

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 7:26 p.m.

January 14, 2025

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

Announcement of 300 Club Winners

\$75 – Katie Cox; \$50 – Laux; \$25 – David Peters

III. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

IV. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

V. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

Governor DeWine signs several education related bills

HB 70 – Require schools adopt a policy regarding over-the-counter drugs.

SB 78 – makes retired teachers who are reemployed in positions covered by the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) eligible to seek election to the STRS Board.

HB 8 - "Parents' Bill of Rights" - ***requires*** public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification on student health and well-being, instructional materials with sexuality content, and ***released time courses in religious instruction***.

HB 206 – permits superintendents to extend expulsions beyond 180 days for serious threats to people/property by no more than 90-day increments, subject to reassessment, contingent conditions, and extension until “sufficient rehabilitation”.

HB 257 – prohibits virtual meetings if a public board member is compensated or elected to their positions on the board.

SB 54 - an appropriations bill that includes an education-related appropriation of \$250,000 for the 1in5 Foundation to promote suicide prevention in schools.

SB 208 - regarding open enrollment policy exceptions for military children, school district and educational service center purchases of technological equipment, virtual services provided under special needs scholarship programs, public school employee in-service training in child sexual abuse, preservice teacher permits, and student and driver training instruction in peace officer interactions.

SB 234 – require schools to include suicide and crisis hotline telephone number on student IDs, planners, and electronic portals.

Recently introduced bills (that will need to be re-introduced for the 136th General Assembly)

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SB 342 – provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic schools

Congress

- Passed a second Continuing Resolution on December 20, 2024 to extend federal spending until March 14, 2025 including educational appropriations.
- Social Security Fairness Act – signed into law – rescinds two provisions — the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) — that limit Social Security benefits for recipients if they get retirement payments from other sources, including public retirement programs from a state or local government. Beneficiaries can now receive both Social Security benefits and government pensions, when applicable.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

- No Participants Registered

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Recognized Board members as part of School Board Recognition Month, presented each Board member with a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Provided the annual college credit plus report from Rhodes St to Board members. Last years group earned 151 more credit hours than the previous year and saved roughly \$93,000 in tuition. Our students earned an average of 8.19 credits, as compared to the average for all students using Rhodes at 6.75 credits.
- Nothing to report from the solar company - still no contracts have been provided or completed, including the power purchase agreement. Would like to see a definitive timeline soon.
- Updated the Board on proposed cuts that would be effective over the summer. The district is running at \$1 million in deficit spending this year and \$1.5 million in deficit spending next year. The proposed cuts would take place regardless of what happens with the renewal levy. Should the renewal levy fail this year, the cuts will have to be much deeper and will be tremendously hurtful to students and staff. A decision from the Board on recommended cuts is needed at the February meeting. The proposed cutbacks are as follows:
 - Reduction in Extended Days for some staff: \$4,600
 - Reduce/eliminate summer help positions: \$23,000
 - Reduce the base of supplemental contracts by 25%: \$110,000
 - Reduction/elimination of 5 teaching positions (absorbed due to retirements/resignations): \$540,000
 - Reduction/elimination of additional teaching positions: \$515,000
 - Reduction in annual technology replacement spending: \$50,000
 - Reduction in technology software contracts: \$170,000
 - Reduction in administrative contracted work days: \$15,000
 - Reduction in secretarial work days: \$4,000
 - Hiring freeze (no new positions created)
 - Grant funded or academic required field trips only
 - Summer school only for high school
 - Reduce copying/paper costs
 - Bring back pay to participate

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VIII. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

- Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:
- Closed at \$4,999,749.63 in the General Fund
 - \$286,368.14 less than this time last year
 - \$1,050,370 Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - \$1,286,640 Expenses over Revenue FYTD
 - \$10,074,684.07 across all funds
 - \$645,026.98 more than this time last year
 - \$888,425.51 Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - \$2,436,493.43 Expenses or Revenue FYTD.
 - Interest for December- \$23,618.76
 - \$42,770.81 less than this time last year.
 - \$939.21 less FYTD than last year at this time.

IX. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Peters moved to add action item #6 to have a board member reach out to Bill Deters to meet with the board for legal services. Mr. Birks seconded.

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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Christoff moved and Mrs. Agozzino seconded that the Agenda for the January 14, 2025, 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>Y</u>		

XI. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on December 17, 2024.
(Exhibit A)

2. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for January, 2025, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School
Wren Harmon
Caeden Murphy
Mona Donley
Kinsley McElroy
Hailey Arnett

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Elida Middle School

Cayden Stein
Jailyn Zickafoose
Payton Shattuck

Elida High School

Arwen Troyer
Tommy Etzkorn
Ava Frueh
Abigail Daugherty

3. Resolution of Appreciation of Elida School Counselors

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 3 – 7, 2025 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 B)

5. Resignation

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

Certified

Morgan Henderson, Intervention Specialist at Elida Elementary, effective 1-3-2025

6. Employment

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

Supplementals:

Baseball

Head Coach – Tyler Leatherman, OH3148324
Varsity Assistant – Douglas Scott Graham, OH3471594
JV – Jeff Thomas, OH1362238
8th Grade – Mike Niebel, OH3511179
7th Grade – Dylan Marston, OH3405474

Softball

Head Coach – Hillary Overholt, OH3198618
Varsity Assistant – Mike Eilerman, OH3103430
JV – Eddie Ramirez, OH3551125
8th Grade – Katelynn Jones, OH3467221
7th Grade – Dave Sumption, OH3463075

Boys Tennis

Head Coach – Michael Sarno, OH3272798

Track

MS Boys – Truman Littler, OH3412781
MS Girls – Brenda Ames, OH3162376
MS Assistant – Kejuan Frazier, OH3435532

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7. 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.

