

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m. March 15, 2022

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This meeting is a meeting of the Elida Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Agozzino P
 Mr. Bowers P
 Mr. Christoff P

Mr. Schymanski P
 Mrs. Stocker P

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mrs. Agozzino reported on the following:

- At the elementary school they celebrated Random Act of Kindness Week by making cards for the COVID unit at Mercy Health and area nursing homes
- Sectionals took place and the Boys Basketball team and the Boys and Girls Bowling Teams participated.
- At the elementary school they celebrated Dr. Seuss week with some pretty cute costumes!
- Wrestling also did well at Sectionals
 - o Conner Douglas placed 1st
 - o DeJuan Jones placed 5th
 - o Parker Guth placed 5th
 - o Skylar Kirk placed 6th
- Conner Douglas
 - o Sectionals- 1st
 - o Districts- 3rd
 - o State Sendoff took place before the State meet
 - o State- 5th
 - o Also chosen as WLIO's Scholar Athlete of the Week on March 7
- High School Winter Band Concert took place March 2
- Fifth grade students and staff showed their appreciation for the Elida bus drivers with cupcakes!
- HS Agriculture students grew lettuce using a hydroponic system. Then the senior had a salad bar at lunch for their teachers.
- Kindergartners celebrated the 100th day of school
- Sarah Munson signed as a student athlete with UNOH for bowling
- Alayna Mack signed as a student athlete with Mt. Vernon Nazarene University for bowling
- The high school musical Matilda took place March 10-14
- Austin Miller built a futon sofa bed in his *Construction Tech Design Build II* class with Mr. Amstutz
- Allen County College Fair will take place tomorrow March 16 at Apollo

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VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Apollo Update – Mr. Keith Horner

Mr. Horner updated the Board on activities at Apollo. He stated that Elida has 100 students attending Apollo and advised the Board that Apollo will have a levy on the ballet in the fall.

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Mr. Keith Horner, Apollo Superintendent, provided an Apollo Update.
- Received notice of a public meeting on April 4th at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center regarding wind farms and solar facilities.
- Building principals & Mrs. Simmons will be attending a teacher job fair at University of Findlay at the end of the month. Seven private colleges are participating in the job fair. We have not done this in the past, but may look to expand next year and head to the Columbus area for one.
- Gave an update on the elementary ball fields - basically waiting on stuff to dry out in order to finish the fields. Fencing prices are still extremely high and it has been recommended that we wait on this.
- Reviewed the proposed calendars. We are going to table the calendars for years 2 and 3 for future consideration. Will be recommending the Board approve a start date of August 25th for students at a special meeting later this month or the April regular meeting. Also provided Board members with a list of start dates for schools in the area, not just Allen County.
- We are working with Columbus State Community College to award a diploma for an Age 22+ graduate in the next two months.
- Discussed the proposed Family Week for July 2-10... a no-contact period for students entering grades 7-12 next fall for sports activities.
- Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a job fair that is going to be held in May. More info will be given to them in the near future.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS**VIII. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

Federal news:

Education Funding spending bill passed the House, Wednesday, March 9 and went to the Senate. Note: The Senate has its own bill, so we need to see if the Senate uses the House bill or its own bill. Senate action will start in the HELP Committee. HELP stands for Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. I previously pointed out that both the House and Senate bills had significant increases for Title One and IDEA. However, the version passed by the House had only minor increases in Title and IDEA. Title One proposed increase was \$20 billion dollars. The amount in this bill for Title One was \$17.5 billion, an increase of only \$1 billion from the previous budget. For IDEA, the president wanted \$15.5 billion versus last years \$12.9 billion. The final amount in this bill was \$13.3 billion, an increase of only \$406 million. This will force school districts to cover more costs from their own budgets. Other education programs also received substantially less funding than requested but generally, slightly more than last budget. One interesting item was a request by the President for \$30 million in the School Leader recruitment and Support program for school innovation and improvement. The House did not fund this initiative and it was also not funded in the last budget. This money was to help fight burnout in school ranks. I found this comment by Secretary of Education Cardona to be out of touch with conditions schools face. He suggested that education leaders advocate for more funding at state and local levels, something public schools have (for many years now) been advocating for.

