

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 6:30 p.m.

January 13, 2026

Tape recordings shall be made of each meeting of the board as an administrative aid and shall be preserved as public documents of the Board.

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. Public participation is governed by Board Bylaw 0169.1 – Public Participation at Board Meetings.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Birks	<u>P</u>	Mr. Point	<u>P</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>P</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>P</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>P</u>		

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS – Aaron Cunningham, Aundrea Fricke, Ben Troyer

The Treasurer administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members. Upon completion of the oath, the board members were duly sworn in and assumed their official duties.

V. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

VI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Troyer seconded that the Agenda for the January 13, 2026, organizational meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

VII. Action Items:

1. Election of Officers (01-26-1)

A. Nominations for President (01-26-A)

The President requests nominations for the position of President of the Elida Board of Education. (Nominations do not require seconds).

Mr. Birks nominates Mr. Troyer for President.
_____nominates _____ for President.

Mr. Point moved that the nominations for the position of President be closed. Mr. Birks seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

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B. Election of President (01-26-B)

The President calls for the vote.

Roll call votes (if more than one candidate, please state the person you wish to vote for President).

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

Mr. Troyer was elected President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

The President takes office and presides over the balance of the agenda.

C. Nominations for Vice-President (01-26-C)

Mr. Troyer assumes the presidency and requests nominations for the position of Vice President of the Elida Board of Education. (Nominations do not require seconds).

Mr. Cunningham nominates Mr. Point for Vice-President.
_____ nominates _____ for Vice-President.

Mrs. Fricke moved that the nominations for the position of Vice-President be closed. Mr. Birks seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

Mr. Point was elected Vice-President of the Elida Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

2. Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative (1-26-2)

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Troyer seconded to appoint Board Member Mrs. Fricke as Elida Local Schools Board of Education Legislative Liaison Representative for calendar year 2026; effective January 1, 2026:

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

3. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate (1-26-3)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board appoint a delegate to be the Student Achievement Liaison. The role of the student achievement liaison will be to help the board focus on issues and actions that will improve student achievement in our district.

The responsibilities of the student achievement liaison board member will include:

- Coordinating with the superintendent and treasurer to see that there is a student achievement activity or item on each board agenda. Such items could include recognition of an achievement by a student or group, performance by a student group, planning for a district program to assist student achievement, discussion of an issue or article affecting student achievement, and similar activities.

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- Distributing information and materials related to student achievement provided by OSBA.
- Informing OSBA about student achievement activities, successes and problems in our district.

Mr. Troyer moved and Mr. Point seconded the appointment of Mr. Cunningham as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Delegate for calendar year 2026; effective January 1, 2026.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

4. Educational Foundation Delegate – Two Year Term (01-26-4)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint a delegate to the Elida Educational Foundation.

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded the appointment of board member Mr. Point as delegate to the Elida Educational Foundation effective for two years, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

5. Appointment of Administrative Official (01-26-5)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent and administrative official with full authority to enter into contracts up to \$50,000 for the Board of Education during the 2026 calendar year.

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

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

6. Establish Service Fund (1-26-6)

Mr. Birks moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded to certify Elida Local Schools Official Enrollment of 2,101 students and to adopt the following Service Fund Resolution, effective January 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, R.C. 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the general fund a sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each child enrolled or twenty thousand (\$20,000) or whichever is greater, such a sum of money to be known as the “Service Fund” to be used only in paying the expenses of members of the Board of Education actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives when sent out of the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District does hereby establish a Service Fund, such fund is to be set aside as an account within the General Fund and there is hereby appropriated for the purpose of said Service Fund, the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations of this school district for the year 2026.

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Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

7. Adopt Standing Authorization of Calendar Year (1-26-7)

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded to adopt the following standing authorization for calendar year 2026, effective January 1, 2026.

