ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Elida High School Community Room at 6:30 p.m. October 22, 2026

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A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cunningham	P	Mr. Point	P
Mrs. Fricke	P	Mr. Troyer	P
Dr. McClure	P		

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Announcement of 300 Club Winners

$75 – Jessica Mason; $50 – David Mayer; $25 – Doug Drury

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

- Students of the Month

Dr. McClure reportedon the following:

Elementary

We just finished up 2nd and 4th grade gifted testing by administering the Iowa and COGAT assessments.

- Students in grades 3-5 are participating in the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge. Students can earn bronze, silver, or gold based on their level of participation.
- All grade levels have had their first PBIS celebrations to encourage positive behavior in the school building. If students did not earn the celebration, they were placed in small groups to reteach appropriate behaviors.
- Classes with the best attendance in each grade level were rewarded with bubbles, popsicles and an extra recess or a lunch treat. We are continuing to work on getting students to school each and every day and improving attendance.

Middle School

- Recognized as A 2027 Best Middle School
- 248 students at the middle school had perfect attendance the first three weeks of school and were rewarded with recognition and a donut on September 29th.
- On Monday, October 19, the 7/8 middle school quiz bowl participated in their final match for the season with a record of 8-4.
- The team is comprised of: Hunter Cummans, Eli Dauterman, Caleb Fetters, Wyatt Kavalauskas, Caden Parent, Gabe Point, Koltyn Thompson.
- On 10/14 the 7th grade Band and 7th and 8th grade choir performed a joint Fall concert for the third year to a packed auditorium.
- The middle school celebrated spirit week Sept 28-Oct 2 culminating in a school wide assembly celebrating the buildings fall sports teams and a short volleyball tournament of including staff and students.
- 26-27 Dawg Blog -The middle school video series produce by Mrs. Coppler and arranged by students debuted 26-27 episode #1 with a emphasis on Assembly Behavior, Spirit Week activities, and a fun nod to Dolly Parton from Mr. Hong and the middle school band.

- 90% Club On 10/12, students in the middle school were awarded 90% stickers for their student IDs. These students have maintained an attendance rate of 90% or better. The award allows them access to the gym during lunch after they have eaten for a little free time on select days.

High School

Student Recognition:

- The EHS Marching Band was asked to perform at the Target Grand Opening on Sunday, November 8.
- Senior, Maddie Kill, earned National Merit Recognition for her score on the PSAT combined with her GPA.
- Junior Morgan Dunahay is one of four students from Allen County serving on the Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board.
- Students were able to witness history and attended Vice President JD Vance's rally at the Allen County Airport on Friday, October 9.

Fall Dawgs 'n Pups

- On Thursday, October 15, 86 of high school students went to the elementary school for the annual Dawgs 'n Pups event.
- This event also partnered with Hispanic Heritage Month. Mrs. Aichele collaborated with Ms. Jamie to organize Spanish Dawgs 'n Pups. Mrs. Aichele took her Spanish III students over to the elementary to work with the ELL students. The students played games, shared a meal, and read books; the elementary students to the high schoolers in English and the high school students read books to the elementary school students in Spanish! The goal was to establish connections across the buildings, build language skills, and establish a sense of community and comradery for all of our students.

Attendance

- As of 10/14/26, 12.77% of the high school is currently chronically absent.
- October's attendance challenge was a surprise day - 390 students (88% of the student population) in attendance on the Mystery Day!
- All students in attendance on the surprise attendance day (Wednesday) were awarded with 20 PBIS points.
- Students successfully completing the challenge will have their name entered into a raffle for a $25 gift card at the end of each quarter. The more challenges the student completes, the more entries they will have into the raffle.

Behavior Data

- As of 10/14/26: 90% of students have 0-1 referral
- Personal Electronic Devices (cell phones and smart watches) are the number 1 referral.

Course Performance

- Mr. Miller's Public Speaking course attended the elementary to read to Pre-School and Kindergarten. The goal of the course was to practice their diction, tone, volume, and prosody while reading.
- Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fersch's Officiating course had a special visitor. Elida alumni, Dennis Morris, came to the class to discuss his experiences as an official for the Big 10. You can watch the story on Hometown Stations: https://www.hometownstations.com/2026/10/01/hall-fame-official-speaks-elida-students-about-officiating/
- Sophomores met with Apollo to discuss the 411 Blast on October 15.
- The National Honor Society began the 2nd and 7 Program at the Elementary this month.

