

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS **ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Minutes of

Meeting

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 P.M. 12-16 19

~~Held~~
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A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

Elida High School will be well represented when the **Ohio Music Education Association District 3 Honors Band, Choir and Jazz Band** perform at The Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center. O.M.E.A. District 3 represents 8 Counties and over 60 High Schools. Almost 400 musicians auditioned for the three groups. Members of the Elida H.S. Music Department that auditioned and were accepted include:

Concert Band- Thomas Williamson- Bass Clarinet, Joel Purugganan- French Horn, Ethan Bowersock- Euphonium.

Jazz Band- Cale Wright- Alto Sax, Brady Thomas- Drum set.

Choir- Emalee Cunningham- Soprano, Alyssa Stiles- Alto, Ryan Vettters- Tenor, Scott Holmgren- Tenor, Hunter Brendle- Bass.

The concert will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 19th at 3:00 pm at The Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center.**

Congratulations to all of these fine musicians!

Students in the High School Entrepreneur Organization "Grit 9" attended the Chamber of Commerce Women in Business luncheon on Thursday. This was a great opportunity for these young ladies to network and represent Elida at a professional community gathering. **Zoey Pelayo, Anna Marie Rose, Alyssa Jagger, Sara Phipps & Mia Waddle.**

JC Miller, a high school math teacher presented the steps the math department has taken to raise math scores. The curriculum process review that the math department has done and is continuing to evaluate centers on; analyzing state standards, reviewing the sample questions the state releases (actual test questions from previous state tests), look at our curriculum and make sure it is aligned to state standards and that all teachers are using the curriculum in similar fashion, create common assessments to keep all teachers on the same page, thereby helping all students learn the same facts, and finally, use classroom data to adjust their teaching and place emphasis on the portions that students are having difficulty mastering. The results are impressive. Here are the Elida Algebra tests scores for the past few years: (OST is the state test)

Algebra I OST 2016 – 50.4%

Algebra I OST 2017 – 44.2%

Algebra I OST 2018 – 63.0%

Algebra I OST 2019 – 83.1%

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VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

From the information I have read, it appears that the Federal Government will pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) for the funding act that includes educational finding. This includes; Title funding and IDEA funding. With a CR funding stays at levels approved by the last formal budget. It is better for us to have a CR than the plan approved by the US Senate, but the House approved plan would provide more funding for public schools, including title money. Late Monday, it was announced that Congress and the President had agreed to a budget format that still needs to be passed but outlook is good, including more money for Title programs. The National School Boards Association (NSBA) is starting a campaign to increase IDEA funding. They have started a text and email form letter that NSBA legislative members to write their Senators and Representatives. This is the first step in a long term process to get Congress to review the current IDEA law and update it.

Voucher Expansion and Calls for Action.

OSBA has requested that school boards or school board members write letters or take other actions to request that our state legislative body review and change the line item that allows private school voucher expansion. The line item added into HB 166, the biennium budget bill significantly expands schools and public school districts impacted by the revised law. The criteria for school building eligibility for the EdChoice Voucher program was changed in law making it much easier for school buildings to become EdChoice eligible. Beginning with schoolyear 2012-2013, buildings with a D or F grade for BOTH the Value-Added component AND the Performance Index component were EdChoice eligible.

Ohio went from fewer than 300 school buildings being deemed eligible for vouchers in the 2018-2019 school year to more than 1200 school buildings for the 2020-2021 school year. That's a 300% increase in two years.

The EdChoice voucher program has two parts. Students whose family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level can obtain a *state-paid* voucher to go to a private school regardless of how their public school performs. Students whose public school is considered to be a "failing school" by the state, can take a voucher that the *school district pays* for.

- Local property tax dollars not, state money funds district-paid vouchers.
- The state may provide some portion of the cost of the voucher, but districts must make up the difference from the proceeds from property tax levies.
- In some cases, the district receives no state aid to pay for the vouchers, so property taxes cover the full cost.

I have seen a report that Senator Huffman has indicated that there will be an amendment to the budget exclude schools with an overall grade of A, B, or C from the EdChoice voucher program. It appears that the many folks who wrote letters as well as a series of newspaper editorials helped change the minds of our legislators.

HB 305 had its 6th hearing. Unsure when there will be a vote by the committee.

