

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Elida High School Community Room at 6:30 p.m.

January 11, 2024

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**

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>P</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>P</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>P</u>	Mr. Point	<u>P</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>P</u>		

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**IV. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS – Jaired Birks, David Peters, Jeff Point (Sworn in by Attorney Blain Brock)****V. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS****VI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

Jeff Point moved and David Peters seconded that the Agenda for the January 11, 2024, 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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

Action Items:**1. Election Of Officers (01-24-1)****A. Nominations for President (01-24-A)**

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

David Peters nominates Jeff Point for President.
 _____ nominates _____ for President.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

B. Election of President (01-24-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).

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

Jeff Point was elected President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2024 calendar year.

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

C. Nominations for Vice-President (01-24-C)

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

Jaired Birks nominates David Peters for Vice-President.

_____ nominates _____ for Vice-President.

Jeff Christoff moved that the nominations for the position of Vice-President be closed.

David Peters seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

D. Election of Vice-President (01-24-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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

David Peters was elected Vice-President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2024 calendar year.

2. Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative (1-24-2)

Jeff Point moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded to appoint Board Member Jeff Christoff as Elida Local Schools Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative for 2024; effective January 1, 2024:

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

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3. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate (1-24-3)

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 that Alisa Agozzino be appointed as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate.

David Peters moved that Jaired Birks be appointed as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Alisa Agozzino</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Jaired Birks</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Jaired Birks</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Jaired Birks</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Alisa Agozzino</u>		

Mr. Birks was appointed as the delegate to the Student Achievement Liaison for the 2024 calendar year.

4. Educational Foundation Delegate – Two Year Term (01-24-4)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education appoint a delegate to the Elida Educational Foundation.

David Peters moved and Jeff Christoff seconded the appointment of Board member David Peters as delegate to the Elida Educational Foundation effective January 1, 2024.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

5. Appointment of Administrative Official (01-24-5)

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 2024 calendar year.

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:

Mr. Peters and Mr. Birks noted that they feel \$50,000 is to much.

Mr. Christoff stated that due to inflation, the amount was increased several years ago from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

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Mrs. Agozzino N
 Mr. Birks N
 Mr. Christoff. N

Mr. Peters N
 Mr. Point N

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 \$25,000 for the Board of Education during the 2024 calendar year.

Alisa Agozzino moved and Jaired Birks seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino Y
 Mr. Birks Y
 Mr. Christoff. Y

Mr. Peters Y
 Mr. Point Y

6. Establish Service Fund (1-24-6)

David Peters moved and Jeff Christoff seconded to certify Elida Local Schools Official Enrollment of 2,206 students and to adopt the following Service Fund Resolution, effective January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, R.C. 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the general fund a sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each child enrolled or twenty thousand (\$20,000) 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 twenty thousand (\$20,000) which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations of this school district for the year 2024.

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

Mrs. Agozzino Y
 Mr. Birks Y
 Mr. Christoff. Y

Mr. Peters Y
 Mr. Point Y

7. Adopt Standing Authorization of Calendar Year (1-24-7)

Jaired Birks moved and Jeff Christoff seconded to adopt the following standing authorization for calendar year 2024, effective January 1, 2024.

- 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.

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- 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 2024.
- F. The Elida Board of Education agrees to participate in the following federal programs for the fiscal year 2024:
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| 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 the Allen County Educational Service Center Superintendent as the Elida Local School District Board of Education designee to hear student expulsion appeal hearings held in accordance with Board Policy 5610 and Administrative Guideline 5610, pursuant to ORC 3313.66 and 3313.661

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

8. Board Members Rate of Pay (1-24-8)

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

David Peters 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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

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9. Approval of 2024 Board of Education Dates (1-24-9)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following dates for 2024 Board of Education board meetings:

The regular 2024 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 11, 2024
 February 13, 2024
 March 19, 2024
 April 16, 2024
 May 21, 2024
 June 25, 2024
 July 16, 2024
 August 20, 2024
 September 17, 2024
 October 15, 2024
 November 19, 2024
 December 17, 2024

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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

10. Policy #5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment (1-24-10)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education continue with policy #5113 for inter-district open enrollment.
 (Exhibit A)

Mr. Birks moved and David Peters seconded that this item be tabled until next month.

*Mr. Birks was concerned with the language dealing with racial balance.
 A discussion was held.*

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>NO</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>NO</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>NO</u>	Mr. Point	<u>NO</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>NO</u>		

Jaired Birks moved to amend the motion to approve it for one month. This died for lack of a second.

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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

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11. Board Member Code of Ethics (1-24-11)

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

(Exhibit B)

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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

12. Legal Counsel – Scott Scriven, LLP (1-24-12)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Scott Scriven, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2024 in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

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:

Mr. Peters feels that the Board should explore other options and find counsel that better fits with the Boards beliefs.

Mr. Mengerink suggested that the Board continue to work with this firm and also look into other options.

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

13. Legal Counsel – Spengler Nathanson (1-24-13)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Spengler Nathanson as legal counsel for calendar year 2024 in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

David Peters 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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

14. Legal Counsel – Brickler & Eckler, LLP (1-24-14)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Brickler & Eckler, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2024 for all matters regarding and associated with the elementary building project and/or capital assets in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

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

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Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

15. Legal Counsel – Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP (1-24-15)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2024 for all levies/bonds in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozino 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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff.	<u>Y</u>		

VII. ADJOURNMENT

David Peters moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the January 11, 2024 organizational meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned 7:12P.M.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<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