Upcoming Events

- National Honor Society Induction on Thursday, October 22
- Marching Band Concert on Monday, October 26
- PSAT Test for Juniors (sign-up only) on Tuesday, October 27Advanced Art Field Trip to Findlay on Wednesday, October 28
- High School Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 28

- End of Quarter 1 on Thursday, October 29
- Quarter 1 PBIS Reward: Donut Day on Monday, November 2
- Apollo 411 Blast for Sophomores on Wednesday, November 18
- Parent-Teacher Conference on Wednesday, November 18
- On-Site Parent-Teacher Conferences @ Maplewood & Northwood Apartment Complex from 5:00-7:00pm
- Fall Play: You Can't Take It With You on November 19-22

V. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – Mrs. Fricke

Mrs. Fricke rported on the following:
EdChoice Voucher Program Ruling: On October 15, Ohio's Tenth District Court of Appeals unanimously upheld a lower court ruling finding the state's EdChoice voucher program unconstitutional. The court concluded that the program, as currently structured and funded, violates Ohio's constitutional requirement for a thorough and efficient system of common schools. The ruling does not immediately affect the program, which will continue operating pending further appeal.

November Election and Lame Duck: Ohio's general election is Tuesday, November 3. Legislators return November 10 for what is expected to be a buy lame-duck session. With the General Assembly ending in December, there is a limited window for pending legislation to move forward so I will be keeping an eye on what takes place during the Lame Duck sessions.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS - None

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Mengerink

- **Apollo Update – Dennis Fricke**

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Discussed the OSBA campaign of "40 by 40" regarding IDEA funding
- Announced the OSBA regional recognition for having all 3 buildings as Purple Star schools
- Mentioned that the first Code2College class had happened on Tuesday.
- Announced that we had been informed of a housing unit being constructed near Frickers. This is a $24 million project that is part of a CRA - meaning 75% abatement comes with it. The school district has no say or involvement in this.
- The district is in the process of learning about Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). This is a way that tax payers can reduce the federal income tax liability by up to $1700. It may be possible for that money then to get diverted to public schools.
- Mr Dennis Fricke gave an Apollo update.
- Mrs. Sites reviewed State Report Card data, the accomplishments from last year, and fall testing that has taken place already this year.
- Reviewed cafeteria stats regarding the number of breakfasts and lunches that have been served so far this year.

VIII. TREASURER REPORT – Mr. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser reported on the following:

- Closed at $7,400,706.02 in the General Fund for September
  - $1,677,771.94 less than this time last year
- Revenue for September was $975,823 (solid blue bar), FYTD was $7,060,366 (Solid blue line)
- Expenditures for September were $2,341,136 (Solid red bar), FYTD was $6,509,144 (Solid red line)
  - 1,365,313 Expenses over Revenue for the month
  - $551,252 Revenue over expenses FYTD
- Interest for September- ($2,769.09)
  - Result of changing in Record keeping from Central States Capital Markets to RedTree

Capital Conference is Nov 15-17 (Sun-Tues)

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IX. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

X. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Fricke moved and Dr. McClure seconded that the Agenda for the October 22, 2026, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

Mr. Cunningham	Y	Mr. Point	Y
Mrs. Fricke	Y	Mr. Troyer	Y
Dr. McClure	Y		

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 regular Board of Education meeting on September 15, 2026 and the special Board of Education held on September 30, 2026.
(Exhibits A & B)

2. Financial Reports **(Exhibit C)**

3. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for October, 2026, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School
Raylen Dickrede
Maddie Comer
Jannie James
Farryn Kimpel
Jaxton Shepherd

Elida Middle School
Laylah Key
(Robert) Xander Allen
Maverick Haselton

Elida High School
Ella Dauterman
Carson Bracy
Zy'eral Edwards
Peyton Bollenbacher

4. School Bus Safety Week

Be it resolved that the Elida Board of Education does hereby join school districts throughout Ohio and across the nation in designating October 19–23, 2026 as NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK, and officially recognizes the important contributions that the School Bus Drivers, Director, Mechanic, Secretary and other support staff in the Transportation Department make to the students, staff, and families served. The Elida transportation department transports over 1,600 students each day, and travels over 1,200 miles each day between pick-ups and drop offs, sporting events, and field trips.

