

BEAR GRAPHIC Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m. December 15, 2020

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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

Mr. Barnt 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

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

Ohio Legislation:

Ohio Legislation is unusually active in this lame duck session. I have written several letters on various topics. I know that Mr. Parker and Mr. Mengerink have also written state legislators. In addition, Mr. Mengerink has signed, with other Allen County Superintendents, a letter to the editor concerning HB305 and SB 376, the Fair School Funding bill asking the Ohio Senate to at least discuss the Fair School Funding bill. Also, I appreciate the efforts of our board members to write or call our state legislators on legislative issues.

The Washington Post published an editorial about the number of Americans who seem satisfied with a transition to authoritarian rule, with less public discussion and pushing one set of beliefs without discussion of opposition testimony. This seems to have captured the attention of our Ohio Senate Leaders where they pushed favored legislation through without public discussion and avoided public discussion on topics that seemed to have widespread support in the House chamber and the public at large. We will have to see if this trend continues in the spring and summer, especially in the development of the biennium budget.

Some bills that we need to follow and be prepared to call or write are listed below. The Ohio Senate is scheduled to be in session Wednesday and Thursday (12/16 & 12/17). Some bills that could have serious negative impact on our school funding.

HB 75 is in the senate and may be added into a bill already in the House/Senate Conference. I don't like this bill but OSBA says the HB 75 modification that they recommended are in the HB75 currently in the Senate, but HB 75 has been added to Senate bill currently in the house without the recommended modifications. If this bill is approved, School Boards will have to pass a resolution to dispute a property tax revision. My recommendation is that our resolution be specific as possible Identifying all the pertinent facts and parties, so our taxpayer community can see that we are working to protect they tax bills.

HB 751 will allow more ways to dispute property taxes as a result of the Pandemic, including a new provision that allows a renter or lease holder of property that per the rental or lease agreement has to pay property taxes, the right to request property tax reduction as a result of hardship caused by the pandemic for 2020, 2021 & 2022. This will affect any institution that relies on property tax revenue, including Schools, Fire Departments, County government, Townships & Libraries as examples. I understand the business hardship but the entities that rely on property taxes are also financially struggling.

HB 305 did pass the House with a huge bipartisan support. Its companion bill, SB 376 per the Senate Finance Chair, will not be heard. There appears to be no desire by Senate Leadership to force a conversation. One fact I learned from the OSBA/OASBO finance session related to HB305. Per Representative Patterson (Bill cosponsor), he believes in Representative Cupps' plan for gradual phase in of HB305, if approved. The reason that funding is not part of this concept is that Representative Cupp believes the state of Ohio's natural growth in revenue will fully fund HB305 within a six year cycle without a tax increase. This makes the bill more palatable to Republicans. One hitch is an undefined and hidden plan that Senator Huffman says he has to propose next year.

SB 358 is still in the approval process. But key important provisions were added to HB404 and approved by the Governor. The remaining items, if not approved can easily be addressed in the spring, if the legislators desire.

Finally, it is important to note that voucher legislation was approved without any public discussion, (SB89). This is a trend that I hope the House and Senate address by allowing opposition testimony time and courtesy for adequate discussion.

Federal Legislation

There is still no Stimulus package and I am not sure if there will be one.

It does look like all the CRs needed for the Government to operate without a shutdown will be passed. Articles I have read on the Education CR seem to indicate some minor growth in Title and Idea funding, but also, increase in charter school grants. Congress may have to stay in session past Christmas to ensure that President Trump doesn't pocket veto any bills he objects to.

Secretary DeVos has recommended to Congress to suspend federal testing for this school year, something that was not supposed to happen. Leaders from both parties on the House and Senate Education committees have not embraced this idea and may still want testing. We will have to see what happens. I have talked about this with Mrs. Simmons and gathered some info on our ability to understand which of our students are falling behind, should testing not happen? Right now, we are in a wait and see mode.

Finally, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) spring tests are in process of being postponed until 2021-2022 year. I did talk to Mrs. Simmons about this, but she has not received any official notification to confirm the report I sent her.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- NAEP test postponed until 2021-22 school year.
- Elem construction update:
- Metal roof installed over cafeteria - beginning work on gym.
- Bids for loose furnishings and technology will be going out soon.
- Drywall is going up in the admin area.
- Project remains on time and on/under budget.

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- Updated the Board on building attendance during the pandemic. Shared charts of quarantines in each building. Currently attendance is running around 15% absence rate - this is less than we normally see during flu season by a good 5-10%.
- Most quarantines continue to happen due to issues away from school. The spike started with Halloween, subsided, then picked back up after Thanksgiving.
- Updated the Board on the status of the Fair Funding Plan. Thankful that state representatives saw the importance of this bill and overwhelmingly supported it. Extremely disappointed that Senate leadership does not find it equally important, especially considering 15 senators co-sponsored the companion bill. Also disappointed to see in the Lima News today that leadership thinks it just needs to be done within the next 4 years.

