

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m. March 18, 2025

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***Mr. Peters read a statement concerning disruptions during board meetings.**

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Announcement of 300 Club Winners
\$75 – Allison Dauterman; \$50 – Nicholas Morris; \$25 – Nicholas Morris

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT – Dr. Agozzino & Students

Mason Troyer and Sophia Broshes, two of the High School Leadership students, presented the March student activities report.

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – Dr. Christoff

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

136th General Assembly

- lots of committee hearings in both chambers

HB 96 - the House’s version of the FY26-27 state operating budget.

- amendments due by March 14th
- substitute bill expected by April 1st
- omnibus bill expected by April 8th
- House vote expected on April 9th
- then to Senate

HB 43 – would waive required minimum instructional hours for Ashtabula Lakeside High School after weather damage made their school building unusable for a significant period. Passed the House. Referred to Senate Committee.

Recently introduced bills for the 136th General Assembly

HB 106 – the House version of Alyssa’s Law would allocate \$25 million to a pilot grant program at ODEW for public and chartered nonpublic schools to purchase panic alert systems or contract for artificial intelligence firearm detection software.

HB 113 – would modify the law regarding annexation and financial disclosure forms and require school district approval of residential community reinvestment area property tax exemptions.

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[HB 114](#) - would alter age requirements for kindergarten admission, expanding them to include six-year-olds who have not completed first grade.

[HB 117](#) – would require the Pledge of Allegiance in schools.

[HB 119](#) – would enact the Graduation Readiness and Development (GRAD) Act regarding exit orientation programs at public high schools and designate September as "Workforce Development Month".

[HB 125](#) – would permit excused absences from school to participate in 4-H and FFA programs.

[HB 145](#) - would raise the minimum number of school hours.

[HB 153](#) - would require state and school district board members to be nominated by primary election and to appear on the ballot with a party designation.

[HB 154](#) – would require school district approval of residential community reinvestment area property tax exemptions.

[HB 155](#) – would prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion in public schools.

[SB 105](#) – would enact Alyssa's Law and require public and chartered nonpublic schools to implement a wearable panic alert system, appropriating \$25 million to support the purchase of such alarm systems.

[SB 107](#) – would require state and school district board members to appear on the ballot with a party designation.

[SB 109](#) – would reimburse public and nonpublic charter schools to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to students, and appropriate \$300 million to offset costs.

[SB 113](#) – would prohibit diversity, equity and inclusion in public schools.

Federal government

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CUTS \$350 MILLION IN “IDEOLOGICAL” SPENDING.

The funds were initially allocated for applied research, technical assistance, and equity training programs. However, the Department is asserting that a review found the spending to be “ideologically driven” and not beneficial to student outcomes or taxpayer interests. The Department plans to reallocate the funds.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CUTS \$600 MILLION IN TEACHER TRAINING GRANTS

\$600 million in grants to institutions and nonprofits for teacher training programs —Teacher Quality Partnerships and Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grants— stating that they were deemed to promote divisive ideologies. The decision affects funding for teacher residencies, professional development, and recruitment programs. Critics argue the cuts undermine efforts to address teacher shortages and improve educational equity.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES ANTI-DEI PORTAL FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

Introduced EndDEI.Ed.Gov, a new public portal that enables parents, students, teachers, and community members to report instances of race or sex-based discrimination in publicly-funded K-12 schools.

LARGEST TEACHERS’ UNION SUES EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OVER DEI THREATS

The National Education Association (NEA) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Department of Education’s (ED) directive that threatens to withhold federal funding from schools with race-based programming.

DEMS CHALLENGE LEGALITY OF DOGE ACTIONS WITH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

A coalition of Democratic lawmakers expressed serious concerns about Elon Musk’s "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) and its actions within the Department of Education (ED). They note that DOGE has ordered the termination of federal education research, evaluation, statistics, and technical assistance projects managed by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Additionally, the lawmakers criticize the firing of the Education Inspector General, the dismissal of staff, and the placement of others on administrative

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leave, suggesting these actions aim to undermine the Department's capacity to manage federal education programs effectively. They also accuse DOGE of lacking transparency.

After the Legislative report, Mr. Peters announced that Mr. Birks had to leave due to a family emergency.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

- Paul Basinger spoke in favor of Dave Evans.

