

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

~~Elida High School Community Room at 6:30 p.m.~~~~March 17, 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 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. 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**

Mr. Birks	<u>Absent</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***Announcement of 300 Club Winners***

\$75 – Angie Ramsdail; \$50 – Kirsten Fullenkamp; \$25 – Sarah Strizak

**IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Cunningham**

- Students of the Month

The Board recognized the students of the month.

Ellen Troyer and Quinn Shellhouse, from the Student Leadership class, gave a report on the honors and achievements.

V. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – Mrs. Fricke

Mrs. Fricke reported on the following:

State of the State Address

- DeWine highlighted his focus for 2026
- Early Literacy/Science of Reading
- Expanded Vision Screening
- Student Health and Well-Being

Legislative Updates

- Continued hearings on several proposed HB and SB from last month
- HB598 and SB42 - Residential Stability Zones
- HB 261 –Increase Standard Homestead Exemption

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS - None**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink**

Mr. Mengerink recognized another student of the month.

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the Google Data Center.
- Gave an overview on the different school social media platforms and usage of those.
- Thanked law enforcement for cooperation/handling of recent lockdown at the high school.
- Testing time is right around the corner.
- Thanked elementary parents for their cooperation in picking up students during the recent wind storm. We did suffer some damage on campus including: shingles missing from elementary concession building, turf being pulled up on the elementary playground, letter falling down at elementary, 2 compressors going out at the high school.

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VIII. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at \$11,132,622.07 in the General Fund for October
 - \$778,535.28 than this time last year
- Revenue for December was \$8,621,796 (solid blue bar), FYTD was \$22,219,867 (Solid blue line)
- Expenditures for December were \$2,250,935 (Solid red bar), FYTD was \$17,494,712 (Solid red line)
 - \$6,376,861 Revenue over Expenses
 - \$4,725,154 Revenue over Expenses FYTD
- Interest for January- \$32,342.30
 - \$5,841.48 less than this time last year.
 - \$38,723.09 more FYTD than last year at this time.
- Tax Budget
- Extension to ISP contract- Meant to have this in front of the board earlier, but
- BOR- Initial filing to have BOR increase the appraised value to the sale price for two business, 3 property locations. This would be a net increase in revenue for the district of \$20,113.63 if successful

IX. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**X. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Point moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded that the Agenda for the March 17, 2026, regular meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

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

XI. CONSENT ITEMS – The Superintendent makes the following recommendations:**1. Approve Previous Minutes**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026 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, 2026, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Gideon Shank
Izabella Buell
Lumen Ostendorf
Braxton Thompson
Jensen Cross

Elida Middle School

Lucy Burkey
Ruby Rizor
Janyla Nance

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Elida High School

Chloe Myers

Tobin Amspoker

Logan Moran

Bradley Samaroo

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.

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 1 – 7, 2026 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. Resignations/Retirements

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

Certified:

Katlynn Kauffman, Gr. 1 Teacher, effective June 1, 2026

Non-Certified:

Mary Kaple, Head Cashier at Elida Middle School, effective May 31, 2026, for retirement purposes

Mark Vore, Custodian at Elida Elementary School, effective March 15, 2026, for retirement purposes

Ann Harmon, Cook/Cashier at Elida Middle School, effective June 1, 2026, for retirement purposes

Beth Kendall, Bus Driver, effective April 1, 2026

Louise Martin, Cook at Elida High School, effective August 1, 2026 for retirement purposes

Jenny Earl, Elementary Principal Secretary, effective July 31, 2026

8. 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.

