credit Plus-Advanced Standing Program, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 4.1070 Attendance/Truancy/Withdrawal

EC-2025-09-08

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 4.1070 Attendance/Truancy/Withdrawal, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 4.2170 Student Cellular Phones in School

EC-2025-09-09

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 4.2170 Student Cellular Phones in School, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 4.3010 Expulsion and Suspension Policy

EC-2025-09-10

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 4.3010 Expulsion and Suspension Policy, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 5.2290 School Emergency Management Plan

EC-2025-09-11

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 5.2290 School Emergency Management Plan, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 5.2320 Student Suicide

EC-2025-09-12

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 5.2320 Student Suicide, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Revised Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Child Sexual Violence Prevention

EC-2025-09-13

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving Revised Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Child Sexual Violence Prevention, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

Fall 2025 ESC of Lake Erie West Community School Contract Modifications

EC-2025-09-14

A motion was made by Bert Butts, and was seconded by Jerry Bednar, approving the Fall 2025 ESC of Lake Erie West Community School Contract Modifications, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

XV. Sponsor Update

Month: September

<p>Governing Authority Highlights/Important updates from ESCLEW</p>	<p>Public Records Training: Please remember to sign up for the Open Meetings Public Records Training on September 27.</p> <p>Professional Development Series: This year, we are offering a special PD series for Governing Authority Members. These engaging, 1-hour Zoom “Power Hour” sessions will be held in September, October, and November. You will have several sessions that fit your schedule, but please register for each session individually.</p> <p>Site Visits: For reference, here is the 2025–2026 Master Calendar of On-Site Visit Requirements I will be reviewing during each site visit. Master Calendar of On-Site Visit Requirements</p>
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	<p>Policy Updates: Due September 30th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Attendance and 72-Hour Rule (Tasks #401-A/B–417) and Admissions Procedures (Tasks #426–427) have been updated as part of the 2024–25 Fall Modification.</i> ○ Updated policies and board approval must be uploaded in Epicenter, rather than reusing last year’s documents. ● If your school updated Attachment 6.12 Admissions Policy (removing monthly residency verification), you must upload the revised policy and approval. ● All schools were required to update Attachment 6.13 Attendance Policy to reflect up to 3 religious expression days. Please ensure the updated policy and approval are uploaded for Task #401-A/B–417 in Epicenter.
Recent Site Visit Highlights	<p>ECS: The school was clean and well-organized, with students moving smoothly between lunch and recess. The Principal set up a labeled binder to keep track of onsite tasks, and the new Assistant Principal was walked through the site visit process.</p>
Financial Updates	<p>The ESCLEW Community Schools Financial Consultant held a monthly meeting with the school’s treasurer, a completed report was emailed following the meeting. If you have any concerns with your school’s financials, please contact your school’s treasurer.</p>

School Governance Performance Targets and Metrics

Measure Domain	Assessment	Exceeds the Standard (6 points)	Meets the Standard (4 points)	Approaches the Standards (2 points)	Falls Below the Standards (0 points)
School Governance	Board Engagement	100% of board members attend two (2) or more school visits or school-sponsored events	100% of board members attend at least one (1) school visit or school-sponsored event	At least one board member attends at least one (1) school visit or school-sponsored event	Zero (0) board members attend a school visit or school-sponsored event
Evidence: John EC Jerry EC Bert EC Leo EC Lori EC					

School Governance	Required Number of Regular Board Meetings		Six (6) Meetings held per year	Five (5) meetings held per year	Four (4) or fewer meetings held per year
Evidence: July August					
School Governance	Required Number of Board Members		Five (5) or more sponsor approved board members for all meetings		Fewer than five (5) sponsor approved board members for one (1) or more meetings
Evidence: July - 5 August - 5					
School Governance	Proper Meeting Notice		Timely public notice for all meetings, reschedules, and cancellations	Timely public notice not provided for one (1) meeting, reschedule, or cancellation	Timely public notice not provided for two (2) or more meetings, reschedules, or cancellations.
Evidence: in compliance					
School Governance	Required Board Member Training		Completion of Open Meetings and Public Records for 100% of board members	Completion of Open Meetings and Public Records for 80-99% of board members	Completion of Open Meetings and Public Records for less than 80% of board members
Evidence: Jon- Jerry- Bert-Completed Leo- Lori-					
School Governance	Board Member Attendance	Overall member attendance is >90%	Overall member attendance is between 80-90%	Overall member attendance is between 70-79%	Overall member attendance is <70%
Evidence: July 3/5 August 4/5					

XVI. Old Business

No report.

XVII. Public Comment

No report.

XVIII. New Business

No report.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Leo Tischer and was seconded by John Noga, to adjourn.

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried 6:34 p.m.



President



Secretary