

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023
ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.**

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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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mrs. Agozzino reported on the following:

The high school National Honor Society students adopted a family again this year and prepared the gift packages and delivered them before Christmas.

Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Cockerell's classes in the elementary made these soldiers with notes expressing "thank you" and "be safe" messages sent to the Bravo unit 1-134th Field Artillery Regiment out of Piqua, Ohio serving in Iraq.

Anne Smedley, a Natural Resources Manager with Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District visited the middle school in early Jan. to present a lesson to the 7th grade about invasive species in Ohio. The presentation covered the many invasive plants & animal species found in our region

EHS Boys Varsity team were the Runner Up in the Kenton Snowball Invitational over Christmas break on Wed., Dec. 28.

Arleigh Amspoker set a new school record during the Wapak Tri Meet: in the 200 IM with a 2:29.16, beating the previous record by 5 seconds! Earlier this season she also broke her own 100 backstroke record with a 1:02.37

Senior Addisyn Freeman with Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Elise Jenkins after Addisyn's 1,000th point! Coach Jenkins gave her the game ball

The Elida Middle School Spelling Bee winners: Ash Zapata, 8th grade-1st Place Champion and Seth Foster, 8th grade- Runner up! Ash will now go onto compete in the Allen County Bee on February 25.

Brady Kirk, a senior in Construction Tech Design Build II, at the request of his mother, built a Farmhouse Harvest Table for their home. He built the base out of construction lumber, primed/painted it white, then built the top out of Red Oak applying an Early American stain. He finished it with three coats of lacquer.

Caleb Harmon, a senior in Construction Tech Design Build II, built this Farmhouse style desk for himself. He built the base out of construction lumber, primed/painted it white, then built the top out of Red Oak applying an Early American stain. He finished it with three coats of lacquer.

Ohio Music Education Association District 3 Honors Band, Choir and Jazz Band concert was held Sunday, January 15 at The Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center and Elida was well represented. One highlight included Chloe Parent who received the District 3, O.M.E.A. Loughridge Family Memorial Scholarship

Elementary Cafeteria news: Every week or two staff is introducing Fruit & Vegetable Friends! They are displayed by each register to familiarize our students with various fruits & vegetables. Last week they introduced Pedro Potato and Stella Strawberry! This week they have Craven Corn and Wanda Watermelon!

Practices for the High School Musical Annie have begun. Dates have been posted to get on your calendar now. March 16-19, 2023

Congratulations to our Elida Wrestlers! The team finished 6th out of 14 at the Dale Carroll Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21st..

- Skylar Kirk - 2nd place,
- Parker Guth - 2nd place,
- Dejuan Jones - 4th place,
- Keith Noble - 5th place,
- Shanndon Smith - 5th place,
- Ayden Dailey - 5th place and
- Garrett Beamer - 6th place.

Our swimmers competed in the Allen County Cup on Sat., Jan. 21st. More record-breaking performances-Girls 200 medley time is now a record 2:03.87 and Elida placed 3rd overall. Women placed 2nd, Men placed 5th.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

VII. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

A legislative liaison's role is to:

- 1.Share information from OSBA about state and federal education legislation with fellow board members;
- 2.Urge them to contact legislators on key legislative issues;
- 3.Build relationships with legislators.

OSBA Briefcase, Volume 54, Issue 23, Dec 26, 2022

“Functional” Government?

