

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida Central Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

July 15, 2025

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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 – Clair Fleck; \$50 – Sharon Baughan, \$25 – Karen Burgei

IV. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT – Dr. Christoff
Mr. Peters thanked Dr. Christoff for his time on the Board.

Dr. Christoff reported on the following:
136th General Assembly
Passed biennial budget bill (HB 96), which was signed by Governor DeWine after numerous line-item vetoes that impact public schools, including:
Item Number 27 — Non-Chartered Educational Savings Account Program and education tax credits
Item Number 51 — STRS and SERS employee contributions
Item Number 53 — Partisan school board elections
Item Number 55 — County budget commission authority and procedure (partial veto)
Item Number 63 — 40% cash balance carryover
Item Number 65 — 20-mill floor calculation (which would have included fixed-sum levies)
Item Number 66 — School district property tax restrictions (elimination of fixed-sum levies)
HB 96’s funding provisions take effect immediately; policy changes become effective after 90 days.
The General Assembly can attempt to override individual vetoes with a three-fifths vote in each chamber (this equates to 60 votes in the House, 20 votes in the Senate). **The Ohio House has announced such veto consideration efforts will begin Monday, July 21st.**

Recently introduced bills for the 136th General Assembly
HB 335 - “Property Tax Relief Act Now” aiming to reform Ohio’s property tax system, was not included in the biennial budget bill (HB 96), and remains pending in the House Ways & Means Committee. Key provisions of this bill include the elimination of inside milage for schools, altering the definition and limiting inflationary growth of the 20-mill floor, and enabling County Budget Commissions to reduce property tax millage of school districts whose cash balance exceeds a threshold of expenses from the previous year.
JUDGE RULES EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNCONSTITUTIONAL
[HTTPS://WWW.OHIOSCHOOLBOARDS.ORG/BLOGS/LEGAL-LEDGER/JUDGE-RULES-EDCHOICE-SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAM-UNCONSTITUTIONAL](https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/blogs/legal-ledger/judge-rules-edchoice-scholarship-program-unconstitutional)

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Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to “secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state.” It further prohibits any religious or other sect from having an “exclusive right to, or control of, any part of the school funds of this state.”

The judge ruled that the state’s failure to adequately fund the Fair School Funding Plan, while simultaneously spending large sums on the EdChoice voucher program, has resulted in a system of common schools that is not “thorough and efficient.” In addition, she ruled that the expansion of the EdChoice program violated the Ohio Constitution by giving religious schools control over state money, noting that many of the participating private religious schools receive checks directly from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW), can deposit them without parental endorsement, and face no statutory restrictions on using the money for religious materials or instruction, or for personal gain.

Federal government

H.R.1 - One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed the Senate (51-50), and the House agreed to the Senate amendment (218-214). The President signed the bill to become Public Law No: 119-21.

This law includes a new, permanent, uncapped federal tax credit voucher program that could significantly redirect funds away from public schools by incentivizing private donations to scholarship organizations, especially if states choose to participate and create parallel private education infrastructures. This law opens the door to federal regulation of schools funded with federal vouchers.

ADMIN WITHHOLDS \$6.8 BILLION IN K-12 FEDERAL FUNDING On Monday, June 30th, the Trump administration informed state education agencies that it would withhold nearly \$6.8 billion in federal K-12 education funding legally due on July 1. The withheld funds were designated for key programs including migrant education (\$375 million), educator professional development (\$2.2 billion, Title II), English-learner services (\$890 million), academic enrichment (\$1.3 billion, Title IV, Part A), and before- and after-school programs (\$1.4 billion). An additional \$729 million for adult basic and literacy education was also delayed.

SCOTUS

Special education and disability discrimination - In *A.J.T. v. Osseo Area Schools, Independent School District No. 279*, the court unanimously held that students with disabilities should not be subject to a heightened standard when alleging discrimination by a public school district and seeking money damages.

E-Rate - In a 6-3 decision in *FCC v. Consumers’ Research*, the court upheld the constitutionality of the federal E-Rate program, which provides billions of dollars to public schools and libraries nationwide.

