

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida Central Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. July 16, 2024

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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.

A G E N D A

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. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:
135th Ohio General Assembly

January 1, 2023 – June 24, 2024 (18 months) = 25 bills sent to Governor DeWine

June 25, 2024 (committee meetings) + June 26, 2024 (chamber session) = 29 bills sent to Governor DeWine

DeWine has acted on House Bill (HB) 2, the capital appropriations bill that provides \$600 million in funding for school construction and renovation. The bill also includes the One Time Strategic Community Projects funding, and several school districts and joint vocational school districts received that funding.

HB 47, would require the placement of automated defibrillators (AEDs) in each public and chartered nonpublic school and each public recreational facility.

HB 147 - would make changes regarding teacher licensure revocation, teacher hiring practices and conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.

SB 29 - would make changes regarding education records and student data privacy.

SB 112 - would require that school buildings comply with certain safety standards as they pertain to protective doors.

SB 168 – a.k.a. the education deregulation bill. Includes extensive changes since reported last month, including correction items from HB 33, the biennial budget bill. More than 30 of these changes that may impact education and are summarized in a “Facts in a Flash” summary. <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/blogs/facts-flash/week-june-24-2024>

Newly introduced bills:

HB 633, sponsored by Reps. Joe Miller (D-Amherst) and Thomas Hall (R-Madison Township), would require the Department of Health to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and guardians of elementary school students.

The Ohio General Assembly is “tentatively” on recess until after the November elections. Thereafter, the lame duck session is also expected to include a flurry of activity, as introduced bills must be acted upon by the end of the calendar year for the 135th

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US Congress – nothing to report – after a July 4th recess, Congress is off this week for the RNC. An August recess will soon follow that includes the DNC. They are scheduled to return Monday September 9th.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- The state budget ended the fiscal year with a \$1.1 billion balance surplus -
 - Lottery proceeds to the education fund are up \$49.8 million
- Cell phone policy revision policy will be coming next week, and will pretty closely resemble the model policy that has been put out to school districts.
- Discussions will continue in the weeks ahead regarding the driver's education program.
- Most all job openings within buildings have been filled.
 - We still have several bus driver openings.
 - We will have to make some drastic changes to our routes - which may include limiting pickup to within a certain radius, possibly no pickups in the village, more neighborhood drop offs and pick up points, not busing open enrollments from their designated pickup points within the district, creating a third route and adjusting start and end times for school for certain grade levels. No decisions have been made but will be done as soon as we are able
- Lots of work being completed around the school district, including the new careers exploration lab with equipment showing up already. This should be ready well in advance of the start of school. Sealcoating of the high school lot should begin next week.

VII. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at \$6,286,389.91 in the General Fund
 - \$539,885.59 more than this time last year
 - \$1,112,552 Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - \$539,886 Revenue over Expenses FYTD
- \$12,511,177.50 across all funds
 - \$441,104.16 more than this time last year
 - \$315,275.99 expenses over revenue for the month
 - \$441,104.16 revenue over expenses FYTD
- Interest for May - \$32,280.59
 - Total FYTD \$516,242.49
 - \$254,607.69 more than this time last year (last year total was \$261,634.80)
- ARP ESSER currently has \$333,426.39 left. We have until 9/30 to obligate fund and 11/20 to request money.
- Strategic Solutions gave a demo July 16th to take requisition/PO/check process digital, potentially receipts and mileage reimbursement as well.
- Financial audit scheduled for September 3 – 6.

VIII. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Agozzino moved and Mr. Point seconded that consent item #4-Employment, be moved to action item #2 and consent item #13-Participate in Federal and State Programs, to action item #3. Change current action items #2-4 to #4-6, and also add action item #7 – Discussion of Open Board Forum.

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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>		

IX. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS WITH THE REQUESTED CHANGES

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Point seconded that the Agenda for the July 16, 2024, 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>		

X. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the minutes for the Board of Education meeting on June 25, 2024.

