

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

November 17, 2020

Held

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A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Barnt	<u>P</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>P</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>P</u>

Mr. Schymanski	<u>P</u>
Mrs. Stocker	<u>P</u>

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:

2020 Educational results, here is some nationwide educational issues I found interesting.

Arizona voters passed Proposition 208, increasing taxes on high-income earners to raise funding for teachers and schools. Despite big business opposition, the tax increase was likely bolstered by teacher strikes in recent years and long-term organizing by organizations like LUCHA and unions like UNITE HERE.

Louisiana voters (thankfully) rejected Amendment 5, which would've allowed localities to give special property tax breaks to manufacturing corporations. The state already gives one of the largest tax breaks for industrial property in the nation. The Louisiana Budget Project writes, "If industrial property tax breaks were the key to a vibrant, thriving economy, Louisiana would be Silicon Valley. But it's not."

Voters in Multnomah County, Oregon, passed Measure 26-214 to provide universal tuition-free preschool for Portland's three- and four-year-old kids by taxing high income earners.

Four states — Arizona, South Dakota, New Jersey and Montana — moved to legalize recreational marijuana, building on the number of states that have used its sales tax revenue to fund education in recent years. South Dakota, for example, will be channeling 50% of its revenue to the state's public schools after costs of the amendment's implementation are covered. Maryland added a tax on sports betting and Nebraska added a tax on racetrack gambling, both benefit educational funding.

Network for Public Education Wish List

Diane Rativch's NPE has published some goals for President-Elect Biden to consider. There are several that I think re worth supporting. End high stakes testing. Continue to promote diversity and desegregation. Promote educational practices that are child-centered, inquiry-based, intellectually challenging, culturally responsive, and respectful of all students' abilities. Stimulus funding to help schools deal with the educational shortfall caused by state budget cuts. As expected, NPE continues to promote rejection of vouchers and charter schools.

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Current Ohio projections indicate a potential \$2billion shortfall. I cannot find a bill, right now that addresses a solution to this shortfall. We should expect to see additional reductions in educational funding in the late first quarter or early second quarter, my guess. Stimulus funding from the Federal Government would help but we don't know if there will be a stimulus fund program or if education will be in any government plan.

HB305 has been updated and could be approved before the year ends. Perhaps, more importantly, a companion bill SB376 has been introduced in the Senate. Having two bills shortens the time for approval, making it more likely, but not certain, that the Fair Funding Bill can be approved this year. Implementation is another issue. There are not sufficient funds to implement the bill. Projection is a gradual implementation over 6 years?

HB179 expires on December 1, 2020. One key provision in this bill is the ability to have remote public meetings. That ability could go away. If you support having remote public meetings continue, I urge you to write our state legislators. I have seen some recommendations for remote access to continue but I am not sure of any language in legislation to continue this process.

As info, I did written testimony on SB358 supporting many of OSBA recommendations. Also, I submitted written testimony in Opposition to SB350 which dealt with penalties for school districts offering transportation vouchers instead of school bus service.

Finally, I did write both Senator Huffman and Representative Cupp on Senator Huffman's plan to incorporate voucher revisions into a bill currently in conference committee. I do oppose this action and I did recommend thorough discussion prior to any voucher expansion.

Federal Budget:

The Continuing Resolutions (CRs) that allow the Federal Government to operate expire on December 11. The debate on another CR process is necessary or the Government shutdown, which includes IDEA, Title Funding. This does have to be addressed but when? Then, will the President sign a CR extension? How long will the CR be, meaning just a couple of months or will the CRs last until the time for the next Federal budget cycle. I do expect December to be as interesting as November has been.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Apollo Update – Denny Fricke

Mr. Fricke reported that Apollo is working through Covid issues. Lab is being done on hybrid days. He also noted that enrollment is going well.

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Cafeteria received a No Kid Hungry Grant in the amount of \$6290. This will help to defray costs that were instituted as part of COVID changes - storage bins for breakfast in the elementary, new touchless scanners and scan cards in the middle and high school, and cover some labor costs associated with grab and go breakfast.
- The District just received notice of an award - Ohio PBIS District Recognition Award Winner for 2020 for work done by each building to improve student achievement, student behavior, and school climate. The District is one of only 13 in the state to be recognized for our efforts, and will be honored during the December 15 virtual conference.