My concerns: If passed, I don't see this effective until the next biennium budget. HB 305 will require the state to allocate more taxes dollars to education than current budgets have, some indications are significant increase in school funding is required to enact HB 305. If adequate money is available, this would be a significant positive cash flow for Elida. State revenue, that is the money the state takes in will be key to funding. If state revenue from income and sales tax rises, there could be more money available to support this bill. If state income does not rise and HB 305 is enacted, expect many districts to be capped.

Governor's education position on funding is important. Recently the Governor indicated that he will be pushing for continuation of current Social-Economic Student Welfare funding for the next Biennium budget. Governor has not taken a position on HB 305.

Held Key short-term indicator to watch, is this year's state budget. 20

- Specifically, are revenues on track or ahead of plan, good sign.
- Revenues below projections may require adjustments to year 2 of the current budget.
- Expenses are also important and are they on target, above or below target.
- If there is a revenue surplus, will that surplus be used to supplement current budgets or returned as additional tax reductions to residents. This is an indication of how the legislators are thinking for the next biennium budget.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Currently working with officials to apply for another round of Safe Routes to Schools grant. Applications are due this spring with implementation being within a couple of years if awarded.
- Gave an update on College Credit Plus with Rhodes State.
- Commented that our Apollo Reps term expires at the end of December.
- Have received more than \$10,000 from the Attorney General's School Safety Grant. We will be looking to purchase door barricade devices with these funds and replicate that in the new elementary building.
- Mr. Sharp spoke to the Board about changes to the HS Academic Handbook.

IX. TREASURER REPORT

X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the December 16, 2019, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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>		

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on November 21, 2019
(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, 2019, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School
Madalaine Corwin
Jack Daugherty
Riley Harmon
Cale Troyer

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Elida Middle School

David "Parker" Crim
Isabelle Gibson
Ashlyn Jolliff
Logan Tolliver

Elida High School

Laura Coil
Sophia Fields
Zoey Ludington
Kiet "Max" Tieu

4. Resignation

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

Non-Certified:

Starla Schlesselman, Elida Elementary Recess Aide, effective December 20, 2019

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:

Laura Glick, Substitute Cook and Substitute Aide
Deanna May, Substitute Custodian

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:

Jason Seggerson
Torie McAdams

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

Josephine Ballard – Washington D.C. Trip
Aundrea Fricke – Washington D.C. Trip
Amanda Opperman-Carrier – Washington D.C. Trip
Dale William Schultheis – Washington D.C. Trip
Dawn Beamer – Washington D.C. Trip
Kendra Ludington – Washington D.C. Trip

8. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2nd half reconciliation January – June 2019 to the Allen County Educational Service Center for contracted services in the amount of \$169,855.59.
(Exhibit C)

Held **9. Sales Project Potential** 20

Organization: Elida Elementary School

Advisor: Michelle Allison

Project: Dime Wars

Date: December 9, 2019 through December 13, 2019

Organization: Class of 2022

Advisor: Brenda Fetter

Project: Spring for the Stars Craft Show – Selling Baked Goods

Date: March 7, 2020

Organization: Class of 2020

Advisor: Brenda Fetter

Project: Spirit Wear Sale

Date: March 23, 2020 through April 3, 2020

10. 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.

11. Appropriation Modifications

FUND				MODIFIED
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>				
HS Guidance IUMC	018-9925	\$ 135.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,135.15
Student Wellness	467-9220	-----	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>				
FCCLA	200-9313	\$12,334.30	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 14,334.30
MS Spring Trip	200-9615	\$77,443.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$107,443.00
Class of 2021	200-9641	\$ 364.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,364.00

12. Washington, D.C. Class Trip

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following requests for professional leave:

Conference: 8th Grade Washington, D. C. Trip

Location: Washington, D.C.

Dates: Monday, May 18, 2020 through Thursday, May 21, 2020

Personnel: Jason Selhorst, Angela Ramsdail, Darrell Bryan, Ashley Edwards, Nick Morris, Chrissy Hensley, Doug Drury (alternate), Nate Westenbarger (alternate)

13. School Related Organization

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following school related organizations for the 2019-2020 school year:

Junior Statesmen of America

14. Waiver of Use of Facilities Policy

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve a waiver of policy for the use of Facilities for the following:

German Baptist Young Folks, for use of the High School Gyms and Commons on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., estimated over 200 people

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

Held _____ Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows: ²⁰

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) at 8:24 p.m. for the following reason(s):

(Check which one or more of the purposes for which the executive session is to be held).

