

REGULAR MEETING
BROCKWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brockway Area Elementary
Educational Service Center

May 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Edward Yahner, President
Jeffery Ginther, Vice President
Joseph Antonuccio (via phone)
James Brown
Megan Bussard (via phone)

Steven Clark
Katie Morris
Amanda Spencer
Anthony Varischetti

Student Members: Tanner Raffinier (EA)
Grace Koehler (EA)

Superintendent: Brian Mulhollan

Board Secretary: Laurie L. Piccirillo

Solicitor: R. Edward Ferraro
Ross Ferraro

Visitors: Kevin Rush, BAEA
Chris Pringle, BAESPA

Press: Bronson Rasmussen, Priority Media

President Edward Yahner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call taken by the secretary showed nine members present.

Visitors were welcomed and acknowledged.

President Yahner informed the public that there was an executive session/personnel/safety meeting on May 11, 2026 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. and on May 26, 2026 at 6:15-7:00 p.m. No action taken.

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

B.A.E.A.

No report

B.A.E.S.P.A.

Chris Pringle thanked administration for working together to finalize the contract

GENERAL PUBLIC

No comment

JEFF-TECH – James Brown & Jeffery Ginther

June 3 – Graduation
Virtual Cadaver purchased
Approved a Line of Credit with First Commonwealth Bank

I.U. # 6 – Katie Morris

No report

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Grace Koehler (EA) & Riley Mills (EA)

No representative

P.S.B.A. LIAISON – Joseph Antonuccio

No report

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to authorize administration to pay budgeted general fund bills for June 23, 2026. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

TREASURER'S REPORT – None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – James Brown, Vice-Chairperson

Student Recognition:

FFA – CDE/LDE Competition

Junior Prepared: Rosalina Bickar – 1st Place

Extemporaneous
Public Speaking: Dominic Carlini – 2nd Place
Ben Fremer – 3rd Place

Interview: Bella Freas – 2nd Place
Allyson Inzana – 3rd Place

Creed Speaking: Isabella Toney – 1st Place

All above students qualified to advance to the Regional Competition.

Forestry: Ben Fremer – 1st Place
Dominic Carlini – 2nd Place

Wildlife: Audrina Inzana – 4th Place
Paetyn Uhl – 4th Place

Ag Mechanics: Cameryn Fremer – 1st Place
Riley Shaffer – 3rd Place

D9 Central League All-Star Team – Baseball

Ben Yale – Senior

D9 Central League All-Star Team – Softball

Ella Reitz – 10th Grade

William Hrinia was named the 2026 Sportsman of the Year at the 47th All-Sports banquet that was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to approve the following conferences/workshops/fieldtrips:

Matt Holt, Kyle Norman and Mackenzie Scott and 10-11 Students – FFA State Activities Week – June 9-11, 2026 – Penn State, State College – Total cost \$7,700.00 plus School Vans (Paid by District and Foundation)

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

BUILDING, SUPPLIES, & CAFETERIA COMMITTEE – Anthony Varischetti, Chairperson

A motion was made by Anthony Varischetti, seconded by James Brown, to approve the following requests for use of facilities according to school district guidelines and in accordance with the district's athletic health & safety plan:

Varischetti Holdings, LP – Music in the Park – June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26 & August 2, 2026 (Only use if it rains) – High School Auditorium – 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Anthony Varischetti, seconded by James Brown, to award the 2026-27 general supplies and equipment bids to the lowest bidders that meet specifications or approved CoStar Vendor in the amount of \$89,086.00. (2025-26 \$104,984) Motion unanimously carried by all members present

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Anthony Varischetti, seconded by James Brown, to approve the purchase of combi ovens from TriMark SS Kemp, CoStar Vendor, at the following prices:

\$44,833.56 – Elementary
\$43,542.58 – High School

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Anthony Varischetti, seconded by James Brown, to purchase scissor lift from United Rentals at a cost of \$19,350.00. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Anthony Varischetti, seconded by James Brown, to contract Duro-Last Roofing, TIPS Vendor, to replace the following high school roof sections at the cost noted:

Section 400 – \$137,072.84
Shop – \$156,081.50

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Steven Clark, Chairperson

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Katie Morris, Chairperson

No report

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE – Jeffery Ginther, Chairperson

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to adopt the proposed final budget for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$21,784,700.00 and that it be advertised prior to adoption at the meeting scheduled for June 23, 2026. (2025-26 – \$20,157,218.00 – an increase of \$1,627,482.00 – 8 %) Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the reenactment of the tax levies for Act 679 and Act 511 taxes for the 2026-27 school year, consistent with the prior year.