Transgender youth in sports - After the formal end of the term on July 3, the Court agreed to hear two cases on the question of whether states can ban the participation of transgender girls in girls’ and women’s sports. Lower courts have split on the question of whether such bans constitute unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex under federal law. The Court is expected to hear the case and render a decision in its next term, which will begin in October and last through next summer.

Yesterday (July 14th), the Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to move ahead with plans to carry out mass layoffs at the Department of Education that were blocked by a federal judge. The conservative-majority court, without any explanation, granted an emergency application from the administration that blocks the federal judge's ruling. The court's three liberal members objected.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS- None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Have reached a tentative agreement with the bus drivers union

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- Confirmed Dr. Christoff's resignation/date
 - Explained to the Board the process of filling his vacancy
- Custodians and maintenance crews have been working hard this summer getting things ready for the new year and are on-track.
- Some new housing developments coming to the district in the near future.
- Met with American Township trustees regarding the need for SRO's for our buildings. We have not received a response or help from the Sheriff's Dept in filling those posts. Hoping to work something out with trustees so we do not have to go the route of private security and filling those positions using HB 99.
- Currently going thru the budget bill for changes to education regulations.

VII. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at \$6,407,468.54 in the General Fund
 - \$121,078.63 more than this time last year
 - \$1,290,003 Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - \$121,079 Revenue over Expenses FYTD
- \$12,989,830.21 across all funds
 - \$1,448,139.93 Expenses over Revenue for the month
 - \$478,652.71 Revenue over Expenses FYTD.
- Interest for May- \$44,902.18
 - \$12,621.59 More than this time last year.
 - \$22,251.07 more FYTD than last year at this time.
- Checks between \$25,000 - \$50,000
 - Check # 112135 - \$30,817.68 AEP, electric bill.
 - Check #112140 - \$27,985.50 Institute for multi-sensory ED – Orton Gilligham paid from Title I
 - Check #112056 - \$34,315.48 Lima City Schools Non-public services.

VIII. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Birks requested consent item #4 (certified staff only) be moved to action item #5

IX. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Peters moved Dr. Christoff seconded to correct the Appropriation Modifications for the general fund in consent item #13 to \$2,274,092.68.

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>		

Dr. Agozzino moved and Dr. Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the July 15, 2025, 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>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Dr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

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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 24, 2025.
(Exhibit A)

2. Financial Reports

(Exhibit B)

3. Resignation

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

Certified:
Katie Glenn, Elida High School English Teacher, effective August 10, 2025 – updated from June 24, 2025 agenda
Sara Krick, Middle School Intervention Teacher, effective July 9, 2025

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

Supplemental:
Matt Tabler, Assistant Athletic Director, OH1339617
Zac Miller – Head Baseball Coach, OH3144465

5. Volunteer

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

Class II
Lacie Moening, Girls Soccer, OH3421125

6. Extended Day Contracts – 2025-2026 School Year

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve up to the following extended days for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jason (JC) Miller	School Improvement Coach	7 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
Katrina Schwinnen	EHS Guidance Counselor	17 Days
Lauren Smith	School Nurse	5 Days
Quez Prinwood	EHS Guidance Counselor	17 Days
Randy Woods	EMS Guidance Counselor	6 Days
Kathy Magers	EES Guidance Counselor	3 Days

These days are to be used before/after the 2025-2026 school year and in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement.

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7. 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:

Bachelors Degree

Jeremiah Wright	Elaine Luchini	Ryan Cronin
James Benfield	Victoria Weiss	Richard Sherrick
Lisa Ashafa	Ruby Estes	Cindy Unruh
Della York	Terry Huffman	Dionne Graham
Spencer Clum	Casey Rife	Frank Kahle
John Mummert	Regena Mummert	Margaret Turnbull
Jacqueline O’Connor	Jamie Roller	Shannon Nichols
Luann Youngpeter	Randy Prichard	Rhonda Bargerstock
Debra Metzger	Fiba Utley (Balogun)	Lori Ringwald
James Kevin Fraley	John Byrne	Royce Van Atta
Dawn Mooney	Patricia Reed	Karen Follrod
Judith Olateru-Olagbegi	Kathleen Radebaugh	Darrell Bryan
Samar Al Hashime	Morgan Deffenbauch	

Non-Degree

Britton Hall	Randy Prince	Jenna Fricke
Brock Blythe	Gina Fox	Alekzavier Winner
Abbi Hageman	Quincey Baumgartner	Todd Gordon
Emily Leimeister	Haili Comer	David Fett
Arden Ruen	Whitney Johnson	

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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026:
\$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 2025-2026 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

11. Policy 1100.01 – Temporary Administrative Arrangements

It is recommended that Alison Sites, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, act as Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year whenever the Superintendent is absent &/or unavailable from the district.

