

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m. December 17, 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. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – Mr. Christoff

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

Governor DeWine signs

SB 104 - College Credit Plus Program, includes language regarding single-sex facilities and accommodations

HB 432 –creates alternate credentialing pathways for career-technical educators. The bill includes clarifications from SB 29, regarding student data privacy and “dedicated student use” devices. This bill includes an emergency clause, meaning it is immediately active.

Lame Duck session – Ohio Assembly

HB 70 – Require schools adopt a policy regarding over-the-counter drugs passed by Senate, headed to the Governor

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, headed to the Governor

2026-2027 Ohio Biennial Budget projected timeline

Governor DeWine – unveils proposal Feb 3, 2025

Mid February - Four Budget Bills introduced (Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Industrial Commission, Transportation, and Operating) to the General Assembly

February – June - involves the legislative process

March 30, 2025 - Transportation Budget Bill enacted

July 1, 2025 - Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Industrial Commission, and Operating Bills enacted

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Lame Duck session – Congress

- Still expecting a Continuing Resolution for Educational Appropriations, which expire Friday, December 20th. Likely continuing funding at current levels, but for how long?

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

- No Participants Registered

VII. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Discussed with the Board the impact that a data center, being proposed on Cole and Bluelick Rd, could have on the district. Growing the tax base is never seen as a negative to school districts. Also, they have promised to make the district whole. The project could create 150 jobs and payroll in excess of \$5 million annually. Benefits to the district would most likely not be seen for 3-5 years. A copy of a letter sent to the Zoning Board was shared.
- Gave an update on the solar project - not much new to report. They are still working on plans and schematics. They continue to work on the final development ideas for the site and their most recent communication (December 13th) was asking about some trees/bushes in the area. Have had no discussions regarding the power purchase agreement.
- Discussed the use of student agendas/handbooks for the high school and middle school students. Shared some survey data with the Board demonstrating the need for students to have them.
- Mr. Sharp spoke to Board regarding changes in the academic handbook and changes to the Class Rank procedures.

IX. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at \$6,050,119.09 in the General Fund
 - \$288,668.23 less than this time last year
 - **\$1,380,098** Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - **\$230,271** Expenses over Revenue FYTD
- \$10,963,109.58 across all funds
 - \$641,466.55 more than this time last year
 - **\$4,412,035.39** Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - **\$1,548,067.92** Expenses or Revenue FYTD.
- Interest for July- \$37,434.92
 - \$885.00 more than this time last year.

X. 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 7:52 a.m. for the following reason(s):

- _____ To consider the:
- _____ Appointment of a public employee, or official, or student
 - _____ Employment of a public employee, or official, or student
 - _____ Dismissal of a public employee, or official, or student
 - X Discipline of a public employee, or official, or student
 - _____ Promotion of a public employee, or official, or student
 - _____ Demotion of a public employee, or official, or student
 - _____ Compensation of a public employee, or official, or student
- _____ To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student unless such employee, official, licensee, or student requests a public meeting; except that consideration of the discipline of a Board member for conduct related to the performance of his/her duties or his/her removal from office shall not be held in executive session

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- _____ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, unfit-for-us property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest
- _____ Discussion with the Board’s legal counsel, of 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 employment;
- _____ Matters required to be confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;
- _____ Specialized details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols where disclosure might reveal information that could jeopardize the district’s security

Executive Session ended at 9:13 p.m.

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

XI. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

XII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the December 17, 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>		

XIII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on November 19, 2024.
(Exhibit A)

2. Financial Reports

(Exhibit B)

3. Students of the Month

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

Elida Elementary School

Harper Toland
Reagan Monfort
Junior Fadley
Henry Tran
Kenny Snurr

Elida Middle School

Xavier Guisinger
Brooklyn Focht
Averi Henry

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Elida High School
Emmanuel Cage
Saige Bullock
Leona Swickrath
Pierce Tracy

4. Resignations/Retirement

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

Administrative:

Gregg Roth, Transportation Director, effective January 1, 2026, for retirement purposes

Certified:

Ruth Bassett, Intervention Specialist at Elida Middle School, effective May 29, 2025, for retirement purposes

Karen Foley, Gr. 4 Teacher, effective June 1, 2025, for retirement purposes

Christina Schwinnen, Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 1, 2025, for retirement purposes

Thomas Weger, High School Math Teacher, effective May 28, 2025, for retirement purposes

5. Employment

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending a 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.

Driver Education

Tim Smith, Driver Education Instructor, effective December 9, 2024

Non-Certified:

Tylee Spurgeon, Paraprofessional Aide at Elida Elementary, Step 5, effective December 2, 2024

Madison Hawkey, Cook/Server at Elida Middle School Cafeteria, 2 hrs/day, Step 3, effective January 6, 2025

Melissa Maxwell, Substitute Custodian, effective November 5, 2024 (correction from 11-19-24)

Supplemental:

Assistant Bowling Coach – Bryan Slaughter, OH3541106

6. Substitute Teachers

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

Bachelors Degree:

Kylie Guagenti	Tek Ghimire
Desmond Kirkman	Karen Follrod
Jeremiah Wright	

General, Non-Degree Substitutes:

Emalea Collins	H. Cade Price
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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

(Including but not limited to the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip)

Teresa Rhinock	Denise Thomas	Suzanne Troyer
Jill Miller	Ben Troyer	Heather Donley
Justin Lehman		

Class II

Thomas Mault, High School Boys Wrestling, OH3161225

8. Sales Projects

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

Organization: Class of 2028

Advisor: Keisha Larimore

Project: Double Good – Popcorn Sale

Date: January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025

Organization: Class of 2026

Advisor: Keisha Larimore

Project: Stoller Fundraiser

Dates: February 1, 2025 – March 26, 2025

Organization: Reflector Yearbook

Advisor: Katherine Glenn

Project: 2025 Reflector Ads

Dates: January 6, 2025 – April 30, 2025

Organization: Reflector Yearbook

Advisor: Katherine Glenn

Project: 2025 Yearbooks

Dates: February 1, 2025 – June 15, 2025

9. 2025-2026 Academic Handbook

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 High School Academic Handbook.

