

# ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.      January 5, 2023**

*Tape recordings shall be made of each meeting of the Board as an administrative aid and shall be preserved as public documents of the Board.*

*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.*

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. ROLL CALL**

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>P</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>P</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>P</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>P</u>      |                  |          |

## **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **IV. INTRODUCTION & HEARING OF 2023-2024 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

*Mr. Christoff noted that he would like to start school earlier.*

*Mrs. Agozzino noted that she would like a later start date.*

*Mrs. Stocker would like to return to starting after the fair because of the compelling arguments shared with her by community members.*

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Recognized Board Members as a part of School Board Recognition Month
- Provided copies of a letter from the Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction, along with a copy of the Resolution that she sent to Board members regarding State Board of Education opposition to President Biden's Title IX proposed regulatory changes.
- Provided updated committee assignments for 2023.
- Reminded Board members to respond to Apollo's invitation to the All Board's Dinner.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS**

## **VII. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

## **VIII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

Alisa Agozzino moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the January 5, 2023, organizational 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. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

## **Action Items:**

### **1. Election Of Officers (01-23-1)**

#### **A. Nominations for President (01-23-A)**

The President requests nominations for the position of President of the Elida Board of Education. (Nominations do not require seconds).

Alicia Agozzino nominates Brenda Stocker for President.

Jeff Christoff nominates Jeff Christoff for President.

Ira Collier, Sr moved that the nominations for the position of President be closed. Jeff Christoff seconded the motion.

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

|               |               |                  |          |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

#### **B. Election of President (01-23-B)**

The President calls for the vote.

Roll call votes (if more than one candidate, please state the person you wish to vote for President).

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

|               |                  |                  |                |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Stocker</u>   | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Stocker</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u>    | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Stocker</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Christoff</u> |                  |                |

Brenda Stocker was elected President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

*The President takes office and presides over the balance of the agenda.*

#### **C. Nominations for Vice-President (01-23-C)**

Brenda Stocker assumes the presidency and requests nominations for the position of Vice President of the Elida Board of Education. (Nominations do not require seconds).

Brenda Stocker nominates Ira Collier, Sr. for Vice-President.

\_\_\_\_\_ nominates \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice-President.

Jeff Christoff moved that the nominations for the position of Vice-President be closed. Alisa Agozzino seconded the motion.

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

|               |               |                  |          |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

#### **D. Election of Vice-President (01-23-D)**

The President calls for the vote.

Roll call votes (if more than one candidate, please state the person you wish to vote for Vice-President).

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

|               |               |                  |          |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

Ira Collier, Sr. was elected Vice-President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

#### **2. Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative (1-23-2)**

Alisa Agozzino moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded to appoint Board Member Jeff Christoff as Elida Local Schools Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative for 2023; effective January 1, 2023:

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

|               |               |                  |          |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

#### **3. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate (1-23-3)**

It is recommended that the Board appoint a delegate to be the Student Achievement Liaison. The role of the student achievement liaison will be to help the board focus on issues and actions that will improve student achievement in our district.

The responsibilities of the student achievement liaison board member will include:

- Coordinating with the superintendent and treasurer to see that there is a student achievement activity or item on each board agenda. Such items could include recognition of an achievement by a student or group, performance by a student group, planning for a district program to assist student achievement, discussion of an issue or article affecting student achievement, and similar activities.
- Distributing information and materials related to student achievement provided by OSBA.
- Informing OSBA about student achievement activities, successes and problems in our district.

Jeff Christoff moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded the appointment of Alisa Agozzino as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate.

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

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

**4. Appointment of Administrative Official (01-23-4)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent and administrative official with full authority to enter into contracts up to \$50,000 for the Board of Education during the 2023 calendar year.

Ira Collier, Sr. moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

**5. Establish Service Fund (1-23-5)**

Ira Collier, Sr. moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded to certify Elida Local Schools Official Enrollment of 2,244 students and to adopt the following Service Fund Resolution, effective January 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, R.C. 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the general fund a sum of seventy-five cents (\$.75) for each child enrolled or seven thousand, five hundred (\$7,500) or whichever is greater, such a sum of money to be known as the “Service Fund” to be used only in paying the expenses of members of the Board of Education actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives when sent out of the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District does hereby establish a Service Fund, such fund is to be set aside as an account within the General Fund and there is hereby appropriated for the purpose of said Service Fund, the sum of seven thousand, five hundred (\$7,500) which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations of this school district for the year 2023.

