

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

January 13, 2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Agozzino

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Mr. Bowers

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Mr. Christoff

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Mr. Schymanski

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Mrs. Stocker

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Bowers reported on the following:

- Matt Adcock – Senior in Construction Tech Design-Build II created an entryway storage bench
- Senior Conner Douglas got his 100th win in wrestling at the Defiance Tri-State Border Wars
- 1st grader Sydney Sarno was one of the winners in the Cowan Realtors Billboard Contest, it will be displayed on Allentown Rd.
- Brendon Turner (8th grade) is the 1st place winner in the Middle School Spelling Bee Contest and Seth Foster (7th grade) came in 2nd.
- The bowling team started the season at 9-0 until their recent lose to Celina. Great job!

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

Ohio Legislation

Per OSBA request, I sent a letter to our state representative, Speaker Bob Cupp concerning HB126. I asked the Speaker to look at the 6-year history of this bill and the suggestions for improving this bill into a workable format for both businesses and public schools. I did remind him that one of the beneficiaries of public-school political action are small businesses who don't have the resources or knowledge to change the big box stores financial resources. I did point out our goal is not to deny fair and reasonable property tax rates but to ensure that the big box business proposed reductions are fair

and reasonable. We could know in mid-January but there is no way to predict for sure when the house will take up the Senate version.

Federal Info

I did have a short conversation with our food service director. She indicated that our school like many in the area can't get foods through the food service co-op for this area. The food shortages have caused us to rely more on the foods we can get. We have, in some cases used up this year's buy of some foods. Plus, the foods we normally procure from the Government are also not available. Forcing our school to buy more items on the open market at much higher prices than the food co-op and the gov't. We could seriously overrun this year's planned food budget. The government supply shortage is a big part of the problem. I did write to Senator Brown's staff asking for them to look into the gov't supply chain shortages and see if the shortage situation can be resolved by the start of the 2nd quarter.

OSBA/NSBA Legislative Advocacy

OSBA last spring withdrew from the National School Boards Association. One area impacted was advocacy for federal legislation. Friday, 1/13, OSBA is having a zoom call with all the Ohio folks who were part of the Federal Legislative Advocacy group called the Federal Relations Network. OSBA has been talking with Pennsylvania and Michigan about creating our own advocacy network. Tomorrow, I will learn about the plan as well as talk about what Ohio can do now to advocate for Federal Education laws important to our state. In the meantime, I continue to talk regularly to Senator Brown's staff, somewhat less to Congressman Jordan's staff and rarely to Senator Portman's staff.

Ohio School Funding

I think you are all aware that the voucher lawsuit has been filed in Ohio courts. Note that Senator Huffman has pointed out that since 2012, Ohio has doubled the amount of money allocated for public schools. This is true. But Elida, like many schools since 2004 has not been fully funded to any education funding formula, WHEN ONE EXISTED! I would like to point out some facts from other states where similar lawsuits are in process or have been adjudicated. Oklahoma in about 2016 was found to inadequately support public school funding. And the Supreme Court in that case did force the legislative body to add funding to public education. However, two other states North Carolina and Pennsylvania have had different results. North Carolina public education did win the case that school funding was inadequate. However, in a separate action, the Court of Appeals indicated that although funding was insufficient, the court lacked the power to compel the state to allocate funding per the court judgement. Pennsylvania is a similar with the courts indicating that they do not have the power to compel the state legislators to allocate funding. These legislative actions could indicate how the Ohio case, even if successful, could end up.

Parental Rights

I find this topic interesting because some of the ideas the Republican party are using are similar to the methods, we are using to promote our levy campaigns. We target mothers. The Republican party after losing the suburban women vote in the 2020 election is now targeting mothers and suburban women. I find this interesting because our targeting of mothers comes from ideas I learned from a Democratic pollster after the 2016 election. That point was that, in terms of education, in most families, it is the mother who is the primary contact with teachers and therefore, knows more about the school than the father. The suggestion to target mothers came from the Democratic pollster since they can influence both the father, grandparents and friends.