(Exhibit C)

12. Participate in Federal and State Programs

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve participation in the following federal and state programs for the school year 2025-2026, including Title 1 Services (Reading Intervention), Title IIA (Improving Teaching Quality), Part B IDEA (Special Education), and Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic

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Enrichment), 6b Restoration (Preschool Restoration), 6B IDEA Restoration, 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.

13. Appropriation Modifications

FUND		MODIFIED		
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
General Fund	001-0000	\$23,263,957.19	\$2,274,092.68	\$25,538,049.87
Bond Retirement Fund				
	002-0000	\$3,604,541.00	\$16,562.61	\$3,621,103.61
Elida Ed. Foundation				
	029-0000	\$33,360.13	\$269.50	\$33,629.63
Classroom Facilities Maintenance.				
	034-0000	\$102,762.95	\$10,330.00	\$113,092.95
Data Communications Fund				
	451-9225	\$5,400.00	\$1,166.01	\$6,566.01
Title III	551-9225	\$23,910.12	\$1,076.72	\$24,986.84
Title I	572-9225	\$673,664.40	\$37,129.45	\$710,793.85

14. 2025-2026 Lunch Prices

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year:

Elida High School (9-12)	\$2.85
Elida Middle School (6-8)	\$2.70
Elida Elementary School (K-5)	\$2.60
Breakfast Grades K-12	\$.00
Reduced Lunch	\$.00
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00
Ala Cart Milk	\$.60

15. 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 5, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse parking lot. This is sponsored by the Elida PTO groups.

16. 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 2025-2026 school year.

17. Events Manager – 2025-2026

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

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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.

18. Agreement with Wood County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center to serve students court placed at the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and/or the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio for the 2024-2025 school year as needed.
(Exhibit D)

19. 6th Grade Orientation

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the proposed 6th grade orientation that will be held on August 12, 2025.

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Peters 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>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Dr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XI. Action Items:

1. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center (7-25-1)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the payment to Allen County Educational Service Center in the amount of \$191,330 for the 2024-2025 2nd half reconciliation, January 2025 – June 2025.
(Exhibit E)

Dr. Agozzino moved and Dr. Christoff 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>		

2. Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding (7-25-2)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 dues invoice for the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding as listed:

Annual E&A Coalition Dues	\$ 998.00
Annual EdChoice Litigation (VHO) Dues	\$2,994.00
Total:	\$3,992.00

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

3. **Van Purchase (7-25-3)**

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the purchase of a van at a purchase price not to exceed \$45,000 pending approval. This is to be paid for out of 006 cafeteria funds.

Mr. Peters 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>		

4. **Rescind Changes to Substitute Custodian Pay Rate (7-25-4)**

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education rescind the substitute custodian pay rate previously passed on June 24, 2025 – Resolution #7.

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

5. **Employment (7-25-5)**

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 & Workforce, per salary schedule in effect.

Certified:

Kylie Newland, Long-Term Substitute Middle School Social Studies Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, Masters, Step 1, effective August 25, 2025

Mark Taylor, Middle School Math Teacher, Masters, Step 0, effective August 25, 2025

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

Mr. Birks believes the board should get more information on hiring these positions.

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>NO</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Dr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

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XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER - None

XIII. OPEN BOARD FORUM

Mr. Christoff is unsure if he will be able to attend the July 29, 2025 board meeting.
Discussion on the need of retire-rehire.

There was a discussion on the process for interviewing board members.

XIV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

There will be special meeting in order for a public hearing to be held on July 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code §3307.353 to gather public input about the potential re-employment of Karen Burgei as a district secretary.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) at 7:41 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 9:16 p.m.

Dr. Christoff 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>		

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Christoff moved and Mr. Point seconded that the July 15, 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>		

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President

Treasurer