

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-824-3838 FORM NO. 30748

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

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A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Agozzino

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Mr. Peters

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Mr. Birks

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Mr. Point

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Mr. Christoff

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Birks reported on the following:

On Tuesday, March 5th, some of our high school seniors were given the chance to engage in engineering-oriented workshops hosted at Ohio Northern University. These sessions included an overview of machinery, programming of spherical robots, and exploration of structural engineering concepts. We're grateful to Tom Zechman, along with the dedicated ONU staff and students, for orchestrating this remarkable event, which included a campus tour, complimentary lunch, and commemorative t-shirts.

On Monday, March 11th, a group of sophomore and junior girls embarked on an enriching science field trip to OSU-Lima. They engaged in various activities at the STEM Steps Event, delving into a plethora of career opportunities within the field. We're grateful to Ohio State Lima for providing such a fantastic platform. And, of course we have special appreciation to Emma McMaster, a dedicated Elida Science teacher, for organizing this invaluable experience.

Congratulations are due to all the students and staff who were involved in the production of The Sound of Music. Great performances along with beautiful sets and wardrobes made this a special event for our community. So much time and work goes into a production like this, and it's clear that excellence was a central value in the rehearsals and performances of this musical.

We're thrilled to recognize our outstanding Students of the Month, who exemplify excellence in academics, leadership, and character. These exceptional students have demonstrated a commitment to their studies, shown exceptional leadership qualities, and consistently displayed kindness and respect towards their peers and teachers. Pictured are:

1st grade: McKenzie Denlinger

2nd grade: Luke Selover

3rd grade: Kali Brooks

4th grade: Gage Bice

5th grade: Micah Stevens

High School Students of the month:

- Lexie Good - Lexie Good is a hardworking student that comes to class with a positive attitude. Lexie is a hardworking student in and out of the classroom, that is very polite to her teachers, classmates, coaches and teammates. In just a few months at the high school, Lexie has shown what it means to be a Bulldog by being respectful, responsible and safe.

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- Owen Laux - Owen Laux is a student that does everything to the best of his ability and has high standards set for himself. He is attentive, participates in class and tries to make the classroom a fun environment for learning. Owen makes a positive impact with his personality and strong leadership qualities. One teacher added "Owen is one of the hardest workers and most meticulous students I've ever had."
- Miona Gardner - Miona Gardner is a respectful, responsible, organized student that is open to diverse perspectives, shares her opinions, utilizes her time wisely, asks questions, stays on task and is actively engaged in class. Miona is a quiet leader that will step up to help whenever needed. She is also a talented art student and is involved in multiple school student groups, including National Honor Society. Miona is a student that teachers want in class because she is always ready for class and a positive addition to any group.
- David Etzkorn - David Etzkorn is the senior student of the month because of his responsible outlook and commitment to the school and community. David is always willing to do anything that is asked of him, stays on task and is engaged in all of his classes. He is very polite, outgoing and a positive role model to his fellow students and to those in younger grades. David is a committed student athlete, never making excuses. Coaches and teachers alike commented on his dedication, hard work ethic and all of his characteristics of what makes him a true Bulldog!

We love to showcase the incredible Senior Woodworking Projects crafted by our talented Elida students, under the guidance of Mr. Matt Amstutz. These outstanding projects not only showcase the students' craftsmanship but also their creativity and dedication to excellence. Let's take a look at the latest projects:

- Brody Burtchin, a senior in Construction Tech Design Build II, wanted to build a Bookshelf for his room at home to display his personal collections. He stained it with Early American and then applied three coats of lacquer.
- Cody Bryan, a senior in Construction Tech Design Build II, built a pair of Adirondack chairs for the American Township Fire Department as part of his Eagle Scout project. ATFD is the new Charter of Scouts BSA Troop 84 so he wanted a way to say thank-you. He was also able to get the chairs personalized with a laser engraver. He then stained it with Honey and sprayed 3 coats of lacquer.
- Payton Kline, a senior in Construction Tech Design Build II, chose to build a shuffleboard table for the man cave at home. He built it out of a combination of walnut and cherry and then finished it with a Rubio Monocoat.

National FFA Week was celebrated by high school students from February 17th to 24th with Drive Your Tractor to School Day. Members of Elida's FFA, including Daron Peters, FFA President, and Tanner Layman, FFA Secretary, visited the middle school to share insights about the FFA program with students. Our high school takes pride in its excellent AG Program, where students can learn important skills, such as welding.