(Exhibit A)

2. Financial Reports

(Exhibit B)

3. Resignation

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

Certified:

Summer Griner, Gr. 4 Teacher, effective August 21, 2024

Non-Certified:

Nathan Sanford, Head Custodian at Elida Elementary, Effective July 31, 2024, Contingent Upon Being Hired as 2nd Shift Custodian

4. New Hire Contract Correction

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following correction to a newly hired employee:

Anna Rice, Elementary Cafeteria Dishwasher 2.5 hours/day, effective 8-22-24

Correct from Step 0 to Step 2

Danielle Rice, Gr. 5, effective August 22, 2024

Correct from MA, Step 8 to MA+15, Step 8

5. Extended Day Contracts – 2024-2025 School Year

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve up to the following extended days for the 2024-2025 school year:

Jason (JC) Miller	School Improvement Coach	10 Days
Morgan Morton	EES School Social Worker	10 Days
Jennifer Knippen	EMS School Soc. Worker	10 Days
Katie Sarno	School Nurse	5 Days
Stacy McAdams	EHS Social Worker	10 Days
Melissa Schultz	EHS Guidance Counselor	20 Days
Lauren Smith	School Nurse	5 Days
Quez Prinwood	EHS Guidance Counselor	20 Days
Randy Woods	EMS Guidance Counselor	8 Days
Kathy Magers	EES Guidance Counselor	3 Days

These days are to be used before/after the 2024-2025 school year.

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6. Volunteers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as volunteers, pending Category 1 volunteer guidelines by policy #8120:

Class I

Jessica Kleman – (Including but not limited to Band Camp)

Class II

Matthew Bell, High School Football

7. 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:

Bachelors Degree

Rhonda Bargerstock	Hans Barlach	Terry Huffman
Frank Kahle	Mark Kleman	Debra Metzger
Shannon Nichols	Richard Sherrick	Stacie Shine
Terri Vanover	Brittney Westley	Pamela McClure
Debra Nelson	John Mummert	Regena Mummert
Kathleen Pugh	Jason Snyder	Patricia Reed
Connie Kimmey	Pauline Fleming	Margaret Turnbull
Peggie Stubbs	Jacqueline O’Connor	James (Kevin) Fraley
Tracie Wilson	Randy Boratko	Thelithia Banks
Mary Smith	Alan McClintock	Elaine Luchini
Olan Brown	Randy Prichard	Sandy Dackin
Dana Blanchard	Carla Jean Baden	Mattie Hollingsworth-Minor
Judith Olateru-Olagbegi	Dick Darlington	

Non-Degree

Brock Blythe	Michelle Kalnins	Lauren Williams
David Fett	Jennifer Young	Emily Leimeister
Alexandria Bilikha	Christopher Schock	

8. Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the substitute teacher rate of pay at \$120 per day for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. Home Instruction Tutors

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following rate of pay for the Home Instruction Tutors for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

\$40.00 per hour

10. Substitute Bus Driver Rate of Pay

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the substitute bus driver rate of pay as listed below for the 2024-2025 school year:

\$19.00 per unit/hour

Substitute Retired Elida Bus Drivers

0-5 Years Experience	Add \$2.00 to substitute base
6-10 Years Experience	Add \$2.50 to substitute base
11-15 Years Experience	Add \$3.00 to substitute base
16+ Years Experience	Add \$4.00 to substitute base

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11. Policy 1100.01 – Temporary Administrative Arrangements

It is recommended that Alison Sites, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, act as Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year whenever the Superintendent is absent &/or unavailable from the district.

(Exhibit C)

12. Waiver of Use of Facilities

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

The “National Night Out” event that will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse parking lot. This is sponsored by the Elida Elementary PTO.

13. Assignment of Athletic Tournament Workers

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Dave Evans, Athletic Director, to assign all high school athletic tournaments and game workers (ropes, ticket takers, scorekeepers, etc.) on an as needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year.

14. Events Manager – 2024-2025

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following payments for supplemental work completed by staff covering events on an as-needed basis:

Varsity Football \$50/contest
JV Football \$35/contest
Freshman Football \$35/contest
JH Football \$20/game
Varsity Boys/Girls Soccer Only \$35/contest
JV Boys/Girls Soccer Only \$35/contest
Varsity and JV Soccer Games \$50/contest
Varsity Volleyball Only \$35/contest
Varsity and JV Volleyball \$50/contest
Junior High Volleyball \$20/game
Tennis \$35/contest
HS Basketball \$50/contest
Freshman Basketball \$20/contest
Junior High Basketball \$20/game
HS Wrestling \$30/contest
JH Wrestling \$20/contest
Combined Wrestling \$40/contest
HS Track \$35/contest
MS Track \$30/contest
Softball \$35/contest
Baseball \$35/contest