Note: I found out that even though Ohio withdrew from the NSBA, I am still on the NSBA test alert system. I did get a text advocating for Title and IDEA funding before the vote. I did respond, modifying the language to something I found more acceptable.

School Lunch pandemic waivers are set to expire in June 2022 and were surprisingly, not in the education bill. Again, NSBA sent out a test asking for a separate bill to extend the universal lunch program and the nutrition waivers for one more year. I did respond and I also sent a separate letter to my contact in Senator Brown's office. I did get a response from her and from Senator Brown indicating that he is pushing for the nutrition waivers for one more year.

Ohio Legislation:

SB 9 was sent to Governor DeWine for signature. This bill requires ODE and other state agencies to reduce regulations by 30% with 2025, the required completion date.

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HB126, the Ohio House in a rare show of unity voted unanimously not to concur to the Senate proposed changes to this house bill. The Senate now has 3 options. Do nothing and eventually the bill will die at the end of 2022, vote to rescind the Senate changes and pass the House version or send the bill to conference committee. If the bill goes to conference, the Senate and the House each select 3 members to negotiate a result, with no public comment on this process.

HB 403 had a second hearing. This bill will require a superintendent to file a report with ODE if they allow a teacher to retire who is (either) under threat of a disciplinary investigation or retired under such a such a threat.

Both the House and Senate Education committees received an update from the ODE Interim Superintendent on plans to improve the state report card as required by law.

The Senate held a second hearing on HB123, an important bill that deals with tax revenue from new business investment in a school district. This bill would change the threshold for school involvement from when a business requests a 50% tax exemption to 75%. And, the investment must be over \$3 million, with provisions for annual increases to match the rate of inflation. Note: there is no provision for schools to get any funding tied to rate of inflation.

A 5th hearing was held on an interesting bill, SB135 which started out to address free speech on colleges. The bill initially addressed helping student know about career fields available for associate degrees and certification programs, like CNC machinist, provide information about ROTC as well as address concerns over free speech on colleges. But the bill was modified to include high schools. Plus a student or teacher that feels his free speech was denied can file a complaint.

The House Civil Justice Committee held sponsor testimony on HB508. This bill deals with parent's rights on the education process and parent's responsibility in terms of what or how material can be presented to their child. This bill is similar to a bill recently passed in Florida. I am concerned that the bill conflicts with ODE's role in establishing curriculum for education and who controls what info is required for a student to learn. If there is a conflict between ODE's requirements and a parent's objection, how will state test questions be dealt with. I believe that we need to follow this bill and probably write a resolution against the bill. How will our teachers deal with parent's complaints, especially when different parents have conflicting ideas? Note: current ODE practice and state law do allow parent to opt out of portions of a subject's curriculum, but they can't modify state approved curriculum.

HB290, known as the Backpack bill, had its first hearing. As info, Tennessee has a similar bill in process but slightly farther in the legislative cycle. Sponsor testimony was provided and a substitute version with some revision is forthcoming. The Legislative sponsors provide testimony on the bill and answered questions from the committee.

"The goal of this bill is to put kids first in our funding model for education. To acknowledge that education is not a one-size-fits-all approach and that empowering parents to make the best decision for their children will result in better educational outcomes." per Representative McClain (R Upper Sandusky).

The committee held off on voting to accept the substitute bill in order to give committee members time to read through the language of the bill. The substitute version of the bill provides the following details as to how the Backpack Scholarship Program would be established. The bill would allow all students, regardless of income, to be eligible for a state-funded voucher that would be administered through an Educational Savings Account (ESA). The amount that a student receives annually would be either \$5,500 for students in K-eight or \$7,500 for students in nine-12. The bill establishes allowable expenses of those funds, including tuition and fees at participating chartered nonpublic schools, non-chartered nonpublic schools, or nonpublic online schools. Participating schools must notify the treasurer of the state and would be subject to certain requirements, such as administering assessments to students every other year and requiring high school students to complete the graduation seals process. Additionally, the funds could be used for tuition for programs of study that lead to an industry-recognized credential that satisfies a workforce need. Other allowable expenses include:

- tutoring or intervention services;
- textbooks, instructional materials and supplies;
- fees for certain tests, including nationally standardized assessments;

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- occupational, behavioral, physical, speech-language and audiology therapies;
- fees for after-school and summer educational programs.