Between Public Participation on action items and the superintendent report, Mr. Peters called recess out at 7:30PM.

At 7:40PM Mr. Peters resumed the meeting and called for Roll:

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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Gave the Board a solar update.
- Most all teachers have been notified if their teaching assignment is changing for next year.
- Next month we will be seeking approval for a band trip next spring to Florida. This is something they do every four years.
- Mrs. Sites and myself are working on submitting a couple grants in the month or so ahead dealing with literacy and school safety.
- In response to the Board's request last month as to what cuts might look like if the renewal levy fails this calendar year, I have prepared a general draft of what it may look like. To get to \$2.7 million there would be a lot of cuts and they would be really drastic. The following could be reduced/eliminated:
 - Approximately 30 teaching, administrative, support and custodial positions would need to be eliminated
 - 2 SRO positions would be eliminated
 - Maintenance spending on buildings would have to be curtailed
 - Parking lot maintenance would be reduced/eliminated
 - No purchase of buses for an extended timeframe
 - We would have to consider eliminating all non-revenue sports - those that don't break even or cover their own expenses
 - Eliminate many other supplemental positions, including some or all in the drama department, some or all of the quiz bowls, and many others
 - Marching band would not travel to away football games
 - Reduce kindergarten to ½ day
 - Reduce preschool to special needs students only, or require tuition payment
 - Reduce busing to only those living outside a 2-mile perimeter, and possibly eliminate high school transportation
- These are not cuts that are desired in any way, but ultimately if the levy does not pass the Board will have some very tough decisions to make in order to balance the budget. This also does not include any consideration of what could happen if the state funding is reduced as is being talked about now in Columbus.

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- Thanks to the athletic department and of those who assisted with all of the basketball tournament games that we hosted. Also, thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with the spring musical last weekend. Both events were exceptionally well done.

IX. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at \$10,354,086.79 in the General Fund
 - \$412,589.80 more than this time last year
 - \$6,401,376 Revenue over expenses for the month
 - \$4,067,697 Revenue over Expenses FYTD
- \$17,501,402.24 across all funds
 - \$1,023,343.43 more than this time last year
 - \$8,467,942.62 Revenue over Expenses for the month
 - \$4,990,224.74 Revenue over Expenses FYTD.
- Interest for December- \$38,183.78
 - \$7,530.17 less than this time last year.
 - \$11,329.89 less FYTD than last year at this time.
- Checks between \$25,000 - \$50,000
 - **Check #111418 - \$54,500.00 – American Fidelity for Board Paid Flex Account
 - Check #111472 - \$34,481.95 – AEP

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 7:48 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- _____ To consider the:
 - _____ Appointment of a public employee or official
 - ☒ 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;
- _____ 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 8:03 p.m.

Dr. Christoff moved and Mr. Peters seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Point questioned the purpose of having the executive session

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

XI. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

XII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Agozzino seconded that the Agenda for the March 18, 2025, regular meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

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

XIII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the minutes for the February 18, 2025 regular board meeting,
(Exhibit A)

2. Students of the Month

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

Elida Elementary School

Ezra Uncapher
Maya Thomas
Devain (DJ) Kirker
A’nyah Brown
Josie Hoersten

Elida Middle School

Caleb Fetters
Kolby Bullock
Bennett Taylor

Elida High School

Clayton Knight
Chloe Nartker
Ellen Troyer
Gage Redman

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.

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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 2 – 8, 2025 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.

6. Financial Reports

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

(Exhibit B)

7. New Fund

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

029-9502 – Linda Holman Memorial Scholarship

200-9644 – Class of 2024

8. Resignations/Retirements

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

Certified:

Kelley Jones, Intervention Specialist at Elida High School, effective May 28, 2025, for retirement purposes

Non-Certified:

Shannon McGuire, Rotating Dishwasher/Server at Elida High School, effective February 20, 2025

9. Rescind Contract

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education rescind the following supplemental contract that was approved on January 14, 2025:

Mike Niebel, Grade 8 Baseball Coach

10. 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 & Workforce, per salary schedule in effect.