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Floyd Upshaw, Aide at Elida Elementary School, 3.25/hours day, step 0, effective February 23, 2026

Supplemental:

Evan Neuman, Boys Tennis Coach, OH3330440

Katelynn Metzger, Middle School Assistant Track Coach, OH3579107

9. 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:

Bachelor

Lauren Bieri

Non-Bachelor

Ainsley Claypool

Grant Hardeman

Josie Graff

10. Home Instruction

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following instructor and student for home instruction:

Instructor: Jule McKanna

Student: #38050

11. 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 and proper certifications form ODE for Class II Volunteers:

Class II

Mitchell Kaufman, Middle School Baseball, OH3510551

Michael Sarno, Boys Tennis Volunteer, OH3272798

12. Apollo Career Center Satellite Program for 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 school year.

(Exhibit C)

13. Appropriation Modifications

FUND				MODIFIED
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
Classroom Facilities				
Maintenance	034-0000	\$99,500	\$10,000	\$109,500.00
Title I	572-9226	\$468,209.00	\$203,266.14	\$671,475.14
Improving Teacher				
Quality	590-9226	\$75,500.00	\$52,735.96	\$125,235.96

14. Alternative Tax Budget

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve the Alternative Tax Budget and authorize the Treasurer to submit it to the Allen County Auditor. (Exhibit D)

15. 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 2025-2026 1st half reconciliation July – January 16, 2026 in the amount of \$82,122.27.

(Exhibit E)

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Mrs. Fricke moved and Mr. Troyer seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

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

XII. ACTION ITEMS**1. Donations (3-26-1)**

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education accept, with gratitude, the following donations:

- \$20,000.00 from Del Shinn to the Athletic Department (300-0000) for a new baseball scoreboard
- \$100.00 from Kevin & Cynthia Bruin to the Scott Graham Harmon Scholarship (029-9751)
- \$20.00 from Anthony Klein to the Amy Heebsh Memorial Scholarship (029-9506)
- \$100.00 from Scott and Michelle Wendt to the Amy Heebsh Memorial Scholarship (029-9506)
- \$500.00 from Kathleen Smith to the Amy Heebsh Memorial Scholarship (029-9506)
- \$2,885.00 from Michael Warnecke to the Amy Heebsh Memorial Scholarship (029-9506)
- \$3,100.00 from Hunzinger Construction Company to the Amy Heebsh Memorial Scholarship (029-9506)

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

2. Substitute Teacher Pay Incentive (3-26-2)

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 2026 only. This does not apply to any long-term substitutes on the teacher salary scale.

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

3. Memorandum of Understanding with Elida Education Association (3-26-3)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Elida Board of Education and the Elida Education Association. This is effective March 9, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (Exhibit F)

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

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

4. Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) (3-26-4)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Elida Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, (OAPSE)/AFSCME Local 4, AFL-CIO and its Local #16. This is effective March 9, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
(Exhibit G)

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

5. Incentive for Non-Union Employees (3-26-5)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the incentive for all non-union employees for the recruitment of new bus drivers following the same guidelines as the Elida Education Association and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, (OAPSE)/AFSCME Local 4, AFL-CIO and its Local #16. This is effective March 9, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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

6. Board of Revision Complaint (3-26-6)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve the resolution to file a complaint against the valuation of real property for tax year 2025:
- A & T Ruthman LLC
- Lima Self Storage
(Exhibits H & I)

Mr. Cunningham 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>Absent</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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7. Policy #8500 – Food Services (3-26-7)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the revisions to policy #8500-Food Services.
(Exhibit J)

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

8. Internet Service Provider (3-26-8)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the five-year extension to the current contract with Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative to provide the Internet Service to Elida Local Schools from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.
(Exhibit K)

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

9. Pepsi Contract (3-26-9)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 3-year agreement with PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC.
(Exhibit L)

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

10. Employment (3-26-10)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check, a negative drug test, and meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce.
(Exhibit M)

Madison Buffenbarger, Assistant Treasurer

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

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

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER - None**XIV. OPEN BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Troyer attended the High School PBIS and Mr. Point attended the Middle School PBIS. Discussion on PBIS at each building and board member involvement, along with official reports to be included in future board meetings.

Discussion on current status of concealed carry of recently hired SRO's.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded that the March 17, 2026 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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

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

President

Treasurer