☒ To consider the:

- ☐ Appointment of a public employee or official
- ☒ Employment of a public employee or official
- ☐ Dismissal of a public employee or official
- ☐ Discipline of a public employee or official
- ☐ Promotion of a public employee or official
- ☐ Demotion of a public employee or official
- ☐ Compensation of a public employee or official

- ☐ To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual, (unless the public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing).
- ☐ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;
- ☐ Conference with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
- ☐ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;
- ☐ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;
- ☐ Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the District where disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the district.

Executive Session ended at 8:40 p.m.

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff 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>		

XIV. Action Items

1. Appoint President Pro Tempore (12-19-1)

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>		

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2. Date of Organizational Meeting (12-19-2)

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It is recommended that January 9, 2020, be designated as the date for the 2020 Board of Education Organizational Meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Community Room. The regular January meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff 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 to Approve Legal Counsel (12-19-3)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. as legal representative.
(Exhibit D)

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff 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. Resolution to Approve Local Funded Initiatives (12-19-4)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approved the Schematic Design (SD) and Design Development (DD) Local Funded Initiatives MOU's, as well as the SD Phase submission as presented.
(Exhibit E)

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski 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>		

5. Resolution Urging Ohio Lawmakers to Follow a Consistent and Thoroughly Deliberative Process Before Approving Legislation (12-19-5)

Whereas, the Ohio General Assembly has added last-minute amendments to HB 166, the State's 2019-2020 biennial budget; and,

Whereas, the lawmakers added to HB 166, without committee discussion in both chambers, the Hunting Valley Property tax limitation at detriment and without consideration of the economic impact to the balance of Cuyahoga and Geauga public schools, (later, line item vetoed by the Governor); and

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Whereas, the Ohio General Assembly added a last-minute amendment regarding the expansion of EdChoice Vouchers prior to approving HB166, the State's biennial budget: and,

Whereas, similar legislation related to voucher expansion (HB 200 & SB 85) stalled in the House Education and Career Readiness Committee (HB200) and in the Senate Education Committee (SB85) in 2017: and,

Whereas, the Lawmakers added to HB 166 without committee discussion in both chambers a requirement that School districts are now prohibited from reducing bus service after the first day of school: and,

Whereas, the Elida Local Schools Board of Education believes that every piece of legislation introduced into The Ohio House of Representatives or The Ohio Senate should follow a consistent and thoroughly deliberate process of discussion and allow ample time for public review and comment, and

Whereas, the Elida Local School Board is concerned that our legislators are bypassing legislative rules to avoid the important but difficult conversations about a legislative bill's merits: and,

Whereas, the above examples circumvented that thorough and deliberate process:

Therefore Be It Resolved, on December 16, 2019, the Elida Local Schools Board of Education urges all lawmakers for the State of Ohio refrain from approving any new legislation, or attaching any version thereof which has already been introduced into any House or Senate committee or subcommittee to a different piece of legislation that has not been properly vetted and heard by both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly, according to the rules established by the Ohio Constitution.

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. Employment – Payroll Specialist (12-19-6)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve Esther Ruhe as Payroll Specialist effective December 17, 2019. She is to be given a two and one half year contract (expires July 31, 2022) at a pay rate of \$63,000.00, Category I on the administrative salary schedule. She will be paid per diem for any days worked prior to becoming full-time for training/transition as determined by the Treasurer.

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff 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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XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XVI. OPEN BOARD FORUM

- Proposed dates for 2020 Board of Education meetings:
 January 9, 2020 (Thursday) Organizational @ 6:30 p.m. & Regular at 7:00 p.m.
 February 18, 2020
 March 17, 2020
 April 21, 2020
 May 19, 2020
 June 9, 2020 (If needed), June 25, 2020 (Thursday) Regular
 July 21, 2020
 August 4, 2020 (If needed), August 18, 2020 Regular
 September 15, 2020
 October 20, 2020
 November 17, 2020
 December 15, 2020
- Peterson Scholarship – Mr. Christoff
Mr. Christoff feels that we can elevate student's on IEP's and work to keep those student's in our schools. He also feels that there is a need for more staff training in this area.

Mr. Schymanski noted that we need to provide professional development on the social/emotional issues of our students.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the December 16, 2019 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:00 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