Class I

Jennifer Henry – Washington D.C. Trip Derrick Shoup, Washington D.C. Trip

Class II

Thomas Mault, OH3161225 – Track	Zachary Miller, OH3144465-HS Baseball
Jaden Overholt, OH3137654 – Track	Jeff Engle, OH3170567 – HS Baseball
Rod Hansen, CC1002178 –HS Baseball	Lacie Moening, OH3421125-HS Softball
Jim Osmon, OH3377050 – Boys Tennis	Tom Gibson, OH3133790 HS Wrestling

8. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitute teachers who have met Ohio Department of Education & Workforce certification requirements and have on file a clear criminal background check:

General, Non-Degree

Morgan Deffenbaugh
Quincey Baumgartner
Jenna Fricke

Bachelors Degree

Dionne Graham
Steven Ford

9. Appropriation Modification

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund/SCC</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Modified Appropriation</u>
Athletics	300-0000	\$198,495.78	\$6,460.99	\$204,956.77
OH EPA Water Station Grant				
	499-9623	-0-	\$20.05	\$20.05
Title III	551-9225	-0-	\$23,532.17	\$23,532.17
Title IV	584-9225	\$52,449.15	\$9,252.64	\$61,701.79

10. Close Cash Account

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to close the following cash account:

200-9196 – 6th Grade Quiz Bowl

11. Transfer of Funds

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to transfer the following funds:

\$100,000.00 from 001 0000, general fund to 001 9700, General – Textbooks & Instructional Materials

12. Sales Project Potential

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

Organization: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

Advisor: Ashley Edwards

Project: Resource Recycling Mulch Sales

Date: January 20, 2025 – February 7, 2025

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Agozzino seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

Mr. Peters questioned the appropriation modifications.

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

XII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy Updates (1-25-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following new/revised/replacement policies (Volume 43-1).

- 0100 - Definitions
- 0142.1 - Oath
- 0151 – Organizational Meeting
- 0152 – Officers
- 0155 – Committees (Technical Correction)
- 0163 Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
- 0164 – Notice of Meetings
- 0165- Board Meetings (New)
- 0165.1 – Regular Meetings (Rescind)
- 0165.2 – Special Meetings (Rescind)
- 0166- Agendas (New)
- 0167.2 – Executive Session (Renumbered)
- 0167.7 – Use of Personal Communication Devices (Renumbered/Revised)
- 0173 – Board Officers (Rescind)
- 2265 – Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology (Revised)
- 4120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
- 4121 – Criminal History Record Check
- 5131 – Student Transfers
- 5136.01 – Electronic Equipment
- 5200 – Attendance
- 5500 – Student Conduct
- 5780 – Student Rights
- 6200 – Maintenance of General Fund Cash Balance Equivalent to at Least Sixty (60) Days Operating Expenses – (Rescind)
- 6220 – Budget Preparation
- 6320 – Purchasing and Bidding
- 6460 – Vendor Relations
- 7530.02 – Staff use of Personal Communication Devices
- 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- 7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)
- 8310 – Public Records
- 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events
- 1130 – Conflict of Interest
- 3113 – Conflict of Interest
- 4113 – Conflict of Interest
- 6110 –Grant Funds
- 6111 – Internal Controls
- 6112 – Cash Management of Grants
- 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
- 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
- 6550 – Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
- 7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property
- 7450 – Property Inventory

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Mr. Birks mentioned he did not make it to the policy meeting due to illness, and would like to limit how many policies are approved at once.

Mr. Christoff mentioned that if they are chunked over several meetings, they would not go into effect until they approved.

Mr. Peters would like more time to review the policies.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Birks seconded to change wording to policy 0166 under Agenda, Part “D”: The agenda for each regular meeting shall be provided to each Board member in advance within a reasonable period of time. Generally, the agenda should be provided no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting. The agenda for a special meeting shall be provided at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote to amend policy 0166 was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the above recommendation be approved with the amended wording..

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

2. Policy Updates–Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (1-25-2)

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board’s adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW’s Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Peters 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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3. Volunteers (1-25-3)

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.

Class I

Jeff Point – Elida Elementary School

Tammy Point – Elida Elementary School

Mr. Birks 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>Abstain</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

4. Employment (1-25-4)

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

Supplementals:

Track

Head Girls – Trisha (Smith) Terry, OH1236174

Head Boys – Jay Terry, OH1540381

HS Assistant – Jessica Mason, OH3415793

HS Assistant – Kevin Bowers, HC1002080

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

Mr. Christoff asked for these names to be moved from the consent items to an action item because his daughter intends to run track and he would like to abstain.

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>Abstain</u>		

5. Selection of Levy Committee Liaisons (1-25-5)

It is recommended that the following board members serve as Levy Committee Liaisons for the Emergency Levy Renewal:

Mr. Point nominates Mrs. Agozinno. Mr. Birks seconded.

Mr. Christoff nominates Mr. Point. Mr. Peters seconded.

Mr. Christoff moved that the nominations be closed.Mr. Birks seconded the motion.

Mrs. Agozzino read an email sent to the Board, Superintendent, and Treasurer about levy committee.

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

6. Appoint a Board Member to Contact Bill Deters, Attorney (1-6-25)

It is recommended that the following board member contact Bill Deters, Attorney at Law regarding meeting with the Board for legal services.

Mr. Point nominated Mr. Peters. Mr. Christoff seconded.

Mrs. Agozzino moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Christoff 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>		

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

- No Participants Registered

XIV. OPEN BOARD FORUM

--Nothing--

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Point seconded that the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:29 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>		

President

Treasurer