679 Per Capita	\$5.00 per person
511 Per Capita	\$5.00 per person
511 Wage/Earned Income	1 %
511 Local Service Tax	\$5.00 per person on earnings over \$1,000 per year
Realty Transfer Tax	1 %

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the Act 511 Occupation Assessment Tax rate for the 2026-27 budget – 1,000 mills (\$100) and to keep the late payment rate at 10 % for this tax. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by Anthony Varischetti, to adopt the real estate millage for the 2026-27 budget and to keep the late payment rate at 10% for this tax.

Jefferson County: 23.88 mills (Brockway Borough, Polk, Snyder, & Washington Twp)

Elk County: 30.04 mills (South Horton Twp)

2025-26 mills – (Jefferson County – 22.76 mills)
(Elk County – 30.02 mills)

Motion carried.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

Nay (1) James Brown

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the homestead/farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to \$12,300 (Jefferson County) and \$9,777 (Elk County) for each owner of an approved homestead and farmstead within the District as communicated by the applicable County Assessment Offices. This will result in a homestead and farmstead tax credit of approximately \$293 provided your School District property taxes exceed the amount. This exclusion will not apply to interim real estate tax bills in Elk County. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to name the depositories for the Brockway Area School District for the 2026-27 school year consistent with the prior year: First Commonwealth Bank – Cafeteria, S & T Bank – all other accounts. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to appoint S & T Bank as treasurer for the Brockway Area School District for the 2026-27 school year consistent with the prior year. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to name Law Firm of Ferraro, Kruk & Ferraro, solicitor for the Brockway Area School District for the 2026-27 school year consistent with the prior year and to set the annual retainer at \$2,500.00. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

Abstain (1) Jeffery Ginther

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to authorize administration to request proposals for the investment of the general funds beginning July 1, 2026. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the 2026 Tax Exonerations of people 68 years of age and older as per guidelines of the Brockway Area School District Tax Policies. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of Acrisure, to use the PSBA endorsed Student Accident Program and to include all athletic sports programs (grades 7-12) at a cost of \$4,716.00 – also includes band and cheerleaders.

In addition, Student Accident – Voluntary Insurance; School Time \$49/yr.;
24-Hr coverage \$178/yr.

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

INSTRUCTIONAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Katie Morris, Vice-Chairperson

Title I Report – No report

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to increase the hourly rate of Robert Ginther, weight room supervisor, to \$13.00/hr. (was \$12.75/hr.) effective June 1, 2026. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

Abstain (1) Jeffery Ginther

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of administration to hire Stacy Rice, as director of special education, conditional on receiving proper certification, at a salary to be determined, effective July 1, 2026. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the agreement with Dickinson Center, Inc., (Crossroads) to provide therapeutic and educational services at a cost of \$393.59/day prorated based on number of students in the classroom. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, hire the following summer worker:

Jacob Newcamp

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the District entering into an agreement to provide dual enrollment courses for the 2026-27 school year with Butler Community College. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve and place on file the following applications.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>City</u>
Glendaliz Martinez-Moreno	Special Needs Aide	Reynoldsville

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

NEGOTIATIONS-SERVICE – James Brown, Chairperson

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Jeffery Ginther, to approve the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 collective bargaining agreement between the Brockway Area School District and the Brockway Area Educational Support Professional Association. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Katie Morris, Amanda Spencer, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The next scheduled regular board meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

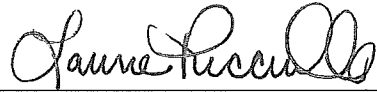
A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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Edward Yahner, President
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Laurie Piccirillo, Board Secretary
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