In Mrs. Schumaker's class, 8th-grade art students are currently delving into Art Careers. They've been exploring the works of mosaic artists and were given the option to create either a watercolor mosaic, a colored pencil mosaic, or a digital mosaic using Google Draw. You can catch a glimpse of their creations at the upcoming Elida Elementary/Middle School Art Exhibit on Saturday, May 18th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the elementary school.

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Students had an engaging, hands-on experience at the end of February learning about rocks and minerals, all thanks to Science Enhancement for Science Advancement. They generously provided "rock kits" containing a diverse assortment of rocks buried in sand. The students eagerly excavated these kits and successfully identified the rocks based on their newfound knowledge. This is a fascinating and distinctive lesson, and an example of how Elida teachers are teaching beyond the textbook.

V. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

Ohio General Assembly

Senate Bill (SB) 17 has passed both chambers and been signed by Governor DeWine. This law requires the State Board of Education to update the standards and model curriculum for financial literacy and entrepreneurship in grades 9-12 to include free market capitalism content.

The Senate *unanimously* passed and amended SB 104, which would revise the operations of the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, including requirements for students, public and chartered nonpublic schools, public and private colleges, the Chancellor of Higher Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The amendments do the following:

- Add Nov. 1 as a second date for enrolling in CCP classes.
- Remove language that would have required school districts and institutions of higher education to split CCP students' textbook costs 50-50.
- Eliminate the bill's provisions regarding open-source materials.

The bill has been sent to House

Ohio General Assembly recently introduced bills potentially impacting education

- HB 436 would require the State Board of Education to permit educational aides and intervention specialists to provide remote services.
- HB 440 would make changes regarding the provisions of remote services for special needs scholarship recipients and the credentialed professionals who may provide services under the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program.
- HB 445 regarding school district policies for released time courses in religious instruction.
- HB 447 modifies and expands property tax homestead exemptions, to gradually reduce school districts' 20-mill floor, and to modify the formula for determining farmland's current agricultural use value.

Other Related State action

The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) has the following proposed rules open for public comment:

OAC 3301-13-11 Identification, instruction, assessment, and reclassification of English learners

OAC 3301-10-01 School enrollment for victims of domestic violence and several others

See: <https://education.ohio.gov/About/Ohio-Administrative-Code-OAC-Rule-Comments>

State Board of Education

At a recent public meeting, State Superintendent of Public Education Paul Craft updated the board on its financial status and outlook for the rest of the biennium. Current projections from the SBOE show that the board will have \$3.5 million deficit by year's end. The SBOE will consider raising licensure fees to minimize financial losses.

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US Congress

- more posturing in regard to continuing resolution funding (+/- policy riders)
- continuing resolution agreement reached on March 1st to avoid a partial government shutdown
- education appropriations (plus 5 other bills) must be finished by March 22 to avoid agency closures
- the federal fiscal year will be half over at the end of March

Other related Federal action (Feb 2024)

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Education issued new guidance documents on Section 504 (Sec. 504) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Sec. 504 prohibits discrimination against students with disabilities by public schools and other institutions receiving federal funds. The four new guidance documents provide assistance to school districts on Sec. 504 rights of students with specific conditions.

The four guidance documents are:

- Sec. 504 protections for students with asthma.
- Sec. 504 protections for students with diabetes.
- Sec. 504 protections for students with food allergies.
- Sec. 504 protections for students with GER/GERD.

(GER is gastroesophageal reflux and GERD is gastroesophageal reflux disease.)

Other related Federal action

ED RELEASES RESOURCES ON PRESCHOOL EXPANSION, EARLY SUCCESS The Department of Education (ED) on Monday published resources for how states, local educational agencies (LEAs), and schools can use Title I funds to expand access to high-quality preschool for three- and four-year olds in a range of quality settings including schools, Head Start, and community-based organizations.

ED RELEASES RESOURCES FOR STUDENT VOTERS The Department of Education (ED) on Monday released a "Toolkit for the Promotion of Voter Participation for Students" to provide resources for educational institutions to help them identify and implement actions to assist eligible students with voter registration and voting.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service Notice on Income Eligibility Guidelines announced the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals, free milk, and Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer benefits for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke in regards to students and cell phones:

- *Otto Heising spoke in regards to students and cell phones. He feels the students need their phones and you shouldn't punish all students unless they misuse them.*

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

Discussed the need of HS Band to replace the band truck. We are going to look to see what we can do and how we can help

Discussed the eclipse day. The day after is still a little iffy due to traffic concerns.