The treasurer of the state would be responsible for administering the program, including maintaining the assessment data from the participating schools. The data would be available to a parent who submits a request for the information. Committee members questioned the fiscal impact of the bill, and the sponsors indicated that a detailed fiscal analysis would be forthcoming. Additionally, committee members expressed concerns as to how this bill would impact the newly implemented state funding formula that passed in the operating budget.

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund – 2/28/22

- Revenue \$15,893,066
- Expenses \$15,528,933
- Net Gain \$364,133
- Ending Balance \$6,189,976

01- Cash Balance 2/28

- 2022 - \$6,189,976
- 2021 - \$5,382,088
- 2020 - \$8,257,630
- 2019 - \$8,822,552
- 2018 - \$6,785,600

Revenue 2/28/22

- Real Estate \$6,991,920
- Personal Property \$214,226
- State Aide \$7,093,849
- Homestead/Rollback \$617,596
- Other \$975,475
- Total: \$15,893,066

Expenses 2/28/22

- Personnel \$8,428,784
- Retire/Ins \$3,253,957
- Purchased Services \$3,033,154
- Supplies \$423,620
- Capital Outlay \$181,013
- Principal \$50,522
- Interest \$10,071
- Other \$147,812
- Total: \$15,528,933

Investments – 2/28/22

- Star Ohio \$5,845,529.88
- Premier Bank \$1,950,055.17
- State Bank Money Market \$5,077.83
- Boenning & Scattergood \$534,569.89
- Boenning & Scattergood-EE \$3,754,088.04
- Boenning & Scattergood-Escrow \$100,355.55
- State Bank CD \$250,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$300,072.01
- Union Bank CD \$250,000.00

Tax Base

- 2022 - \$458,846,910 (2021-revaluation)
- 2021 - \$409,874,060
- 2020 - \$405,619,970
- 2019 - \$399,777,370
- 2018 - \$381,443,530

Values – Agriculture

- 2022 - \$34,184,460
- 2021 - \$38,163,130
- 2020 - \$37,335,570
- 2019 - \$36,120,140
- 2018 - \$43,426,910

Residential Tax Base

- 2022 – 35.05 mills
- 2021- 36.57 mills
- 2020 – 37.23 mills
- 2019 – 37.53 mills
- 2018 – 39.71 mills

Values – Commercial

- 2022 - \$103,524,010
- 2021 - \$99,745,330
- 2020 - \$99,238,410
- 2019 - \$96,635,290
- 2018 - \$95,017,880

Values – Residential

- 2022 - \$302,853,520
- 2021 - \$255,248,550
- 2020 - \$253,414,470
- 2019 - \$252,389,100
- 2018 - \$226,733,050

Fair School Funding Plan

- Still working to get plan funded
- Very worried about Senate derailing the plan
- Concerned about Bob Cupp being term limited

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X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the March 15, 2022, regular meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on February 15, 2022.
(Exhibit A)

2. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for March, 2022, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Demi Derose
Ryker Bryant
Mason Young
Roslin Snyder
Jake Tice

Elida Middle School

Hudson Lieurance
Madison Kill
Ava Frueh

Elida High School

Abby Campbell
Chaeli Drake
Brett Jones
Owen McGinnis

3. National Nutrition Month

It is recommended the Elida Board of Education, does hereby proclaim the month of March National Nutrition Month in Elida Local Schools, and we encourage all citizens to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

4. National Arts/Music Month

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of March as Fine Arts in Our Schools Month and we express our appreciation to our fine arts educators for enhancing our lives and the lives of our children through art and music.

5. National School Social Workers Week

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby proclaim the week of March 6 – 12, 2022 as National School Social Workers week. We celebrate and express our appreciation to our school social workers for working with students to address students' social, emotional, physical, mental health, and environmental needs so that students may achieve academic success.

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6. Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.
(Exhibit B)

7. Resignations

It is recommended that the Board accept the following resignations:

Non-Certified:

Jody Long, Head of Outside Maintenance, effective April 1, 2022 for the purpose of retirement

Carol Roth, Bus Driver, effective March 9, 2022 for the purpose of retirement

8. Employment

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check, a negative drug test, and for teaching, aide, and coaching personnel meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, per salary schedule in effect.