Congress, House of Representatives

- 15 votes to elect Kevin McCarthy Speaker of the House along party lines
- First time in 100 years that more than one ballot was necessary

Ohio General Assembly, Ohio House of Representatives

Nov 2022 – Derek Merrin “unofficially” unanimously elected Speaker-elect of the House by majority caucus

Jan 2023 – Jason Stephens elected Speaker of the House by a 54-43 bipartisan cohort including 22 members of the majority caucus

- first time in 4 years that more than one ballot was necessary (2019 = Larry Householder)

Ohio General Assembly, Ohio Senate

Matt Huffman was re-elected as Senate President

Transition to 135th Ohio General Assembly – all referred to senate committees

SB 1 Reform Ohio Department of Education

(former SB 178 (134th) passed Senate, failed House)

- Rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce
- Create the position of Director of Education and Workforce
- Reform the functions and responsibilities of the SBOE and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SB 11 Parent Educational Freedom Act

- Expand eligibility for Educational Choice scholarships
- Cease the operation of the Pilot Project Scholarship Program on July 1, 2023
- Increase the income tax credit for homeschooling expenses

SB 14 Veterans' Eligibility as Teachers

- Proposes veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to be employed as teachers without licenses

SB 17 Financial Literacy Education – Capitalism

- Incorporate free market capitalism content into the high school financial literacy and entrepreneurship standards and model curriculum.

Recently signed into law by Governor Dewine:

HB 45 (134th) – Tax Amnesty program includes \$1.7 billion from ESSER as requested by ODE for

- Greater than 2x increase Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) from current levels
- Provides \$112 million for additional grants under the School Safety Grant Program
- Increase weights to calculate transportation payments for school districts using miles driven

HB 458 (134th) – Eliminate August special elections

(unless in a fiscal emergency, per Auditor of State approval, or other exceptions)

Top priority for 2023 = biennial budget, including Fair School Funding Plan

- 1st 6 months of FY23 = +\$825 million (revenue – expenditures)
- Ohio's Rainy Day Fund at historic \$3.5 billion after a recent \$727 million transfer

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Elisa Bradley spoke to the Board about the grant she is working on behalf of in the middle school in her role as a behavioral health and wellness coordinator.
- Gave the Board an informational flier from OSBA and the January newsletter from Allen Economic Development Group.
- ODE recently announced they have raised the cut score to 47 for the 3rd grade reading guarantee. This is keeping with their goal of raising the bar each year.
- OHSAA has partnered with eSports Ohio to support and promote its state tournament which will be held in May at the U. of Akron. Currently about 250 school districts participate through eSports Ohio.
- Recognized Mrs. Stocker with a certificate from OSBA for her 15 years of service as a Board member for Elida Local Schools. Her time and efforts are much appreciated.
- Discussed the possibility of hosting a "Bulldog Academy" for any students who did not pass the 3rd grade guarantee last fall. This after-school program would run February 28 - March 30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. It is an effort to not only help those students pass the spring reading assessment, but also work on closing that learning loss from the pandemic - COVID dollars would be used for this.

- Discussed the need to add a part-time custodial position in the elementary to cover the cafeteria. Currently our day custodian is spending roughly about 5 hours total in the cafeteria covering and cleaning for breakfast and lunch. The position would be 3-4 hours daily.
- Asked Board members to email their typical work schedule to assist in the scheduling of committee meetings.

X. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 12/31/22

- Revenue \$11,041,983
- Expenses \$11,243,577
- Net Loss \$(201,594)
- Ending Balance \$5,128,383

Expenses 12/31/22

- Personnel \$6,394,221
- Retire/Ins \$2,455,659
- Purchases Svc. \$1,666,600
- Supplies \$457,254
- Capital Outlay \$71,057
- Principal \$51,614
- Interest \$8,979
- Other \$138,193
- Total: \$11,243,577

Investments – 12/31/22

- Star Ohio - \$296,337.64
- Premier Bank \$1,887,486.88
- Premier Money Market \$2,034,071.45
- State Bank Money Market \$6,247.30
- Caldwell Sutter \$542,814.50
- Caldwell Sutter – EE \$2,781,109.61
- Caldwell Sutter-Escrow- \$101,044.63
- Sate Bank CD \$250,000.00
- Lee Bank & Trust CD \$245,000.00
- Financial Federal CD \$245,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$301,513.60
- Union Bank CD - \$250,000.00
- Union Bank CD - \$500,000.00
- Union Bank CD - \$500,000.00