TIRC meeting last week – Tax Incentive Review – this was for Quality Welding on East Rd. The group voted to continue the agreement that goes back to 2019. This was for an 18k sq. ft. addition that ended up being closer to 22k sq. ft. The abatement was 95% for 10 years and was to include 17 additional new jobs. To date, they have added 14 positions as they face the challenges of the changing labor market. This was roughly a \$4 million investment that they made.

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~~As everyone knows by now, the HS has stated that cell phone usage is no longer permitted in that building during the school day. This would match what the middle school did last year and continue to do this year. Current Board approved policy states that students may use cell phones at lunch and when approved by a teacher or administrator. In order to match what both of those buildings are doing, I have recommended the change in policy to reflect that cell phones may not be used at all during the school day unless approved by an administrator.~~

We have had instances of students recording and posting themselves online completing senseless Tik Tok Challenges, taking pictures of others without permission and posting online, scheduling fights to be recorded and published online, numerous disruptions in classrooms, cyber-bullying, and more.

I'm sure that many in this room have heard by now that about 10 days after our high school principal made this decision, that Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted both announced publicly their support for policies that do just what we did. The state of Oklahoma has gone so far as to give each school district our size \$1 million for eliminating phones in schools. Why? Because these people know the role that phones play in student's lives... and it's not a positive one in schools.

A lot of research has been coming out that links cell phone and social media use to mental health issues and worsening academic performance. Furthermore, studies that the Fordham Institute have cited, not just one but multiple studies, not only links student mental health to social media and cell phone use, but further cites that it is particularly concerning among teenage girls. This research has shown an uptick in depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation as a result of social media use.

From an academic standpoint, the Fordham Institute and Lt. Gov. Husted cited research that found that student who check their cell phones become distracted in class for up to about 20 minutes. So that 5-10 seconds that it takes to check a quick message on their phone is leaving students consumed in what was in that message and/or how to respond. They simply can't re-focus. 20 minutes is nearly half of a single class period in high school – so it is easy to see how students may have trouble retaining information long-term.

Schools in Ohio that have already put this policy into practice have stated the following:

- The new policy has cut down on so much drama in school.
- One of the most drastic and positive changes of the new policy has been a louder and more boisterous cafeteria
- Suicide threat assessments have drastically decreased since implementing the policy
- Our lunchrooms are noisy at lunchtime, which is exciting for our students to be discovering that there is value to interacting with peers in conversation

We have even seen it in our district. Last year when phones were eliminated in the middle school, all of a sudden there was a drastic reduction in fights and other discipline issues within the building. We believe we will see the same in the high school now.

Those students needing special accommodations have been dealt with individually by the principal and approved as necessary – this could be for special education needs, medical needs, English Learner students, or students in college credit plus courses.

One quick example of the improvement we are seeing in the high school already – in the Opportunity Schools, our online credit recovery program, in the last week of February students completed a total of 452 tasks. Last week students completed 591 tasks... and increase of 30% or nearly 140 tasks.

Are there still going to be fights – most likely. There were when we were in school. Are students going to have to worry about their images being posted online because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time – hopefully not. Will classes be interrupted by a ding of text alert or phone ringing – yah, it will probably still happen from time to time...but not every day or several times a day or several times in a single class period.

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Taking cell phones out of schools is what's in the best interest of students academically, socially, and emotionally – that is pretty hard to dispute. That is why I am making the recommendation that has been put forth on the policy change.