(Exhibit C)

10. Overnight Trip Request – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the request from Mrs. Ashley Edwards to take 8th graders to Washington D.C. on May 28, 2025 through May 31, 2025

(Exhibit D)

Mr. Chrisoff stressed that if this passes, the teacher accompanying needs to have the proper training to serve the needs of the students, as well as to protect herself from errors and omissions.

11. Title 1 Memorandum of Understanding with Lima City Schools

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Title 1 Memorandum of Understanding between Lima City Schools and Elida Local School for the 2024-2025 school year.

(Exhibit E)

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Mr. Birks 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>		

XIV. Action Items

1. Donation (12-24-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education accept with gratitude the following donation:

- From Connie Mault, retired Elida School Bus Driver, a wooden bus replica

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

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

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

2. Emergency Action Plan – Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) (12-24-2)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the emergency action plan for the use of automatic external defibrillators.

(Exhibit F)

Mr. Birks 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>		

3. Resolution Determining to Proceed with Submission of a Renewal Tax Levy (12-24-3)

WHEREAS, this Board of Education at its meeting on the 19th day of November, 2024, by resolution duly adopted, determined the necessity of levying a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of this School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, in the amount of \$2,704,741 per year for a five (5) year period, to renew a tax that expires with the levy to be made on the 2024 tax list and duplicate for collection in calendar year 2025, and provided that the question of levying said renewal tax shall be submitted to the electors of said School District at an election to be held on May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified to this Board of Education the total tax valuation of the District and that the estimated average annual levy (assuming that the amount of the tax list of this School District remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year) required to produce said annual amount is five and eight hundred and six one thousandths (5.806) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to \$203 for each \$100,000 of appraised value.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District:

- SECTION 1. That it is hereby determined to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying the renewal tax described in the preambles hereto at the election to be held on May 6, 2025.
- SECTION 2. That the Treasurer of this Board of Education be and is hereby directed to certify the following to the Board of Elections: (a) the resolution of this Board of Education determining the necessity of said tax and said election; (b) this resolution; (c) the amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor’s appraised value as well as in mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, as calculated and certified by the County Auditor, and (d) the number of years said levy is to run and to notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of such election to be given as required by law.
- SECTION 3. That the form of ballot, upon which the question of levying said tax shall be submitted to the electors, shall be as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Elida Local School District, for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, in the sum of \$2,704,741 per year, and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Auditor to average five and eight hundred and six one-thousandths (5.806) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$203 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor’s appraised value, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2025 first due in calendar year 2026.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

- SECTION 4. 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.

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Agozzino 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>		

4. **Appoint President Pro Tempore (12-24-4)**
Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks seconded that Mr. Point be appointed President Pro Tempore to serve at the organizational meeting until the election of the President.
- Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks 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. Date of Organizational Meeting and Regular January Meeting (12-24-5)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that January 14, 2025, be designated as the date for the 2025 Board of Education Organizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Community Room with the regular January meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Point 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>		

6. 2025-2026 School Calendar (12-24-6)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 school calendar.

(Exhibit G)

Mr. Christoff moved and Mr. 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>		

7. OSBA Membership/Subscriptions (12-24-7)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and renew its subscriptions to Briefcase and Negotiator.

(Exhibit H)

Mr. Peters has taken training from the National School Board Leadership Council, and believes OSBA leads some things in the wrong direction, and operates under an agenda. He has received more training and guidance from the National School Board Leadership Council than OSBA. Also believes they would save the district money vs. OSBA.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Birks seconded that action item #7 be tabled.

Mr. Birks believes there is a benefit in a continued conversation on which organization benefits the district best. He personally has concerns with the nature of some of OSBA's advice to school boards.

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

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

Motion fails.

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Mr. Christoff stated that he was only prepared to discuss the renewal of membership and subscription to OSBA.

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

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

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

8. Invoice over \$25,000 (12-24-8)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve BWC 2025 policy year renewal in the amount of \$42,043.00. The policy period is from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026.
(Exhibit I)

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

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

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

XV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- The following proposed dates for 2025 Board of Education meetings will be on the January organizational agenda for approval:

January 14, 2025
February 18, 2025
March 18, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 20, 2025
June 17, 2025
July 15, 2025
August 19, 2025
September 16, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 16, 2025

All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Community Room except June, July, and August meetings will all be held at the Board of Education Central Office Conference Room, 4380 Sunnysdale, Elida, OH.

- Records Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - OTHER

- No Participants Registered

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XVII. OPEN BOARD FORUM

Mr. Christoff- brought up the potential to seek out information on differently legal counsel that specializes in school board issues earlier than the organizational meeting in January.

Mr. Peters supports this, and would potentially suggest Bill Deters from Ennis Britton.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Christoff seconded that the December 17, 2024 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:37 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