- A. Advance on Tax Settlements – authorization for Treasurer to secure an advance from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- B. Payments of Bills – authorize Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- C. Employment of Temporary Personnel – authorization for the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations, as determined by the Local Superintendent. Substitute personnel daily rate during personnel emergency to be double the regular substitute pay.
- D. Appointment of Purchasing Agent – authorize the Local Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.
- E. Use of Facsimile Signature Plate – authorize the use of a facsimile signature plate to sign all checks, salary notices, and contracts for 2026.
- F. The Elida Board of Education agrees to participate in the following federal programs for the fiscal year 2026:

516 - IDEA-B

551 – Title III

572 - Title I

599 – Ohio K-12 Safety Grant

590 - Title IIA

584 – Title IV-A
- G. Authorize the Treasurer to make advances to State and Federally Funded Programs provided funds are returned to the General Fund.
- H. Authorize the Treasurer to purchase \$20,000 Public Official Bond for the Treasurer’s position.
- I. The Treasurer will be appointed to fulfill the public records training as required by the Ohio Revised Code.
- J. To authorize, Larry Kaiser, Treasurer, and Joel Mengerink, Superintendent, all financial powers at WesBanco.
- K. Authorize as a public purchase, the purchase of food, drink or minor gifts relating to: professional development meetings, staff meetings, in-service days, opening day, appreciation days, athletic events, student incentives or other events as approved by the Superintendent.
- L. Appoint the Allen County Educational Service Center Superintendent as the Elida Local School District Board of Education designee to hear student expulsion appeal hearings held in accordance with Board Policy 5610 and Administrative Guideline 5610, pursuant to ORC 3313.66 and 3313.661

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Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

8. Board Members Rate of Pay (1-26-8)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education shall earn \$125.00 per meeting (limited to one paid meeting per month).

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

9. Travel Reimbursement (1-26-9)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve travel reimbursement, including mileage, rates for CY 2026 in accordance with IRS guidelines, effective January 1, 2026.

Mrs. Fricke moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

10. OSBA Membership/Subscriptions (1-26-10)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and purchase the email delivery of the School Management News publication. The total cost is \$7,567.00.

(Exhibit A)

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

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

11. Approval of 2026 Board of Education Dates (1-26-11)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following dates for 2026 Board of Education board meetings:

The regular 2026 monthly Board of Education meetings are listed below and will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the Elida High School Community Room, 401 E. North St., Elida, Ohio. However, June, July, and August meetings will all be held in the Board of Education Central Office Conference Room, 4380 Sunnydale, Elida, OH.

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- February 17, 2026
- March 17, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- June 23, 2026
- July 21, 2026
- August 20, 2026
- September 15, 2026
- October 22, 2026
- November 12, 2026
- December 15, 2026

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in these meetings.

Mr. Birks moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded to accept the changes to the Board of Education meeting time and dates as discussed.

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows to accept the time and dates of the 2026 board meetings:

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

12. Policy Review/Changes (1-26-12)

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

- #5113 - Inter-District open enrollment (with changes)
- #2413 - Career Advising (no changes)
- # 2460 - Special Education (no changes)
- (Exhibit B, C, D)

Mrs. Fricke moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

13. Board Member Code of Ethics (1-26-13)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Board Member Code of Ethics and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as witnessed by the signature of each board member.

(Exhibit E)

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Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded that the above recommendation be approved. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

All board members signed the Code of Ethics.

***Turn signed forms in to Mr. Mengerink.**

14. Legal Counsel – Scott Scriven, LLP (1-26-14)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Scott Scriven, LLP as general legal counsel for calendar year 2026 in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

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

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

15. Legal Counsel – Bricker, Graydon, Wyatt, LLP (1-26-15)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Bricker, Graydon, Wyatt, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2026 for all matters regarding and associated with construction related matters, including solar, with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

Mrs. Fricke moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

16. Legal Counsel – Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP (1-26-16)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education appoint Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as legal counsel for calendar year 2026 for all levies/bonds in accordance with ORC 3313.203 & 3313.47

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

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Point moved and Mr. Birks seconded that the January 13, 2026 organizational meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned 6:53 P.M.

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

Mr. Birks	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Point	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Cunningham	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Troyer	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Fricke	<u>Y</u>		

President

Treasurer