VIII. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 2/29/24

- Revenue \$19,816,828
- Expenses \$15,621,834
- Net Gain \$4,194,994
- Ending Balance \$9,941,498

Revenue 2/29/24

- Real Estate \$10,524,867
- Personal Property \$634,961
- State Aide \$7,075,089
- Homestead/Rollback \$637,814
- Other \$258,958
- Total \$19,816,828

Cash/Investments – 2/29/24

- Star Ohio \$10,139,137.26
- Premier Bank \$1,672,024.84
- Premier Money Market \$381,568.78
- State Bank Money Market \$17,603.68
- Caldwell Sutter \$573,086.47
- Caldwell Sutter \$2,938,826.41
- Cadlwell Sutter – Escrow \$106,671.78
- Financial Federal CD \$245,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$54,985.18
- Union Bank CD - \$261,420.55
- Union Bank CD - \$500,000.00

Cupp Report FY 23

- Elida – Expense Per Pupil \$12,918
- State Average \$15,427
- (\$15,427-\$12,918=\$2,509 x 2,206=\$5,534,854)

Athletic Fund 2/29/24

- Revenue – Boys Basketball \$53,938
- Revenue – Girls Basketball \$23,194
- Revenue – Football \$74,083
- Revenue – Other \$54,899
- Expenses – Salaries (\$17,318)
- Expenses – Benefits (\$741)
- Expenses – Purch. Serv. (\$85,515)
- Expenses – Supplies (\$24,225)
- Expenses-Equipment (\$9,815)
- Expenses – Other (\$10,814)
- Gain \$57,686
- Beginning Balance \$90,646
- 8/31/23 Balance - \$148,332 (300 Fund)

001 P2P HS - \$24,275

001 P2P MS - \$6,540

001 Expenses (\$275,117)

Total Loss (\$186,616)

001-Cash Balance 2/28/(29)

- 2024 - \$9,941,498
- 2023 - \$9,511,973
- 2022 - \$6,189,976
- 2021 - \$5,382,088
- 2020 - \$8,257,630

Food Service 2/29/24

- Revenue – Federal \$419,507
- Revenue – State \$7,538
- Revenue – Local \$315,106
- Expenses -\$777,782
- Loss \$35,631
- 2/29/24 Balance \$844,044

Expenses 2/29/24

- Personnel \$8,633,142
- Retire/Ins \$3,534,870
- Purchases Svc. \$2,501,788
- Supplies \$587,180
- Capital Outlay \$16,792
- Principal \$52,729
- Interest \$7,863
- Other \$287,470
- Total \$15,621,834

Cupp Report FY 23

- Elida – Admin-Expense Per Pupil \$1,329
- State Average \$2,083
- (\$2,083-\$1,329=\$754 x 2,206=\$1,663,324)

Cupp Report FY 23

- Econ. Disadvantaged - Elida 49.97%
- State Average 43.84%
- Students with a Disability – Elida 12.58%
- State Average 15.66%

Poverty Barriers

- Food
- Sleep
- Health/Mental Health
- Technology
- Transportation
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Lack of Adult Supervision
- Behavior

Insurance Values

Elida High School

- Cost to build \$38,249,986 (2011)
- Appraised value \$55,179,000 (2024)

Elida Elementary

- Cost to build 36,796,133 (2021)
- Appraised value \$45,819,000 (2024)

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Report		Admin Cost	Revenue	Expense	Grad	Attend.
Card	Comparison Group Data	Per Pupil	Per Pupil	Per Pupil	Rate	Rate
3.5	Bellefontaine	2,274.98	14,319.23	14,510.25	95	92.3
3.5	Buckeye	2,074.70	16,760.38	13,960.22	87.9	88.6
4.5	Port Clinton	2,043.31	17,230.25	15,468.17	97.3	92.3
3	Piqua	2,038.13	16,133.94	14,707.60	89	91.2
4	Oregon	1,855.82	16,449.12	14,798.03	95.2	92.1
3.5	Fremont	1,825.17	15,371.80	12,692.08	89.6	92
4	Clark-Shawnee	1,743.18	13,872.83	13,277.76	96.7	92.3
3.5	Wauseon	1,724.25	12,241.33	11,832.22	94.3	93.6
2.5	Sidney	1,695.29	13,010.36	11,642.07	83	91.3
3.5	Lake	1,674.23	13,665.45	12,628.02	97.9	93.3
3.5	Madison	1,643.34	14,471.51	13,931.20	86.3	91.8
3.5	Orrville	1,597.04	14,657.26	13,679.81	88.6	93.5
3	New Philadelphia	1,581.16	12,831.48	11,513.55	77	91.4
3.5	Hamilton	1,526.29	14,503.10	13,362.01	82	89.2
3	Urbana	1,481.92	15,242.92	14,053.72	81.8	91.7
3.5	Tecumseh	1,422.17	14,018.66	12,778.95	89.3	91.4
3	Wilmington	1,409.11	15,537.69	13,479.70	87.2	91.1
3.5	Norwalk	1,392.25	13,348.24	11,815.08	93.3	92.3
4	Elida	1,349.16	13,733.76	12,205.90	87.7	91.7
3.5	Defiance	1,323.97	14,746.47	13,267.35	99.4	93.3
4.5	Bath	1,253.12	12,159.60	10,804.61	96	93.5
Average					90.21	91.90
State						
Average		1,629.46	16,457.07	14,685.85		