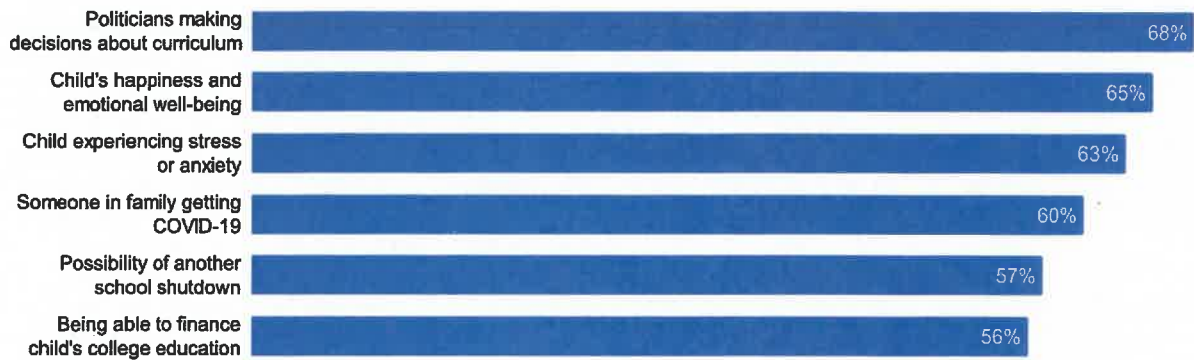
In Virginia, the Republican candidate won by targeting mothers (about education) and suburban women, getting these folks back to revoting as Republicans.

What we need to pay attention to is not the party politics but the language as it attacks public schools and seeks to create distrust in "GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS". This is the heart of the parental right movement. Our response, I think, is not to get into the political fight but we do need to address the concerns that parents are not being heard.

An article from K-12 magazine points out some key suggestions that we could consider.

Parents reveal top worries for their children in school

Politics interfering in education was a top concern for parent respondents, per a recent Learning Heroes survey.



K-12 indicated that parents with school aged children are worried about “politicians who are not educators making decisions about what students learn in classrooms.” Data comes from a nonprofit called Learning Heroes. Building trust with parents by teachers and building administrators is one of the recommended priorities. More parents are also planning to be more involved. As a board, we have to be mindful of this but also remember that a lot, especially this year, is being placed on teachers and building leaders. So, we can’t overburden them. Can we create predictable communications to help both our staff and our parents?

Remember, parents already have many rights, but many do not know what they are allowed and what rights proposed by the Republican “Parental Bill of Rights” are legally reserved for school boards, state legislators or federal legislators.

Simply getting parents to attend open houses and parent/teacher conferences would address many of the educational questions parents have. Finding ways to improve family engagement would help bridge the knowledge and communication gap between schools and families.

This keeps us out of the political divide but does let us work with parents regardless of the parents' political view.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- School Board Recognition Month

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Thanked Board members for their service to the district as part of School Board Appreciation Month
- Finally have some applicants for custodial positions - looking to make offers next week
- Gave an update on electrical and wifi issues at the elementary
- Reiterated to Board members how thankful staff members were for the 3 extra work days just prior to Christmas
- Hoping to begin posting some teaching positions by March 1 of the difficult to fill positions
- I had a meeting this afternoon with Representative Susan Manchester
- RFQ's posted next week for the ESSER projects to the middle school, high school, and field house
- Reviewed some minor changes to the HS academic handbook
- Gave Board members their committee assignments

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 12/31/21

- Revenue \$10,584,056
- Expenses \$11,897,992
- Net Loss (\$1,313,936)
- Ending Balance \$4,511,907

Expenses 12/31/21

- Personnel \$6,379,292
- Retire/Ins \$2,350,058
- Purchased Svc. \$2,542,223
- Supplies \$346,963
- Capital Outlay \$79,901
- Principal \$50,522
- Interest \$10,071
- Other \$138,962
- Total \$11,897,992

ESSER-Update (Expended)

- ESSER I - \$498,502.41
- ESSER II - \$1,112,227.41
- ARP ESSER - \$0

Fair School Funding Plan

- January #1 Payment – 2022 \$1,154,151.52
Versus
December #1 Payment – 2019 \$234,856.60

Revenue 12/31/21

- Real Estate \$4,257,063
- Personal Property \$214,226
- State Aide \$4,584,904
- Homestead/Rollback \$617,596
- Other \$910,267
- Total: \$10,584,056