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- The District is considering joining Anti-Vaping Litigation. This is a multi-district lawsuit with no up-front costs outside of some time to run reports and complete and questions. There is a 20-25% contingency associated with any monetary awards, but no fees if there is no recovery. Monies can be used for anti-vaping devices, personnel, educational materials, counseling, etc. The Board must approve a Resolution prior to December 15 if joining.
- The District's Annexation Hearing is scheduled for Dec 3 with the County Commissioners.
- The District is moving forward with electronic ticketing for winter sports. This was used for the football playoff game that we hosted. There are many benefits to this program - reducing time on task and improving any auditing questions to name a few. The only negatives to this is that it is electronic (but most people are good with this now) and there is a \$1 service charge per ticket to pay for the service.
- All banquets, concerts, etc. have been eliminated at this point, or have been completed virtually due to the new gathering size order that is out. This will also include the postponement/cancellation of the musical. School events must follow the gathering order unless they have a specific exemption. Sports falls under the exemption as it has its own order. We do look for an announcement out of the OHSA or Governor's Office yet this week.
- Briefed the Board on the status of COVID in the schools. Staffing/substitutes continues to be the biggest challenge moving forward. We may continue to look at going virtual every other Friday as that is always the most challenging day for sub coverage and will give the district more time to clean.

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 10/31/20

- Revenue \$9,285,123
- Expenses \$8,126,384
- Net Gain \$1,158,739
- Ending Balance \$6,145,500

Refinance – Capital Improvements

- Finance Committee
- Approve at the December meeting
- In the solar agreement
- Move to 2% interest rate
- Estimates
- Original - \$1,045,485, 10 years, 5% Interest \$285,194
- Refi - \$976,881, 9 years, 2.01% Interest \$91,837

5 Year Forecast – Cash Balance

- 6/30/18 - \$5,430,920 85.67 days
- 6/30/19 - \$5,360,049 81.44 days
- 6/30/20 - \$4,986,762 75.44 days
- 6/30/21 - \$4,351,599 65.30 days

Financial Summit – 2020

- Financial Review
- Q&A
- EE Building Tour

Legislation

- Fair School Funding Plan
- Cupp/Patterson Workgroup
- Define base costs
- 6 year phase in
- 60% property values/40% income levels
- Voucher expansion???

5 Year Forecast – Trends

- RE Tax - \$9,216,266; \$9,338,222
\$9,720,869 \$9,686,000
- State Aide - \$10,087,700 \$10,366,726
\$9,935,431 9,856,000
\$9,935,431
- Personal Services - \$11,867,574 \$12,167,098
\$12,302,174 \$12,450,000
\$12,750,000
- Retire/Ins - \$4,048,056 \$4,364,633
\$4,536,692 \$4,663,163
- Purchases Services - \$6,074,297 \$6,405,020
\$5,974,799 \$6,100,000
- Gain/(Loss) - \$561,759 (\$70,871)
(\$373,287) (\$635,163)

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 November 17, 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	<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 October 20, 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 November, 2020, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Lilly Newland
David Rettig, III
Easton Cook
Marah Dotson

Elida Middle School

Gianna Gudakunst
Triniti Barnt
Bradley Samaroo
Tyler Siefker

Elida High School

Conner Smith
Haley Taylor
Kylie Vorhees
Tod Fish

4. Resignation

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

Non-Certified:

Rebekah Hunt, Cook, effective November 6, 2020

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

Supplemental:

Varsity Assistant Wrestling, Blaine Hunter & Garrett Neth, 50/50

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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:

Michelle Randall
Emily Bowman

Hannah Davis
Jessica Shue

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 I

Helen Bibler (Therapy Dog/Pet Partners)	Kris Reese (Therapy Dog)
Jon Frueh	Jon Frueh, Jr.
Bob O'Connor	Joe Simmons
Rob Vetter	

8. Appropriation ModificationsFUNDMODIFIED

<u>CLASS/NAME</u>	<u>FUND #/SCC</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
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SPECIAL REVENUE

District Staff Fund	018-9900	\$3,897.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$4,897.11
Broadband Grant	510-9221	-----	\$30,293.23	\$30,293.23

9. Sales Project Potential

Organization: High School Student Council
Advisor: Darren Sharp
Project: Harlan's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
Date: October 16, 2020 – October 25, 2020

10. Five Year Forecast

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Five Year Forecast as presented by the Treasurer. The Forecast was prepared in accordance with House Bill 412.

11. School Related Organization

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following organization as a school related organization for the 2020-2021 school year:

Elida BYAA

12. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2nd half reconciliation January – June 2020 to the Allen County Educational Service Center for contracted services in the amount of \$146,169.21 (Exhibit C)

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It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the new/revised/replacement policies listed below:

Policies:

- 1520 – Employment of Administrators
- 1530 – Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
- 2266 – Title IX Regulations – Nondiscrimination on the Bases of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- 2270 – Religion in the Curriculum
- 5200 Attendance
- 5517.02 – Sexual Violence
- 5610 – Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
- 5611 – Due Process Rights
- 6144 – Investments
- 6152 – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
- 6152.01 – Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Materials
- 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
- 8800 – Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

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

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

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

XII. ACTION ITEMS**XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER**

Mr. Jeff Christoff, community member, addressed the Board in regards to his disappointment with the remote learning during the first quarter. He also shared that he is not in agreement with the grades 7 & 8 platform move from the remote learning to Edgenuity.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the November 17, 2020 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:52 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