

REGULAR MEETING
BROCKWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brockway Area Elementary
Educational Service Center

May 27, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Edward Yahner, President
Jeffery Ginther, Vice President
Joseph Antonuccio
James Brown
Adam Campbell

Steven Clark (EA)
Robert Grecco
Katie Morris
Lori Sabatose

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

Superintendent: Brian Mulhollan

Board Secretary: Laurie L. Piccirillo

Solicitor: R. Edward Ferraro
Ross Ferraro (EA)

Visitors: Ben Donlin, K-12 Principal
Tabitha Coyne

Press: Andrew Bundy, Courier Express
Bronson Rasmussen, Priority Media

President Edward Yahner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll call taken by the secretary showed eight members present.

Visitors were welcomed and acknowledged.

President Yahner informed the public that there was an executive session/personnel/safety meeting on May 27, 2025 at 6:00-7:02 p.m. No action taken.

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A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

B.A.E.A.

No representative

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

No representative

GENERAL PUBLIC

Tabitha Coyne sighted Acts which states it is unconstitutional to assess taxes.

JEFF-TECH – James Brown & Jeffery Ginther

June 6th Graduation
Tracy Giles – Employee of the Year
Sam Armagost – School Treasurer

I.U. # 6 – Katie Morris

Budget approved
June 25th Next Meeting

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Tanner Raffeinmer (EA) & Grace Koehler (EA)

No representatives

P.S.B.A. LIAISON – Lori Sabatose

PSBA Officer elections

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to authorize administration to pay budgeted general fund bills on June 24, 2025. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

TREASURER'S REPORT – None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$20,157,218 and that it be advertised prior to adoption at the meeting scheduled for June 24, 2025. (2024-25 – \$19,028,169 increase of \$1,129,049 – 6%) Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the commitment of the unassigned fund balance for the following amount:

\$210,000 for the projected increases in the school district's retirement contributions for the next 5 years

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by Joseph Antonuccio, to approve the reenactment of the tax levies for Act 679 and Act 511 taxes for the 2025-26 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 %

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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 (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by Joseph Antonuccio, to approve the Act 511 Occupation Assessment Tax rate for the 2025-26 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 (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by Robert Grecco, to adopt the real estate millage for the 2025-26 budget and to keep the late payment rate at 10% for this tax.

Jefferson County: 22.76 mills (Brockway Borough, Polk, Snyder, &
Washington Twp)

Elk County: 30.02 mills (South Horton Twp)

2024-25 mills – (Jefferson County – 21.48 mills)
(Elk County – 29.73 mills)

Motion carried.

Call Vote: Aye (5) Joseph Antonuccio, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Nay (3) James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by Joseph Antonuccio, to approve the homestead/farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to \$12,741

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(Jefferson County) and \$9,660 (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 \$290 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 (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by Joseph Antonuccio, to revise the agreement with Riverview I.U. to increase our internet bandwidth to 1 Gbps at an additional cost of \$125/month, for a period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to authorize administration to seek competitive bids for gasoline/diesel fuel for our vehicles and equipment and for buses/vans that provide transportation services to the school district. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to name the depositories for the Brockway Area School District for the 2025-26 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 (7) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Abstain (1) Adam Campbell

Absent (1) Steven Clark

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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 2025-26 school year consistent with the prior year. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (7) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Abstain (1) Adam Campbell

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to name Law Firm of Ferraro, Kruk & Ferraro, solicitor for the Brockway Area School District for the 2025-26 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 (7) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell. Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Abstain (1) Jeffery Ginther

Absent (1) Steven Clark

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, 2025. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the 2025 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 (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve Maher Duessel, Pittsburgh, PA, to provide audit services for a three-year period beginning with the

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audit of the 2024-2025 school year, at a base price of \$27,000.00, year 2 price of \$28,000.00 and year 3 price of \$29,500.00. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Joseph Antonuccio, Chairperson

Student Recognition:

Track & Field

The PIAA Track & Field State Tournament will be held on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, 2025 at Shippensburg University. Three students have qualified for the tournament.

Kalina Powell – 12th Grade – 4 x 100 Meter Relay
Zoe Puhala – 12th Grade – 4 x 400 Relay
Anna Brubaker – 12th Grade – 4 x 400 Relay

Timothy Rogos was named as the 2025 Sportsman of the Year at the 46th All-Sports Banquet that was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Joseph Antonuccio, seconded by Robert Grecco, to approve the following conferences/workshops/fieldtrips:

Matt Holt, Kyle Norman and 11 Students – FFA State Activities Week – June 10-12, 2025 – State College – Total cost \$3,700.00 (Paid by FFA Funds)

Matt Oknefski and 25-28 Students – Vermont Ski Trip 2026 – February 4-7, or February 25-28, 2026 – Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, Vermont – Total cost \$960.00-\$1,200

Extended School Year 2025 Field Trips:

Chamberlin Farm – Monday, July 7, 2025 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Total cost \$120.00

Brockway Swimming Pool – Tuesday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 9:50-11:45 a.m. – Total cost \$240.00

The Scoop Shop – Monday, July 14, 2025 – Time to be determined – No cost – Walking

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Park Dam – Friday, July 18, 2025 – 9:00-11:30 a.m. – Total cost \$94.50

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

BUILDING, SUPPLIES, & CAFETERIA COMMITTEE – Lori Sabatose, Chairperson

A motion was made by Lori Sabatose, seconded by Robert Grecco, to award the 2025-26 general supplies and equipment bids to the lowest bidders that meet specifications or approved CoStar Vendor in the amount of \$104,983.93. (2024-25 \$95,875.83) Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Edward Yahner, President

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Robert Grecco, Chairperson

No report

INSTRUCTIONAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Katie Morris, 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 \$12.75/hr. (was \$12.50/hr.) effective June 1, 2025. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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Abstain (1) Jeffery Ginther

Absent (1) Steven Clark

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to accept the Corrective Action Plan responses and implementation timelines following the on-site Approved Program Evaluation of our career and technical education programs in 2024-25. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the tuition agreement between the District and New Story to provide educational and related services to children with special educational needs at the following rates based on need:

\$300/day/student – low level need
\$374/day/student – moderate level need
\$408/day/student – high level need
\$500/day/student – high+ level need

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (8) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Adam Campbell, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Lori Sabatose, Edward Yahner

Absent (1) Steven Clark

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 2025-26 school year with Butler Community College and Mount Aloysius College. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown to defer the following motion:

Action to approve the compensation agreements of the Act 93 and Non-Act 93 administrators for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030.

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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Absent (1) Steven Clark

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>
Kalene Boleen	Special Needs Aide	Brockway
Melissa Knox	Special Needs Aide	Brockway
Timothy Lyons	Special Needs Aide/Aide	Brockway
Megan Spaulding	Special Needs Aide	Brockway
Ashley Watt	Special Needs Aide	Brockport

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT


The next scheduled regular board meeting is June 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.



Edward Yahner, President
Brockway Area School District



Laurie Piccirillo, Board Secretary
Brockway Area School District