Driver's Education

7/1/22 – 12/31/22

- Revenue \$65,548
- Expenses \$82,323
- Loss \$16,775
- (Since 7/1/11 - \$114,703 profit)

Revenue 12/31/22

- Real Estate \$4,494,534
- Personal Property \$231,096
- State Aide \$4,753,566
- Homestead/Rollback \$657,243
- Other \$536,103
- Total \$11,041,983

001 – Cash Balance 12/31

- 2022- \$5,128,383
- 2021 - \$4,511,907
- 2020 - \$4,480,735
- 2019 - \$4,332,663
- 2018 - \$5,092,840

Food Service 12/31/22

- Revenue – Federal \$307,678
- Revenue – State -0-
- Revenue – Local \$241,254
- Expenses - \$589,515
- Loss - \$40,583
- 12/31/22 Balance \$660,284

Athletic Fund

- FY 19-20 Revenue \$170,539 Expenses \$164,542
- FY 20-21 Revenue \$117,191 Expenses \$129,294
- FY 21-22 Revenue \$178,475 Expenses \$164,688
- FY 22-23 Revenue \$176,206 Expenses \$114,445
- (Expenses \$264,445 - \$150,000 FH = \$88,235)
- 12/31/22 Balance \$128,456

Property Valuations

- Ag \$34,219,260
- Residential \$305,508,970
- Commercial \$102,581,230
- Industrial \$2,117,450
- Utility (land) \$80,360
- Utility (per) \$19,096,590
- Total \$463,603,860

Tax Rates
Residential Rates (over time)

- 2013 - 36.820
- 2014 – 37.440
- 2015 – 35.700
- 2016 – 34.984
- 2017 – 34.976
- 2018 – 37.527
- 2019 – 37.233
- 2020 – 36.568
- 2021 – 35.050
- 2022 – 34.789

In the news...

- A bill in the Nebraska legislature would let voters decide if the functions of the State Board of Education will be transferred to the Governor's Office.

Donation – Entrust

- \$18,400 (for mower to address solar fields)

XI. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Ira Collier, Sr. moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that action item #4 – Date Change for Regular February Board Meeting, be added to the agenda.

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>		

Alisa Agozzino moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that action item #5 – Resignation Agreement with Jared Clark, be added to the agenda after Executive Session.

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>		

XII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded that the Agenda for the January 24, 2023, 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. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Absent</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on December 20, 2022 and the organizational meeting on January 5, 2023.

(Exhibit A, B)

2. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for January, 2023, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Kinsley Simpson
Avaya Thompson
Eli Dauterman
Braxton Rhine
Kalila Springer

Elida Middle School

Ma’Kaia Williams
Morgan Dunahay
Makenna Wiegand

Elida High School

Caylah Miller
Carmen Blaine
Tanner Layman
Kennedy Clay

3. Resolution of Appreciation of Elida School Counselors

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 6 – 10, 2023 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 C)

5. Resignations

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

Non-Certified:

Pam Markham, Bus Driver, effective January 25, 2023

Supplementals:

Katie Sarno, Middle School Girls Track Coach
Jason Selhorst, JV Baseball Coach

6. 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.

Non-Certified:

Kari Pauff, transfer from Assistant Head Cook at EES to Head Cook at EES, Step 7, effective 1-9-23

Jacqueline Thomas, Substitute Cook, effective January 10, 2023

Tim Smith, Substitute Driver's Ed Classroom Teacher, \$25/hour (maximum \$75/day)

Lisa Myers, Substitute Cook, effective January 4, 2023

Jo Cabrera, Substitute Aide, effective 1/17/23

Andrea Murphy, Substitute Cook, effective January 25, 2023

Supplemental:

Baseball

Todd Grapner, Head Coach

Tony Moore, Varsity Assistant

Jeff Thomas, 8th Grade

Joel Parker, 7th Grade

Softball

Hillary Overholt, Head Coach

Mike Eilerman, Varsity Assistant

Mitch Monfort, JV Coach

Andrea Ricker, 8th Grade

Skylar McKinley, 7th Grade

Track

Trisha Smith, Head Girls

L. Jay Terry, Head Boys Coach

Jaden Overholt, Varsity Assistant

Jessica Mason, Varsity Assistant

Truman Littler, Middle School Boys

Brenda Ames, Middle School Girls

Kejuan Frazier, Middle School Assistant

Tennis - Boys

Michael Sarno, Head Coach

7. 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:

Karen Follrod Corey Palmer

Bailee Kuhn Angela Garner

General, Non-Degree Substitutes:

Gace Bell Chelsey Cloud

Janella Caudill Abbey Ambroza

8. 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 II

Zac Miller, HS Baseball
Brant Engle, HS Baseball
Dylan Marsten, HS Baseball
Jason Adcock, MS Baseball
Rod Hansen, MS Baseball
Addie Miller, HS Softball
Lacie Moening, HS Softball
Kylie Lammers, MS Softball
Jim Osmon, Boys Tennis
Nathon Smith, Track

9. Appropriation Modifications

FUND		MODIFIED		
<u>CLASS/NAME</u>	<u>FUND #/SCC</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
General-Facility Repairs				
	001-9400	\$17,088.76	\$8,000.00	\$25,088.76
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>				
Athletics	300-0000	\$215,501.28	\$100,000.00	\$315,501.28
ARP Homeless	507-9823	--00--	\$10,353.70	\$10,353.70
ARP IDEA	516-9722	\$127,434.23	(\$111,483.48)	\$15,950.75
ARP IDEA	516-9723	--00--	\$111,483.48	\$111,483.48
Title 1 FY2023				
	572-9223	\$577,052.21	\$6.37	\$577,058.58
School Quality Improvement Grant				
	572-9522	\$52,894.94	(\$52,894.94)	--00--
School Quality Improvement Grant				
	572-9523	--00--	\$52,894.94	\$52,894.94
Title IV A	584-9223	\$49,481.76	(\$5,000.00)	\$44,481.76
IDEA Preschool				
	587-9223	\$5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	--00--
ARP-IDEA	587-9523	\$13,000.00	(\$3,875.76)	\$9,124.24

10. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2nd half reconciliation January – June 2022 to the Allen County Educational Service Center for contracted services in the amount of \$110,485.70

(Exhibit D)

11. College Credit Plus Agreement Between Sinclair Community College and Elida Local School District

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the College Credit Plus Agreement with Sinclair Community College.

(Exhibit E)

12. Sales Project Potential

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

Organization: High School Physics

Advisor: Melody Morris

Project: Granola Bites

Date: February 1, 2023 through February 15, 2023

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

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

1. OEPI Membership (1-23-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2023 Ohio Education Policy Institute membership at a cost of \$1,000.00.

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>		

2. Third Grade Ohio State Assessment Paper/Pencil Resolution (1-23-2)

Be it resolved by the Elida Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, with recommendation from the superintendent to administer the Third Grade Ohio State Assessments in English Language Arts on paper for the 2023-2024 school 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:

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. Superintendent Contract (1-23-3)

It is recommended that the contract for Joel Mengerink, Superintendent, be renewed for 5 years, with salary in accordance with the adopted salary schedule and possessing the appropriate certification as of the first day of August 2024.

Alisa Agozzino 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>No</u>		

4. Date Change for Regular February Board Meeting (1-23-4)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the date for the regular February board meeting be changed from February 21, 2023 to February 16, 2023.

Ira Collier, Sr. 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>		

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XVI. 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 8:12 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

 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 8:26 p.m.

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>		

5. **Resignation Agreement with Jared Clark (1-23-5)**

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the resignation agreement with Jared Clark and the Elida Education Association and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

(Exhibit F)

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>		

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Christoff moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that the January 24, 2023 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:27 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.

President

Treasurer