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 11/30/20

- Revenue \$10,433,630
- Expenses \$10,306,900
- Net Gain \$126,730
- Ending Balance \$5,113,491

EE Project

- Spent to date 12/10/2016
- State Share - \$8,598,087.05
- Local Share - \$6,113,334.38
- LFI Share - \$1,375,561.41
- Total: \$16,086,982.84

Refinance Capital Improvements

- Connected to solar plan (LED, Boiler etc.)
- Old Plan \$1,045,485.89
- 10 years
- Interest rate 5%
- Total Interest \$285,194.11
- Payment \$11,089 x 120 = \$1,330,680
- New plan - \$988,122 9 years Rate 2.15%
- Total Interest \$102,547.68 (save \$182,646.43)
- Total payments 18 x \$60,592.76 = \$1,090,669.68
- Total Savings \$240,010.32

Email to Senator Huffman

- Debate SB 376 – Cupp/Patterson Plan
- New structure has merit
- The base cost data has been studied for 3 years
- The data presented by Fleeter and Sobul is credible data
- As a capped district, the part of the formula looking at income levels should help over time.
- There is not money tied to this
- It was overwhelmingly passed by the House
- It improves the equity in school funding
- It will reduce the over-reliance on property taxes
- It is worthy of passing and funding
- Nathan DeRolph is now 44-we need closure on this issue

From Howard Fleeter

- Is the top expert on school funding
- Tired of "Dark of Night" politics
- SB 89 voucher bill was passed in 8 days-no testimony
- (described this process as an embarrassment)
- Policies should be formed with proper time and debate
- Questioned the voucher expansion
- Cleveland Heights-most vouchers go to students already attending a private school
- Cupp/Patterson passed the House 84-8 (this is historic on a major policy change)
- Would like to debate his numbers with Senate

X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the Agenda for the December 15, 2020, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

Mr. Barnt Y
 Mr. Bowers Y
 Mr. Christoff Y

Mr. Schymanski Y
 Mrs. Stocker Y

XII. CONSENT ITEMS**1. Approve Previous Minutes**

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on November 17, 2020 and the special meeting on December 3, 2020.
 (Exhibit A)

2. Financial Reports
(Exhibit B)**3. Students of the Month**

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for December, 2020, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Makenzie Sebenoler
 Jolei Wade
 Brooklyn Focht
 Sienna Depaoli

Elida Middle School

Lillian Vealey
 Adrianna Ellinger
 Keyana Bott
 Gabe Adcock

Elida High School

Maddox Bell
 Brice Engle
 Doran Warner
 Makayla Bok

4. Resignation

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

Non-Certified:

Gary Fought, Bus Driver, Effective December 3, 2020

5. Employment

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending a 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:

John Evans, Bus Driver, Effective December 9, 2020
 Jolene Wade, Substitute Bus Driver, Substitute Aide, Substitute Custodian
 Samantha Miller, Substitute Bus Driver

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6. Substitute Teachers

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

Gwen Tabler Derek Burkhart
Marissa Snyder Cole Wilson

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.

Class II

Brandi Niebel, Swim – effective November 18, 2020

8. OSBA Membership/Subscriptions

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and renew its subscriptions to Briefcase and Negotiator.

9. Establish New Fund

It is recommended that the Board establish the new fund listed below:
551-9221 Title III-LEP Fund

10. Appropriation Modifications

FUND				MODIFIED
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
<u>Bond Retirement</u>				
Bond Retirement	002-9219	\$11,649.51	\$1,010,000	\$1,021,649.51
<u>Special Revenue</u>				
Rural & Small Town				
Grant	510-9321	-----	\$115,706.87	\$115,706.87
IDEA B 2020	516-9220	\$48,377.63	\$ 525.02	\$ 48,902.65
IDEA B-Preschool				
Restoration	587-9221	\$ 160.86	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,660.86

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<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 (12-20-1)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education accept with gratitude the following donation:

- Gomer Congregational Church - \$338 for Scholastic Books

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

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

2. Appoint President Pro Tempore (12-20-2)

Pat Schymanski moved and Barry Barnt seconded that Brenda Stocker be appointed President Pro Tempore to serve at the organizational meeting until the election of the President.

Jason Bowers moved and Barry Barnt seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

3. Resolution Authorizing The Lease-Purchase Of Certain Energy Conservation Measures And Authorizing A Master Lease Agreement, An Escrow Agreement, And Other Related Documents In Connection Therewith (R.C. Section 3313.375) (12-20-3)