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5. Resignations/Retirement

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

Certified:
John Junkins, Intervention Specialist at Elida Elementary, effective May 28, 2027, for retirement purposes
Mitchell Kaufman, Long-Term Sub Elida Opportunity School Instructor, effective June 1, 2027
Franklin Pauff, Language Arts at Elida Middle School, effective May 28, 2027, for retirement purposes
Kathy Neil Magers, Guidance Counselor at Elida Elementary, effective March 3, 2027 for retirement purposes

Non-Certified:
Michael Macklin, Jr., AEP Monitor at Elida Elementary School, Effective September 11, 2026

Supplemental:
Matt Fish, Jr., JV Boys Basketball Coach, effective September 18, 2026

6. 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 & Workforce, per salary schedule in effect.
Non-Certified:
Lisa Daniels, Long-Term Sub Elementary Lunchroom Aide, effective October 15, 2026, step 15
Emily Crates, AEP Paraprofessional at Elida Elementary, Step 1, effective October 9, 2026
Dorothy Castle, Substitute Secretary, effective October 12, 2026
Brenda Fetter, Substitute Paraprofessional Aide, effective November 1, 2026
Brenda Fetter, Substitute Cafeteria

Supplemental:
Jen Kristoff, Family Liaison K-2, covered by FT27 EEOC DSS NC grants
Angie Siefker, Family Liaison 3-5, covered by FT27 EEOC DSS NC grants
Code2College Monitor – Jill Coppler, $40/hour reimbursed by Code2College
Dana Shardy (OH3019812) and Bryan Slaughter (OH3541106), Bowling Co-Coaches 50/50 split
Tom Nolte, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, OH3292851

Supplemental Transfers:
Jason Sarno moves from Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach to JV Boys Basketball Coach, OH3188347
Todd Kivimaki moved from 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach to 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, OH3514970
David Reed moves from 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach to 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, OH3514163

7. Lights and Sound Technicians

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following rate of pay and personnel for lights and sound technicians, as needed, for the 2026-2027 school year:
$25/hour for outside groups
$20/hour for school activities
$12.50/hour for high school/college students

Brody Burtchin (Lights) Truman Littler
Taylor Lombardo Jaden Neuman (Sound)
Hunter Reprogle-Trainer & Lights

8. New Hire Corrections

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following new hire corrections:
Mitchell Kaufman – Long-Term Sub Elida Opportunity School Instructor, correct from BA, step 0 to BA+150, step 0
Cary Fell Wenning, Elementary Early Intervention Coach, MA, Step 15 to MA, Step 13

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:

Degree

Carly Huber	Martin Jacobs	Allison Jones
Garret Miller	Michelle Altstaetter	Elizabeth Dunahay
Brian Schmidt	Carol Baumgarte	Paris Prichard
Phyllis Henderson	Katelyn Suever	

Non-Degree

Brieonna Makley	Ainsley Claypool	Todd Gordon
Peyton Winegardner	Karly Luchini	Kaelynn Smith
Lacilynn Graham	Chloe Poling	

10. Sales Project Potential

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

Organization: Middle School PBIS
Advisor: Ashley Edwards
Project: Elida Spirit Wear Sale
Date: October 5, 2026 through October 23, 2026

11. Exchange of Services with Mike Campbell Photography

Reflector, 2026-2027 edition, requests Elida Board of Education approval for an exchange of services and goods with Mike Campbell Photography, 2970 N. Grubb Rd., Delphos, OH.
The Elida High School Yearbook will print a one-half page, full-color advertisement for Mike Campbell Photography, the ad being valued at $180.00, in exchange for professional services and goods provided to Reflector. These services and considerations will be of at least equal value as the one-half page, full-color advertisement.

