ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 P.M.   12-18    12

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. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- Mr. Anders _P_        Mrs. Stocker  _P_
- Mr. Fricke _P_  Mrs. Ulrich   _P_
- Mr. Settlage

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month
- Employee Excellence Award

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Settlage reported on the following:

Elida Elementary School
- 4th grade Chorus, Directed by Miss Kim Novicki, performed in front of a full auditorium last Thursday evening.
- Students and Staff supported our community in many ways this Fall/Winter;
  - October (Red Ribbon Week) - Penny Drive collected over $800.00 for the Meals 'til Monday program
  - November (Thanksgiving project) - collected several hundreds of canned food for "Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen"
  - December-(Christmas project) Penny Drive, collected over $400.00 for American Red Cross for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Elida Middle School
- Logan Orians won the spelling bee. Second place went to Sammi Coon and third place was Ashley Watkins. Logan will represent Elida School in the Allen County Spelling Bee.
- The Geography Bee will take place at 3 p.m. in the choir room on January 7th.
- The Junior Optimist of the middle school gathered toys, treats, and food for the Allen County Humane Society two weeks ago.
- We had our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir concerts and our 6th, 7th, 8th grade band concerts for the holiday season.
• This last week the students collected money for a needy family or organization for the Christmas season.
• The 5th grade had their DARE field trip. They visit both JDC and Edgewood Fire Department and finished up with a skating party at Edgewood and received Dare Certificates.

Elida High School

• Megan Long was awarded a Certificate of Distinction by the American Legion for achieving the highest score in Allen County for a 10th grade girl on the 2012 Americanism Test.
• The National Honor Society held a Toys for Tots campaign that resulted in over 190 toys being collected, while the Elida Junior Optimist Club held an immensely successful drive collecting pet related items for the Humane Society.
Both drives are evidence of the caring and giving spirit of Elida High School students.

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mrs. Stocker read the following letter that she mailed to Governor, John Kasich, State Senator, Keith Faber and House Representative, Matt Huffman.

Dear Governor Kasich:

What would you have the Elida Board of Education along with its superintendent, Don Diglia, and treasurer, Joel Parker do? Our district’s operating levy failed in November. Below are the things Elida has already done:

• Cut our cost of educating our children to $8437.37 per student. We rank 534th out of 609 schools in Ohio. The state average is $10,696 per pupil.
• We have cut our administrative staff to the bare bones. Our administrative cost per pupil is $912.36. The state average is $1229.44 per pupil and we rank 557th out of 609 schools.
• Cut $2.3 million in operating expenses since 2009
• Closed 1 of our 4 district buildings. We now have 2500+ students in three buildings. We have no more buildings to close.
• All staff took 0% increases this year and next. Teachers will not get a step increases next year.
• We still have the same enrollment as we did 10 years ago
• Staff insurance plans reflect what is happening in the private sector. Higher deductibles, higher costs to employee, lower benefits and dropping spouses that can get insurance from their employer.
• Reduced many of the elective choices for our high school students over the past 10 years.
• Eliminated all electives at the middle school except band, Physical Education, music and choir
• Pay to participate; those students participating in extra-curricular programs are contributing to the programs and have been for nearly 10 years.

Here’s what the State of Ohio has done for Elida:

• Took away our tangible personal property tax reimbursement 5 years early (should have been in 2018)
• The state is approving a non-public charter school in our district that will require us to hire 2 half-time professionals to manage the charter school’s students on IEP’s, taking more money from our bottom line, while letting them make a profit.
• Reduced our state funding to 2003 levels
• Given over $6 million of Elida funds to charter schools, autism scholarships and Peterson scholarships over the past 16 years. Last year the Charter schools that Elida helped fund achieved 33% of their state report card indicators. Elida achieved 88% of their indicators
• Along with all public schools we are given the following unfunded or underfunded mandates. I will not comment on whether or not the mandates are necessary, however, I will say that if they are important enough to mandate, then the state needs to fund them!
  o Teacher evaluations
  o 3rd grade reading guarantee in terms of diagnostic testing, intervention costs, retention costs and teacher costs to insure all teachers have the reading endorsement.
  o Special Education costs such as the Autism Voucher and the Peterson scholarship.
  o Waivers for school fees for free and reduced lunch students. In the case of Elida that means over 50% of student fees come out of our general fund. While this may be the “right” thing to do for the families involved, these are actual costs that the district is not get reimbursed for.
  o Tuition costs for court assignments to special facilities such as the Department of Youth Services or special treatment facilities.
  o Background checks for volunteers and physical exams for bus drivers
  o Non-public and community school transportation.
  o NCLB
  o and many, many more.