Certified:

Olivia Montel, High School Science Teacher, Bachelor, step 1, effective at the start of the 2025-2026 school year

Fiba Utley, LT Sub Gr. 4, Bachelor, Step 2, effective February 10, 2025

Non-Certified:

Tiarra Ward, Rotating Dishwasher/Server at Elida High School, 2.25 hours/day, Step 5, effective March 3, 2025

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Supplemental: (Spring 2025)
Cody Monfort, Gr. 8 Baseball Coach, ID: OH3557689

11. Substitute Teachers

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

<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Non-Bachelor</u>	
Casey Rife	Misty Mathews	Paris Morrison
Madison Downing	Keaton Sexton	Brett Lawson
	Todd Gordon	

12. Volunteer

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as a volunteer. Volunteering will be pending following the school volunteer policy guidelines and proper certifications form ODE for Class II Volunteers:

Class II
Darren Sharp, Middle School Baseball ID: OH1314344

13. Salary Change

It is recommended that the Board approve the following change in salary for the following staff members, pending official transcripts, to qualify for advancement on the salary schedule effective the first pay in April 2025.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Shelby Heilman	Masters
Blake McGue	BA+150
Victoria Weiland	Masters

14. Summer School

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2025 summer school schedule for Elida High School, as listed below:
June 2-18, 2025 (Monday - Thursday)
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

15. Apollo Career Center Satellite Program for 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year.
(Exhibit C)

16. Sales Project Potentials

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

Organization: FCCLA
Advisor: Keisha Larimore
Project: We Help Two
Date: April 1, 2025 – April 22, 2025

Organization: Class of 2026
Advisor: Keisha Larimore
Project: Flower Loft Cards
Date: March 19, 2025 - May 1, 2025

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17. Appropriation Modifications

FUND			MODIFIED	
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
Classroom Facilities				
Maintenance	034-0000	\$25,407.65	\$39,355.30	\$64,762.95
Athletics	300-0000	\$204,956.77	\$26,592.55	\$231,549.32
Class of 2024	200-9644	\$0	\$2,765.85	\$2,765.85
Class of 2026	200-9646	\$500.00	\$2,934.00	\$3,434.00

18. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the payment to Allen County Educational Service Center for the 2024-2025 1st half reconciliation July – December 2024 in the amount of \$153,072.00.
(Exhibit D)

19. School Related Organization

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following organization as a School Related Organization for the 2024-2025 school year:

Elida Track Organization
(Exhibit E)

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

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

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

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Graduate (3-25-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent and Mr. Darren Sharp, Elida High School Principal, that the Elida Board of Education approve August Robertson for graduation on January 24, 2025. August has completed the requirements of the 22+ High School Diploma Program through Owens Community College as described in Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce.

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

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

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

2. Family Week (3-25-2)

It is recommended by the superintendent that June 29, 2025 thru July 6, 2025 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 2025. 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.

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

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

3. Employment – Athletic Director (3-25-3)

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

Dave Evans, Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2025, 1 Year Contract, Step 6, 25 Extended Days, Athletic Director Supplemental

Mr. Peters moved and Dr. Agozzino seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Dr. Christoff views retire/rehire contract as a short-term solution to a short-term problem. Does not believe Mr. Evans’ 10th retire/rehire is short-term solution and is opposed.

Mr. Peters spoke to Mr. Evans and is in favor of this with the understanding that it is his last year.

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

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

4. Substitute Teacher Pay Incentive (3-25-4)

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 2025 only. This does not apply to any long-term substitutes on the teacher salary scale.

Mr. Peters moved and Dr. Agozzino seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

5. Invoices over \$3,000 – (Then & Now) (3-25-5)

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

Christian Children’s Home of Ohio, Inc. for educational services provided to student #25324

\$4,600.00 Invoice #9308 dated 10/31/2024

\$3,600.00 Invoice #8849 dated 11/30/2024

\$3,000.00 Invoice #8876 dated 12/31/2024

\$3,800.00 Invoice #9583 dated 01/31/2025

\$3,600.00 Invoice #9611 dated 02/28/2025

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

Dr. Christoff questioned the invoices and the fact they were back-dated, and wanted to make sure the student is Elida’s responsibility to pay.