12. School Related Organizations

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following organizations as School Related Organizations for the 2026-2027 school year:
Elida Bowling Club
Diamond Dogs Baseball

13. Waiver of Use of Facilities Policy

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve a waiver of policy for the use of facilities for the following:
The Elida Bowling team requests the use of the High School Athletic entrance for a chicken dinner pick-up fundraiser on Sunday, November 15, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

14. Contract between the Allen County Regional Transit Authority and Elida Local School for Bus Aides

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the contract with Allen County Regional Transit Authority and Elida Local School for a bus aide for Elida School district students transported by ACRTA. This is to be effective from August 31, 2026 through the 2026-2027 school year. The cost will be $100 per day billed to Elida Schools monthly. **(Exhibit D)**

15. Transfer of Discontinued Student Activity Fund

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education adopt the following resolution regarding the transfer of a discontinued student activity fund:

WHEREAS, the Equestrian Club student activity fund (Fund 200-9620) is no longer an active student activity and has been discontinued; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 6610 provides that monies accumulated in a discontinued student activity fund shall be disposed of in accordance with a recommendation of the Superintendent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of the remaining balance of $1,463.20 from the Equestrian Club student activity fund (Fund 200-9620) to the MS Principal's Fund (Fund 018-9804), to be used for student purposes consistent with Board policy.

16. Agreement with Code2College, Inc.

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the Cooperative Agreement between Elida Local Schools and Code2College, Inc. **(Exhibit E)**

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. Cunningham	Y	Mr. Point	Y
Mrs. Fricke	Y	Mr. Troyer	Y
Dr. McClure	Y		

XII. Action Items:

1. Donations (10-26-1)

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

- $50.00 from Randy & Paula Frankhouser to the Athletic Fund (300-0000) in memory of Karen Oglesbee
- $50.00 from Shirley & Paula Newland to the Athletic Fund (300-0000) in memory of Karen Oglesbee
- $100.00 from Hal & Renee Graham to the Scott Graham Harmon Scholarship Fund (029-9751) in memory of Lawrence “Butch” & Karen Oglesbee

- Batistle travel size dry shampoo from AHA! Marketing to Elida students
- From Lowes, a freezer and artificial turf & mulching (manpower) at Elida Elementary School

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. Cunningham	Y	Mr. Point	Y
Mrs. Fricke	Y	Mr. Troyer	Y
Dr. McClure	Y		

2. Early Graduation (10-26-2)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the early graduation for Klair Burgess, Bailey Myers, Madison Nungester, Alexandria Riddick, recommended by Mrs. Krissa Worley, Elida High School Principal, for graduation on January 15, 2027, contingent upon satisfactorily completion of all of their minimum standard requirements for graduation.

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

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

Mr. Cunningham	Y	Mr. Point	Y
Mrs. Fricke	Y	Mr. Troyer	Y
Dr. McClure	Y		

3. Substitute Teacher (10-26-3)

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

Non-Degree
Jenna Fricke

Dr. McClure moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Cunningham	Y	Mr. Point	Y
Mrs. Fricke	Abstain	Mr. Troyer	Y
Dr. McClure	Y		

4. Lifewise Credit Approval (10-26-4)

It is recommended that Lifewise curriculum be added to the high school student handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

_____ moved and _____ seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

No motion was made on this action item. Therefore, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Mr. Cunningham	___	Mr. Point	___
Mrs. Fricke	___	Mr. Troyer	___
Dr. McClure	___		

5. Removal of School Related Organization Groups (10-26-5)

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the Elida Board of Education approve the removal of the following groups as school related organizations due to the nonrenewal of the required paperwork:

Elida Cross Country
Elida Breakfast Club
Elida High School Girls Tennis

During discussion of this action item, a representative of Elida Youth Football addressed the Board and stated that the required documentation had been submitted. Following this statement, Mr. Troyer requested a motion to remove Elida Youth Football from the list of organizations recommended for removal.

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Fricke seconded to remove Elida Youth Football from the list of organizations recommended for removal.

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

Mr. Cunningham	Y_	Mr. Point	Y_
Mrs. Fricke	Y_	Mr. Troyer	Y_
Dr. McClure	Y_		

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. Cunningham	Y_	Mr. Point	Y_
Mrs. Fricke	Y_	Mr. Troyer	Y_
Dr. McClure	Y_		

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XIV. OPEN BOARD FORUM

- Mr. Point discussed Middle School PBIS.
- The Board discussed Trunk or Treat which is to be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Point moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded that the October 22, 2026 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

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

Mr. Cunningham	Y_	Mr. Point	Y_
Mrs. Fricke	Y_	Mr. Troyer	Y_
Dr. McClure	Y_		

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Treasurer