IX. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Christoff moved to table action item # 2 – “Employment – Athletic Director”. This died due to the lack of a second.

*Mr. Christoff thought the entire retire/rehire process should have been done again.
Mr. Mengerink stated that it only needs to be done once, the first time he is rehired.*

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X. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Jaired Birks moved and Dave Peters seconded that the Agenda for the March 19, 2024, 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. Peters	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>NO</u>		

XI. CONSENT ITEMS**1. Approve Previous Minutes**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the minutes for the February 13, 2024 regular board meeting and the February 27, 2024 special board meeting. (Exhibits A & B)

2. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for March, 2024, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

McKenzie Denlinger

Luke Selover

Kali Brooks

Gage Bice

Micah Stevens

Elida Middle School

Roslin Snyder

Madelyn "Maddie" Thomas

Karniah Lee

Elida High School

Alexa "Lexie" Good

Owen Laux

Miona Gardner

David Etzkorn

3. National Nutrition Month

It is recommended the Elida Board of Education, does hereby proclaim the month of March National Nutrition Month in Elida Local Schools, and we encourage all citizens to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

4. National Arts/Music Month

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of March as Fine Arts in Our Schools Month and we express our appreciation to our fine arts educators for enhancing our lives and the lives of our children through art and music.

5. National School Social Workers Week

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby proclaim the week of March 3 – 9, 2024 as National School Social Workers week. We celebrate and express our appreciation to our school social workers for working with students to address students' social, emotional, physical, mental health, and environmental needs so that students may achieve academic success.

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6. Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.

(Exhibit C)

7. New Fund

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

019-2200 Summer Library Grant

8. Resignations

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

Administrative:

Joel Parker, Treasurer, effective April 1, 2024

Non-Certified:

Audrey Engberg, High School Custodian, effective February 7, 2024

Angelia Shuey, EMIS Coordinator, effective June 2, 2024

Connie Moor, Cafeteria Employee, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, for retirement purposes

Austin Lause, Technology Technician, effective April 5, 2024

Savanah Luke, Cafeteria Employee, effective May 31, 2024

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

Non-Certified:

Mark Smith, Substitute Bus Driver

Brenda Adam, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, Substitute Secretary

2024-2025 Fall SportsFootball:

Kyle Harmon, Head Coach

Dan Larimore, Assistant Coach

Randy Woods, Assistant Coach

Andy Etzkorn, Assistant Coach

Ryan Reindel, Assistant Coach

L. Jay Terry, JV Coach

John Kroeger, JV Coach

Guy Alexander, Freshman Coach

Nate Westenbarger, Freshman Coach

Keenan Newland, 8th Grade Head Coach

Jesse Guererro, 8th Grade Assistant Coach

Jeff Thomas, 7th Grade Head Coach

Dameer Relford, 7th Grade Assistant Coach

Volleyball:

Traci Sneary, Head Coach

Mandy Henderson, JV Coach

Juli Curl, Freshman Coach

Stacy Smith, 8th Grade

Jordin Walters, 7th Grade

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Boys Soccer

Tom Thomas, Head Coach
 Scott Warris, JV Coach

Girls Soccer

Mitch Monfort, Head Coach
 Bob Jones, JV Coach

Girls Tennis

Jacob Ramirez, Head Coach

Golf:

Jason Selhorst, Head Coach

Cross Country

Craig Kerns, Head Coach
 Amy Durham, Middle School

Football Cheer

Olivia Smith, Head Coach

*Mr. Christoff asked when the pupil activity permits would be completed and issued.
 Mr. Mengerink stated we should receive them sometime before June 30, 2024.*

10. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitutes who have met Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and have on file a clear criminal background check:

Bachelor

Dawn Mooney
 Frances Mort
 Cynthia Lachey
 Sophie Starr
 Dana Blanchard

Non-Bachelor

Liam Nance
 Alexandria Bilikha
 Makenzie Bockey

Lacilynn Graham
 Madelyn Tracy

11. Employment – Bulldog Academy

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for the Bulldog Academy Program. The program runs from February 26, 2024 – March 21, 2024. This is to be funded with ESSER funds.