001 – Cash Balance 12/31

- 2021 - \$4,511,907
- 2020 - \$4,480,735
- 2019 - \$4,332,663
- 2018 - \$5,092,840
- 2017 - \$4,766,155

Investments – 12/31/21

- Star Ohio \$2,127,044.80
- Premier Bank \$1,809,023.56
- State Bank Money Market \$4,870.03
- Boenning & Scattergood \$934,564.58
- Boenning & Scattergood-EE \$3,753,486.96
- Boenning & Scattergood-Escrow \$100,353.93
- State Bank CD \$300,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$300,047.78
- Union Bank CD \$250,000.00

Driver's Education 12/31/21

- 323 students served
- \$85,139 expended

Vouchers Hurt Ohio

#1 – Common school – taxes should be supporting the common school – just like fire, police, roads, etc

#2 – ECOT (without accountability bad things can happen)...\$640,000,000.00 loss to the taxpayers of Ohio

#3 – Who has the choice – what is the truth?? The real data reflects that most vouchers go to students who never attended a public school.

- Community school deduction – local tax dollars out
- Dollars lost to the cap
- “This is about the lack of accountability, the lack of oversight and the fact that it’s never been a choice for parents” – Jill Ackerman

#4 – “I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute, where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote; where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference; and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the president who might appoint him or the people who might elect him.” – John F. Kennedy 9/12/1960

- Auxiliary Fund example
- Gulen Schools

Cupp Report Data 2020-21 – Similar Districts

Expense Per Pupil		Administration Expense Per Pupil		Formula Funding Per Pupil	
Port Clinton	14,301	Piqua	1,950	Martins-Ferry	8,137
Urbana	13,713	Martins-Ferry	1,889	Tecumseh	7,352
Oregon	13,547	Bellefontaine	1,823	Clyde-Green Springs	6,796
Piqua	13,356	Port Clinton	1,796	Defiance	6,133
Clark-Shawnee	13,011	Oregon	1,741	Van Wert	5,743
Napoleon	12,773	Clark-Shawnee	1,698	Bellefontaine	5,704
Martins-Ferry	12,754	Sidney City	1,655	Wauseon	5,369
Bryan	12,743	Bryan	1,582	Buckeye	5,345
Clyde-Green Springs	12,514	Buckeye	1,464	Norwalk	5,150
Tecumseh	12,291	New Philadelphia	1,461	Urbana	5,055
Defiance	12,263	Tecumseh	1,460	Sidney City	4,311
Wilmington	12,238	Van Wert	1,458	Piqua	4,271
Bellefontaine	12,167	Urbana	1,443	Oregon	4,037
Van Wert	12,102	Orrville	1,442	Wilmington	4,019
Orrville	12,059	Clyde-Green Springs	1,405	Bryan	3,955
Wausen	11,905	Napoleon	1,385	New Philadelphia	3,875
Sidney City	11,551	Norwalk	1,365	Orrville	3,841
Elida	11,277	Wauseon	1,356	Napoleon	3,666
New Philadelphia	11,200	Wilmington	1,311	Elida	3,212
Norwalk	11,010	Defiance	1,275	Clark-Shawnee	2,972
Buckeye	10,504	Elida	1,236	Port Clinton	1,880
State Average \$13,387 Similar District Average		State Average \$1,764 Similar District Average \$1,540		State Average \$4,233 Similar District Average \$4,764	

X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Christoff requested to move consent item #6 (Employment) to action item #6.

Mr. Christoff made a motion to add an open board forum regarding the pandemic.

The motion to add an open board forum did not move forward due to a lack of a second.

XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Brenda Stocker moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the Agenda for the January 13, 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>		

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on December 16, 2021
(Exhibit A)

2. Students of the Month

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

Elida Elementary School

Camden Cuffy

Lily Johnson

Cayden Stein

A'aniya Kitchen

Uriel Vargas

Elida Middle School

Rylie Howard

Ian Kelly

Ava Overholt

Elida High School

Arleigh Amspoker

Xuehui Liu

Payton Kuhn

Cale Wright

3. Resolution of Appreciation of Elida School Counselors

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 7– 11, 2022 as National School Counseling Week and express their appreciation for the counselors of the district.

4. Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.

(Exhibit B)

5. Resignations

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following resignations:

Non-Certified:

Melinda Lusk, Bus Driver, effective 12-31-21

Supplementals:

Andy Etzkorn, High School Track Assistant Coach

Nathan Westenbarger, 7th Grade Softball Coach

6. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitute teachers pending Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and a clear criminal background check on file:

Substitutes with a Bachelors Degree:

Stephanie McMahon

Ryan Laidlaw

Connie Kimmey

Sara Boecker

General, Non-Degree Substitutes:

Khloe Kaskocsak

Riley Bartels

Cannon Wray

Sabrina Kline

7. Volunteers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as volunteers. Volunteering will be pending following the school volunteer policy guidelines and proper certifications from ODE for Class II Volunteers.

Class I

Kathy Stewart

Class II

Zac Miller, High School Baseball

Brant Engle, High School Baseball

Dylan Marston, High School Baseball

Jason Adcock, Middle School Baseball

Rod Hansen, Middle School Baseball

Addison Miller, High School Softball

Jim Osmon, Boys Tennis

8. Appropriation Modifications

FUND				MODIFIED
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS

SPECIAL REVENUE

District Staff	018-9900	\$4,218.49	\$500.00	\$4,718.49
Fund				

ESSER II	507-9022	\$600,000.00	\$500,000	\$1,100,000.00
ARP IDEA	587-9522	-0-	\$9,187.90	\$9,187.90

Fiduciary Funds

Class of 2020	200-9640	-0-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Class of 2021	200-9641	-0-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

9. High School 2022-2023 Academic Handbook

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Academic Handbook.

(Exhibit C)

Pat Schymanski moved and Brenda Stocker 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>		

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Donation (1-22-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education accept the following donation:

- From Heather Bracy, 72 bottles of hand sanitizer

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>		

2. OEPI Membership (1-22-2)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2022 Ohio Education Policy Institute membership at a cost of \$1,000.00.

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. Substitute Teacher (1-22-3)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitute teacher pending Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and a clear criminal background check on file:

General, Non-Degree Substitute:

Nikki Bowers

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>Abstain</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

4. Bus Bids – Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (1-22-4)

Whereas, the Elida Board of Education wished to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of two (2) school buses.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Elida Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two (2) school buses.

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>		

5. Bus Purchases (1-22-5)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education purchase the following buses from Cardinal Bus Sales, using Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council bid process.

One (1) 2023 model year, 83-passenger transit style school bus at a purchase price of \$115,658.00 with trades and discounts – To be paid for out of Permanent Improvement Funds.

One (1) 2023 model year, 71-passenger, wheelchair equipped, transit style school bus at a purchase price of \$113,136.00 with trades and discounts – To be paid for out of the General Fund.

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 Y
Mr. Bowers Y
Mr. Christoff Y

Mr. Schymanski Y
Mrs. Stocker Y

6. Employment (1-22-06)

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, aides, and coaching personnel meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, per salary schedule in effect.

Non-Certified:

Traci Sneary, Substitute Secretary, Substitute Cook
Charlotte Appelfeller, Substitute Secretary, Substitute Aide
Daisy Jones, Substitute Cook

Supplemental:

Baseball

Head Coach – Todd Grapner
Varsity Assistant – Tony Moore
JV – Jason Selhorst
8th Grade – Jeff Thomas
7th Grade – Joel Parker

Softball

Head Coach – Hillary Overholt
Varsity Assistant – Mike Eilerman
JV – Mitch Monfort
8th Grade – Andrea Ricker

Track

Head Boys Coach – L. Jay Terry
Head Girls Coach – Trish Smith
Varsity Assistant – Jaden Overholt
MS Boys – Randy Woods
MS Girls Track – Katie Sarno
MS Assistant – Jennifer Knippen

Tennis - Boys

Head Coach – Michael Sarno

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

Mr. Christoff voted no as he has concerns regarding certification requirements.

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>No</u>		

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

Mr. Christoff addressed the Board on the pandemic and expressed his concerns about the district's pandemic procedures.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Brenda Stocker moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the January 13, 2022 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:57 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