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

|               |               |                  |          |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

## **6. Adopt Standing Authorization of Calendar Year (1-23-6)**

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded to adopt the following standing authorization for calendar year 2023, effective January 1, 2023.

- A. Advance on Tax Settlements – authorization for Treasurer to secure an advance from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- B. Payments of Bills – authorize Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- C. Employment of Temporary Personnel – authorization for the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations, as determined by the Local Superintendent. Substitute personnel daily rate during personnel emergency to be double the regular substitute pay.
- D. Appointment of Purchasing Agent – authorize the Local Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.
- E. Use of Facsimile Signature Plate – authorize the use of a facsimile signature plate to sign all checks, salary notices, and contracts for 2022.
- F. The Elida Board of Education agrees to participate in the following federal programs for the fiscal year 2022:

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 516 - IDEA-B                | 507 - ESSER                  |
| 572 - Title I               | 551 – Title III              |
| 590 - Title IIA             | 587 – ARP IDEA               |
| 584 - Title IV-A            | 599 – Ohio K-12 Safety Grant |
| 587 - Preschool Restoration |                              |
- G. Authorize the Treasurer to make advances to State and Federally Funded Programs provided funds are returned to the General Fund.
- H. Authorize the Treasurer to purchase \$20,000 Public Official Bond for the Treasurer’s position.
- I. The Treasurer will be appointed to fulfill the public records training as required by the Ohio Revised Code.
- J. To authorize, Joel Parker, Treasurer, and Joel Mengerink, Superintendent, all financial powers at Premier Bank.
- K. Authorize as a public purchase, the purchase of food, drink or minor gifts relating to: professional development meetings, staff meetings, in-service days, opening day, appreciation days, athletic events, student incentives or other events as approved by the Superintendent.

- L. Appoint Scott Scriven, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2023 in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47 (*General Counsel*)
- M. Appoint Spengler Nathanson as legal counsel for calendar year 2023 in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47
- N. Appoint Brickler & Eckler LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2023 for all matters regarding and associated with the elementary building project and/or capital assets in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47
- O. Appoint Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2023 for all levies/bonds in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

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

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

## 7. **Board Members Rate of Pay (1-23-7)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education shall earn \$125.00 per meeting (limited to one paid meeting per month).

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

*A brief discussion was held regarding paying board members to attend training.*

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

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>Y</u>      | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

## 8. **Approval of 2023 Board of Education Dates (1-23-8)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following dates for 2023 Board of Education board meetings:

The regular 2023 monthly Board of Education meetings are listed below and will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Elida High School Community Room, 401 E. North St., Elida, Ohio. However, June, July, and August meetings will all be held at the Board of Education Central Office Conference Room, 4380 Sunnydale, Elida, OH.

January 24, 2023  
 February 21, 2023  
 March 21, 2023  
 April 18, 2023  
 May 16, 2023  
 June 6, 2023 (If Needed), June 20, 2023 (Regular)  
 July 18, 2023

August 1, 2023 (If Needed), August 15, 2023 (Regular)  
September 19, 2023  
October 17, 2023  
November 16, 2023 (Thursday)  
December 19, 2023

*Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in these meetings.*

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozzino 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. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

**9. Policy #5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment (1-23-9)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education continue with policy #5113 for inter-district open enrollment.

(Exhibit A)

Jeff Christoff moved and Ira Collier, Sr. 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. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

**10. Board Member Code of Ethics (1-23-10)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Board Member Code of Ethics.

(Exhibit B)

Alisa Agozzino moved and Jeff Christoff 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. Collier, Sr. | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>Y</u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>Y</u>      |                  |          |

## IX. 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 7:34 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- X   To consider the:
  - Appointment of a public employee or official
  - X   Employment of a public employee or official
  - Dismissal of a public employee or official
  - X   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 7:54 p.m.

Jeff Christoff moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>  Y  </u>    | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>  Y  </u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u> Absent </u> | Mrs. Stocker     | <u>  Y  </u> |
| Mr. Christoff | <u>  Y  </u>    |                  |              |

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Ira Collier, Sr. moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the January 5, 2023 organizational meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned 7:55 P.M.

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

|               |                 |                  |              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Mrs. Agozzino | <u>  Y  </u>    | Mr. Collier, Sr. | <u>  Y  </u> |
| Mr. Bowers    | <u> Absent </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.***

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President

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Treasurer