Teachers: As needed: Jen Kristoff, Katie Klaus, Jill Cockerell, Morgan Henderson, Carlyn Howard, Mel Cady, Liz Parker, Angie Siefker

Substitute Teachers: Marci Roberts, Michelle Allison

Aide: Emily Woodruff

Bus Drivers: As needed: Cyndi Smith, Paula Frankhouser, Mary Reiff, Diane Shulaw

12. 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 form ODE for Class II Volunteers:

Class II

Jason Adcock, Middle School Baseball
 Jaden Overholt, High School Track

Class I

Wendy Snyder, Washington DC Trip
 Nathan Kern, Washington DC Trip
 Louella Reid, Washington DC Trip

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13. Summer School

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2024 summer school schedule for Elida High School, Middle School, and Elementary as listed below:

June 3-6, 10-13, 17, 18, 20, 2024 (Monday - Thursday)

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Christoff asked about the schedule for summer school.

Mr. Mengerink noted there will be two sessions/day at each building.

14. Apollo Career Center Satellite Program for 2024-2025 School Year

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Satellite Program Standards & Maintenance Agreement between Apollo Career Center and Elida Local Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

(Exhibit D)

15. Rhodes State College - College Credit Plus

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the contract to partner with Rhodes State College for the College Credit Plus and the Data Sharing Agreement. This is effective May 28, 2024 through June 1, 2025.

(Exhibit E)

16. Rhodes State College – Clinical Affiliation Agreement

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Rhodes State College and Elida Local Schools.

(Exhibit F)

17. Ohio Northern University – Field Experience Agreement

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Field-Based Experience/Student Teaching Agreement with Ohio Northern University.

(Exhibit G)

18. Sales Projects

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

Organization: EHS Class of 2026

Advisor: Michelle Steinke

Project: Double Good Popcorn Sales

Date: March 1, 2024 – March 4, 2024

Organization: Class of 2025

Advisor: Keisha Larimore

Project: Flower Loft Cards

Date: April 1–24, 2024

Organization: EHS Senior Class of 2024

Advisor: Bill Kellermeyer

Project: ELS Bulldog Croc Jibbets (Charms)

Dates: March 20, 2024 – April 22, 2024 (or until sold out)

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19. Appropriation Modifications

FUND CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	MODIFIED APPROPRIATIONS
GENERAL FUND				
Supplies-500	001-0000	\$684,960.07	\$50,000.00	\$734,960.07
SPECIAL REVENUE				
BB Cheerleaders	300-9553	\$1,236.91	\$1,000.00	\$2,236.91
FIDUCIARY FUNDS				
HS Art Club	200-9334	\$112.03	\$500.00	\$612.03

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

XII. ACTION ITEMS**1. Family Week (3-24-1)**

It is recommended by the superintendent that June 29, 2024 thru July 7, 2024 be identified as Family Week at Elida Local Schools. This will be a non-contact period for coaches and student athletes entering grades 7-12 for the Fall of 2024. School facilities will be closed for student athletes in these grades during this time period. Exceptions to this may be any state sponsored tournaments for which any teams may be competing and/or the district hosting, or those specifically approved by the superintendent.

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

2. Employment – Athletic Director (3-24-2)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment:

Dave Evans, Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2024, 1 Year Contract, 25 Extended Days, Athletic Director Supplemental

David Peters moved and Jeff Point seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Christoff has concerns about not holding a public notice prior to this for the retire/rehire. He is not in favor of the retire/rehire.

Mr. Birks feels that Mr. Evans is liked by many people.

Mr. Point feels that Mr. Evans is liked and respected by many people and that he has good quality and high standards.

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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>NO</u>		

3. Substitute Teacher Pay Incentive (3-24-3)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve a substitute teacher pay increase of \$25/day during the month of May 2024 only. This does not apply to any long-term substitutes on the teacher salary scale.

Jaired Birks moved and David Peters seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Mengerink noted it is hard to get substitute teachers in May and this could help.