WHEREAS, Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Lease-Purchase Statute") provides that a school district may undertake a lease-purchase financing program in order to provide financing for the construction, improvement, equipping, and furnishing of school facilities if it is determined to be necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the School District has previously entered into Power Purchase Agreement with SUT VII, LLC, dated April 16, 2019 (the "Power Purchase Agreement"), for the purpose of purchasing energy and financing certain energy conservation improvements (the "Energy Improvements") in connection with the purpose of such energy; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the Power Purchase Agreement desire to remove the financing of the Energy Improvements from said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District (the "Board") desires to enter into a lease-purchase financing program pursuant to the Lease-Purchase Statute for the purpose of financing the Energy Improvements (the "Project") separate from the Power Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the amount needed to finance the Project shall not exceed \$1,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The lease-purchase of the Project for the Board is hereby authorized and approved pursuant to the Lease-Purchase Statute. In connection with the lease-purchase and financing of the Project, the Treasurer of the Board (the "Treasurer"), on behalf of the Board, is hereby authorized to enter into a Master Lease Agreement (the "Master Lease Agreement") with the Huntington Public Capital Corporation ("the Lessor"). Such Master Lease Agreement shall be in a form substantially consistent with the terms of this Resolution, as such officer in his discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

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Section 2. The Board shall lease the Project from the Lessor pursuant to the Master Lease Agreement. The Master Lease Agreement shall require provide, among other things, for payments (the "Rent") from the Board to the Lessor.

Rent shall be payable in periodic installments over the term of the Master Lease Agreement, in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined by the Treasurer and reported to this Board, provided that the interest component of the actual Rent payments shall not exceed in any year the amounts that would be required if the applicable interest rate were 2.15% per annum applied on a principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000. The term of the Master Lease Agreement shall be for an initial term and such one-year (or partial-year for the final renewal term, if applicable) renewal terms as shall be determined by the Treasurer and reported to this Board; provided, however, that the sum of the initial term and all renewal terms may not exceed the number of years equivalent to the useful life of the Project as determined by the Treasurer and in no event more than 30 years. The Master Lease Agreement shall provide for termination in the event the Board fails to appropriate funds adequate to pay Rent due with respect to any renewal term.

Section 3. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with all existing and future laws applicable to the exemption of interest on the Master Lease Agreement from federal income taxation. The Board further covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Master Lease Agreement in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Master Lease Agreement is executed, so that it will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Regulations"). The Treasurer or any other officer, including the Board President, having responsibility with respect to the execution of the Master Lease Agreement is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Board, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to said Section 148 and the Regulations.

The Treasurer shall cause to be kept and maintained adequate records pertaining to investment of all proceeds of the Master Lease Agreement sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the Board to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Master Lease Agreement which limits the amount of Lease-Purchase Agreement proceeds which may be invested at an unrestricted yield or requires the Board to rebate arbitrage profits to the United States Department of the Treasury. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Master Lease Agreement requires any such reports or rebates.

Section 4. The Treasurer and President of the Board, or either of them individually, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Board, the Master Lease Agreement and such additional instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, and other papers as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution. Such documents shall be in the form consistent with the terms of this Resolution, as such officers in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

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Section 5. Nothing in the Master Lease Agreement or any agreements or documents relating thereto shall constitute or be construed or deemed to constitute a debt or bonded indebtedness or a general obligation of the School District or any agency of the School District. Neither the taxing power nor the full faith and credit of the School District are pledged or shall be pledged for the payment or security of the Master Lease Agreement or any other related agreement or document.

Section 6. There is hereby appropriated from the net proceeds of the Master Lease Agreement, to the extent the same are available for the payment of costs of the Project, a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000, to be used for the payment of such costs, as outlined herein.

There is further appropriated, from unappropriated funds to be deposited or currently on deposit in the general fund and/or the permanent improvement fund of the School District, the amount of not to exceed \$65,000 to pay the cost of Rent due or coming due under the Master Lease Agreement for the initial lease term ending June 30, 2021.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

4. Purchase of Technology Equipment (12-20-4)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the purchase from CDI Technologies in the amount of \$345,000.00 as listed below:

179 - Dell Latitude 7480 Ultrabooks
25 - Dell Latitude 7480 Batteries
1,043 - Lenovo 100e 2nd Gen Winbooks

Funded by the following grants:

ESSER Funds	\$199,793.13
Rural & Small Town SD Grand	\$115,706.87
Title VI B IDEA Restoration	\$ 10,000.00
Title I - MS Supplies	\$ 15,000.00
Title - Preschool Restoration	\$ 4,500.00

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

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5. Date of Organizational Meeting (12-20-5)

It is recommended that January 14, 2021, be designated as the date for the 2021 Board of Education Organizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Community Room. The regular January meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Jason Bowers moved and Barry Barnt seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

6. Approval of 2021 Board of Education Dates (12-20-6)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following dates for 2021 Board of Education board meetings:

January 14, 2021 (Thursday) Organizational & Regular

February 16, 2021

March 16, 2021

April 20, 2021

May 18, 2021

June 8, 2021 (If Needed), June 24, 2021 (Thursday) (Regular)

July 20, 2021

August 3, 2021 (If Needed), August 17, 2021 (Regular)

September 21, 2021

October 19, 2021

November 16, 2021

December 16, 2021 (Thursday)

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the December 15, 2020 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

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

Mr. Barnt	<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