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

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

6. **Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (3-25-6)**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") that the District will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

WHEREAS, DEW developed a document entitled “Special Education Model Policies and Procedures” (“2024 Model Policies”) that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, the Board approved Resolution 1-25-2 to adopt DEW’s 2024 Model Policies; and

WHEREAS, the District subsequently learned that the 2024 Model Policies contain certain statements that conflict with existing State and Federal laws and/or applicable case law; and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in rescinding its earlier action and instead adopting a slightly modified version of DEW’s 2024 Model Policies that is consistent with existing State and Federal law and/or applicable case law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds Board Resolution 1-25-2 and adopts DEW’s 2024 Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below shall be considered either modified as specified, or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the District complies with applicable State and Federal laws and/or case law:

- **P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records.**
 - Original Language: “Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents.”
 - Action: Replace sentence with “Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the District is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the District based on State or Federal law or applicable retention schedules, the parent may request that the information be destroyed.”
- **P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense.**
 - Original Language: “An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above.”
 - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

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- **P. 33. Extended School Year.**
 - Original Language: “The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets.”
 - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- **P. 42. Services.**
 - Original Message: “Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind.”
 - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein). The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board’s adoption of the modified 2024 Model Policies through DEW’s monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution by March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein), while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable case law, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

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

Dr. Christoff asked for clarification that we are not eliminating the ability to obtain an IEP.

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

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

7. **Revision of Public Participation at Board Meetings – Policy #0169.1 (3-25-7)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the revisions to policy #0169.1.

(Exhibit F)

Dr. Christoff moved and Mr. Peters seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Dr. Christoff asked how the board could be sure someone requesting to speak the night of the board meeting actually resides in the district.

Dr. Agozinno is in favor of writing down their addresses, instead of announcing it, as long as it could be checked prior.

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Mr. Peters believes if someone wants to speak at the meeting, they should be allowed that opportunity.

Mr. Birks re-entered the board meeting at 8:20PM

Discussion on parliamentary procedure for board members re-entering board meetings during discussion of an item.

Mr. Peters moved and Dr. Christoff seconded that the above recommendation be tabled until next month.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote to table this items until next month was recorded as follows:

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

This item was tabled.

8. Volunteers (3-25-8)

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

Alisa Agozzino, High School Volleyball, ID: OH3567678

Jeremy Agozzino, Middle School Baseball, ID: OH3567862

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

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

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

9. Solar Power Purchase Agreement (3-25-9)

The Board authorizes the District Superintendent and Board President to execute the Microgrid Power Purchase Agreement with IQGen, LLC, as amended and approved by legal counsel.

Dr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Point questioned why the PPA is being done with IQGen and not Solar Connect.

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

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

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10. Approval of Settlement Agreement (3-25-10)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the Settlement Agreement and Release regarding the middle school bleacher lawsuit.
(Exhibit G)

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

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

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

11. Volunteer (3-25-11)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as a volunteer. Volunteering will be pending following the school volunteer policy guidelines and proper certifications form ODE for Class II Volunteers:

Class II
Mitch Monfort, MS Track ID: OH3029283

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

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

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

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

- Jen Brinkman- spoke on ethics, transparency, and respect of the board members.
- Frank Kahle- spoke on support of the levy.

XVI. OPEN BOARD FORUM

- Mr. Peters handed out an informational item on the Ohio Superintendent evaluation system for use in the next school year.
- Mrs. Agozzino passed out a letter from a resident who didn’t get registered to speak in time, and spoke on highlights from the levy committee.
- Mr. Point read a statement addressing Mr. Peters, Mr. Birks, and Dr. Christoff concerning discussions and the vote surrounding the contract of Dave Evans.
- Discussion amongst the board on the legalities of being able to discuss matters concerning the renewal of Dave Evans’ contract outside of a board meeting.
- Dr. Agozzino read a portion of the letter from a resident and urged the board to move on.
- Dr. Christoff did not appreciate the statements made by Mr. Point and said they were based on false statements in emails he read.

XVII. 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 8:48 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- _____ To consider the:
 - _____ Appointment of a public employee or official
 - _____ 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

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- ___ 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;
- X 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 9:16 p.m.

Dr. Christoff moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Point moved and Dr. Agozzino seconded that the March 18, 2025 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

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

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

President

Treasurer