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>		

4. Temporary Treasurer Assignment and Compensation (3-24-4)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the temporary Treasurer assignment and compensation as listed below and authorize all financial powers at Premier Bank and Citizens National Bank.

Esther Ruhe, Treasurer, effective April 1, 2024, Additional \$118/day per diem

Jeff Point 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>		

5. Training/Consultation of the New/Temporary Treasurer (3-24-5)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following training/consultation of the new/temporary Treasurer as follows:

Joel Parker - \$65 per hour, effective April 1, 2024

David Peters 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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6. Personal Communication Devices Policy Revision (3-24-6)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the changes to policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices.

(Exhibit H)

Alisa Agozzino moved and David Peters seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Christoff is concerned with the timeline of this change and feels the Board should have approved it prior to implementing the change.

A discussion was held.

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>NO</u>		

7. Paxton Patterson Curriculum Purchase (3-24-7)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the purchase of Paxton Patterson Curriculum at the cost of \$103,250. This is to be paid for using ESSER funds.

(Exhibit I)

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>		

8. Invoices over \$25,000 (3-24-8)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve the following invoices:

AEP - \$50,238.24 – Electric Invoice 2/21/24

AEP - \$37,787.61 – Electric Invoice 3/7/24

Gordon Food Service - \$38,580.01 – Food for Cafeteria 2/7/24

Jeff Christoff moved and Jeff Point 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>		

9. Resolution To File Complaint Against The Valuation of Real Property For Tax Year 2023 (3-24-9)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") monitors the valuation of real property located within the territory of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the best interests of the community to protect its tax base by ensuring property is not undervalued; and

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WHEREAS, R.C. 5715.19 requires the Board to adopt a resolution for each complaint it files with the county board of revision seeking a change in the value of real property and to notify the property owner of the intention to adopt the resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board authorizes filing of a complaint(s) against the valuation of real property pursuant to R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d) challenging the determination of the total value or assessment of the parcels listed and described below based upon a recent arm's-length sale/transfer of the property or other evidence that indicates that the total valuation or assessment is incorrect:

Owner	Owner Address
STORE MASTER FUNDING XXVI LLC	4120 AIR TRANS RD MEMPHIS TN 38118
Parcel No.	Parcel Address
36-2202-03-004.001	3223 ELIDA RD LIMA OH 45807

2. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or Treasurer, in consultation with legal counsel, to take appropriate action consistent with this resolution to prosecute, defend, and/or otherwise resolve the complaint(s) against the valuation of real property.
3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Jeff Christoff moved and Jeff Point 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>NO</u>
Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

10. Certification of Project Completion (3-24-10)

WHEREAS, the Elida Local School District entered into a Classroom Facilities Assistance Program with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission on July 12, 2018, and

WHEREAS, all construction has been completed and all contractual obligations have been met, and

WHEREAS, the final reconciliation of the Elida Local School District's Project Construction Fund (Fund 10) with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission has been completed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District approve the Certificate of Project Completion and authorize the President and Treasurer to execute the Certificate, and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to close the Project Construction Fund (Fund 10) and dispose of the remaining funds in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 3318.12.

(Exhibit J)

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

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

Mrs. Agozzino

Y

Mr. Peters

Y

Mr. Birks

Y

Mr. Point

Y

Mr. Christoff

Y

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

The following people spoke in regards to band camp:

- Josephine Ballard, Treasurer of Band Boosters – She is in favor of continuing band camp and feels it is an amazing experience for all students. It is 90% financially supported by students and boosters.
- Otto Heising – He spoke in favor of continuing band camp at Camp Palmer.
- Darrell Bryan – spoke about the longevity and the benefits of going to Camp Palmer. Noted that chaperones all complete a background check.
- Nikki Bowers – spoke about Camp Palmer and the fun things that the students do. She feels they focus more and get in more practices.

XIV. OPEN BOARD FORUM

The following items were discussed:

- Teachers block web pages
- Cell phone usage
- Letter from students
- Ramps at sporting events
- Starting board meetings with prayer
- Address computers and spotty wi-fi; the need for functional computers

XV. 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 8:47 p.m. for the following reason(s):

___ 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;

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____ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;

X 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 9:38 p.m.

Jeff Christoff moved and Jeff Point 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>		

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Christoff moved and David Peters seconded that the March 19, 2024 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:30 P.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