These would be at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks seconded to delete the language “Payment would come out of athletic funds”.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows to amend the language and delete “payment would come out of athletic funds”

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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15. Allen County Regional Transit Authority Services

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the contract with Allen County RTA to provide transportation for Elida students to and from Marimor School, Allen County ESC, Bath Elementary, Bath Middle School, and any other needed location within Allen County. This agreement is effective August 1, 2024 through the end of 2024-2025 school year.
(Exhibit D)

Mrs. Agozzino moved and Mr. Peters 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>		

XI. Action Items:

1. Employment (7-24-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check, a negative drug test, and for administrative personnel meeting administrative licensure guidelines as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, per salary schedule in effect.

Administrative:
Tyson Goings, Assistant Principal at Elida Elementary, 3-Yr Contract, 223 days, \$75,000.

Mr. Christoff moved and Mrs. Agozzino seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Birks is uncomfortable with Tyson’s involvement with Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at the university level and believes it is inappropriate. He does not support hiring him.

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>No</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

2. Employment (7-24-2)

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.

Certified:
Courtney Rockwood, Gr. 3 Teacher, BA, Step 0, effective August 22, 2024
Olivia Montel, High School Science Teacher, Long-Term Substitute, Step 0, effective 2024-2025 school year

Non-Certified:
Nathan Sanford, 2nd Shift Custodian, Step 11, effective August 1, 2024

Mrs. Agozzino moved and Mr. Christoff seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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Mr. Birks voted no because he said no information was shared with him about the candidates and does not feel it is appropriate for the board to approve this without it.

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>No</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

3. Participate in Federal and State Programs (7-24-3)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve participation in the following federal and state programs for the school year 2024-2025, including Title 1 Services (Reading Intervention), Title IIA (Improving Teaching Quality), Part B IDEA (Special Education), and Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment), 6b Restoration (Preschool Restoration), 6B IDEA Restoration, ESSER, School Quality Improvement, ARP ESSER, Title III.

It is further recommended that in the spirit of good education and the intent of federal and state legislators that no fundraisers be permitted within these programs.

Mr. Birks moved and Mr. Christoff seconded to strike “all” from the current language and replace it with “the following”.

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

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

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Peters seconded that the above recommendation be approved with the amended language.

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. Adoptions of Permanent Appropriations FY25 – Correction from 6-25-24 (7-24-4)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, that to provide for current expenses and other expenses of said Board of Education for the period beginning July 1, 2024, the following be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated as a permanent measure for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made during the described period and that the Treasurer, Superintendent and President of the Board are hereby directed to execute such certificates as required by Section 5705.412.O.R.C. and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to encumber against and expend from the various funds and accounts within the limits of the appropriated amounts.

(Exhibit E)

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Agozzino 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>		

5. Board Policy #2413 – Career Advising – No Change (7-24-5)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve policy #2413, Career Advising.
(Exhibit F)

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. 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>		

6. Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding (7-24-6)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 dues invoice for the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding as listed:

Annual E&A Coalition Dues	\$1,027.50
Annual EdChoice Litigation (VHO) Dues	\$3,082.50
Total:	\$4,110.00

Mrs. Agozzino moved and Mr. Christoff seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Peters feels the district should not be spending taxpayer money on lawsuits and that the money could be better used elsewhere.

Mr. Point commented that it is necessary and vouchers violates Ohio Constitution and is taking away public school money.

Mr. Birks questioned why voucher money being given to private schools would be better spent at Elida School.

Mr. Christoff doesn't believe Elida taxpayer dollars should be used for for private schools.

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>No</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

7. Discussion of Open Board Forum (7-24-7)

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the board have an open board forum monthly with a time limit of 6 minutes for each board member; total of 30 minutes, which can be extended by a majority vote of the board.

Mr. Christoff believes that board members should have the same, or more time, than community members to discuss board business.

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Mr. Birks stated he was unclear of the need for a time limit.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Birks seconded to strike the time limits.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows to strike time limits:

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

Upon the call of the roll, the vote to add a monthly board forum with no time limits 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) at 7:50 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- ☐ To consider the:
 - ☐ Appointment of a public employee or official
 - ☒ Employment of a public employee or official (Evaluation of the Superintendent & Treasurer)
 - ☐ 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 9:40 p.m.

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. 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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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Agozzino moved and Mr. Christoff seconded that the July 16, 2024 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:40 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