Non-Certified:

Mandy Henderson, Long-Term Substitute Gr. K, effective February 23, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, BA, Step 0

Emily Woodruff, Long-Term Substitute at Elida Elementary Library, effective February 23, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, Paraprofessional, Step 0

Joe Wade, Substitute Custodian, effective March 14, 2022

Theresa Long, Substitute Aide, Substitute Secretary

9. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitutes who have met Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and have on file a clear criminal background check:

Bachelor's Degree: Hans Barlach

Non-Degree: Austin Friess

10. 2022 - Seasonal Employee

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following 2022 seasonal employee:

Conner Smith (Bus Garage)

11. Volunteer

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as a volunteer. Volunteering will be pending following the school volunteer policy guidelines.

Class I

Janice Kerns – Reading Mentor

12. Salary Change

It is recommended that the Board approve the following change in salary for the following staff member, pending official transcripts, to qualify for advancement on the salary schedule effective the first pay in April 2022.

NAME

Angela Spragg

DEGREE

MA+30

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13. Summer School

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2022 summer school schedule as listed below:

June 14-30, 2022 (Tuesday–Thursday) & Aug. 2-11, 2022 (Tuesday– Thursday)
2 Sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

This is to be funded with Federal ESSER money.

14. Apollo Career Center Satellite Program for 2022-2023 School Year

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Satellite Program Standards & Maintenance Agreement between Apollo Career Center and Elida Local Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.
(Exhibit C)

15. Appropriation Modifications

<u>FUND</u> <u>CLASS/NAME</u>	<u>FUND #/SCC</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>MODIFIED</u> <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
Capital Outlay-600	001-0000	\$53,273.84	\$150,000	\$203,273.84
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>				
HS TAC	018-9773	\$854.79	\$500.00	\$1,354.79
Bus Program	499-9222	-0-	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00
ARP Esser	507-9023	-0-	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Title III	551-9222	-0-	\$13,005.36	\$13,005.36
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>				
PI Fund	003-0000	\$396,146.00	\$10,000.00	\$406,146.00
<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>				
MS PBIS	200-9332	-0-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

16. Resolution of Acceptance of Rate

The Allen County Budget Commission met and examined the proposed Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the Elida Local School District. The budget presented was accepted. The motion is recommended:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year, commencing 7-1-22, and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Allen County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by the Board and what part thereon without, and what part within, the ten mill limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Elida Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that thereby and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of said tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

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<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>OUTSIDE</u> <u>10 MILLS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>INSIDE</u> <u>10 MILLS</u>	<u>INSIDE</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>OUTSIDE</u> <u>RATE</u>
Gen.	\$9,924,950	\$2,477,773	5.40	25.995
Perm. Imp.	566,943			1.50
Bond Ret.	\$3,670,775			8.0

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said county.

Brenda Stocker moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Family Week (3-22-1)

It is recommended by the superintendent that July 2-10, 2022 be identified as Family Week at Elida Local Schools. This will be a non-contact period for coaches and student athletes entering grades 7-12 for the Fall of 2022. School facilities will be closed for student athletes in these grades during this time period. Exceptions to this may be any state sponsored tournaments for which any teams may be competing and/or the district hosting, or those specifically approved by the superintendent.

Brenda Stocker moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

2. Job Description – K-12 Instructional Coach (3-22-2)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the revised K-12 Instructional Coach job description.
(Exhibit D)

Pat Schymanski moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

3. Third Grade Ohio State Assessment Paper/Pencil Resolution (3-22-3)

Be it resolved by the Elida Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, with recommendation from the superintendent to administer the Third Grade Ohio State Assessments in English Language Arts on paper for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Jeff Christoff moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

Jodi Vaske spoke in regards to the 2022-2023 school calendar and the Allen County Fair. She would like to enroll her kids in school at Elida but has concerns about her kids missing school during fair week. She would like to see the Board reconsider this and start school after the fair.

Kayla Wita addressed the Board in regards to the 2022-2023 school calendar. She doesn't see much benefit to starting the school year prior to the fair. They are involved with 4H and BYAA sports and would like to see school start after the fair.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the March 15, 2022 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

Note: Exhibits will be available online when the minutes are posted. For further documentation on agenda items, please contact the Treasurer.

President

Treasurer