Here’s what our economy has done for us:

• Higher fuel prices
• Higher electric prices
• Lower property tax collections due to property tax delinquencies
• Declining property values
• Higher insurance costs
• Lower interest income on our savings

So what I ask of you is simple, please stop your assault on public education. We educate all, regardless of race, socio-economic status or ability to learn. Everyone benefits from that. Our system is not flawed but rather our problem is poverty. As our society becomes poorer (as evidenced by the increase percentage of the free and reduced lunch statistics) the cost to educate children goes up. As a school board member, I spend time in our school buildings. The barriers to education are not within the walls of the school but rather the issues that these children bring with them to school every day. Please consider:

• Funding all-day kindergarten
• Funding the mandates handed down to our schools.
• Additional money for intervention, especially as it relates to poverty issues
• Fully fund special education
• Fund gifted education. These are the next generation of inventors, entrepreneurs, and philanthropists.
• Base mandates and legislative decisions on research, not public opinion
• Work inflationary growth into our funding formula

I believe in public education, it’s the great equalizer. If we create schools of “haves” and “have-nots” you will see that we will lose our middle class and our American way of life.

VII. APOLLO UPDATE

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
• Jackson Burklo addressed the Board in regards to the levy and stated he will not support it until administrators are cut.
• Jeff Christoff addressed the Board in regards to the upcoming ballot levy and stated he will not support the levy because there is a greater need for Title I classes at the Middle School for students with disabilities that is not being adequately addressed by the current administration.
• Larry Flick addressed the Board regarding concerns about some current Board Members.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
• Buildings and Grounds Report

X. TREASURER REPORT
Mr. Parker reported on the many discussions that a group of school treasurers have had with Matt Huffman, Ohio House Representative, regarding the many issues that public schools face:
• Minimum Cost Per Pupil $8,500
• Base Formula ($8,500 x ADM) minus (Valuations x 20 mills) = State Aid
• Review HB 920
• Eliminate 23 mill charge off (move to 20 mills)
• Eliminate funding to failed charter/community schools.
• Eliminate expansion of charter/community schools
• Eliminate campaign contribution for charter/community schools to legislators (tax dollars used as campaign contributions should be illegal).
• Eliminate HB412 spending requirements
• Set Community School funding at state aide rate of local school
• Eliminate new report card model (not one letter grade)
• Educate tax payers about loss of state funding to schools (21% cut in income tax).
• Base decisions on sound education research
• Dedicated Revenue Stream to schools (income or sales tax)
• Revenue Stream that grows with time (keep pace with CPI)
• Predicable/stable revenue stream
• Simple formula
• Reduce times schools need to be on ballot
• Eliminate guarantee districts (fund at 98% of previous year)

XI. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

XII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Brian Anders moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the Agenda for the December 18, 2012 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

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Action Items:

1. Approve Previous Minutes (12-12-1)

The "Record of Proceedings" for the November 20, 2012 and December 1, 2012 meetings of the Elida Board of Education having been previously distributed, were found to be correct.

Sally Ulrich moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the "Record of Proceedings" for the November 20, 2012 and December 1, 2012 meetings of the Elida Board of Education be approved.

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

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2. **Students of the Month (12-12-2)**

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for December, 2012, for the Elida Local School District:

- **Elida Elementary School**
  - Cody Crates
  - Lauren Kerns
  - John Thomas Lesher

- **Elida Middle School**
  - Devin Baker
  - Alexis Hartzler
  - Caleb Newland
  - Promise Onwuegbuchu

- **Elida High School**
  - Emily Coelho
  - Brice Coolidge
  - Kyle Finnerty
  - Kaitlin Hawk

Sally Ulrich moved and Brian Anders seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

- Mr. Anders: Y
- Mrs. Stocker: Y
- Mr. Fricke: Y
- Mrs. Ulrich: Y
- Mr. Settlage: Y

3. **Elida Employee Excellence Award (12-12-3)**

It is recommended that Carol Blymyer be honored with the Elida Employee Excellence Award by the Elida Board of Education. Her nomination by members of the staff was supported by the Elida Employee Excellence Committee and Superintendent Don Diglia.

Brenda Stocker moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

- Mr. Anders: Y
- Mrs. Stocker: Y
- Mr. Fricke: Y
- Mrs. Ulrich: Y
- Mr. Settlage: Y

4. **Financial Reports (12-12-4)**

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

Sally Ulrich moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the above recommendation be approved.
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5. **Resignations (12-12-5)**

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

**Non-Certified:**

Cindy Landers, Cook at EES, effective November 28, 2012
Pam Radulovich, Cook at EMS, effective January 1, 2013 for retirement purposes

**Supplemental:**

Michelle Cahill, Head Varsity Girls Track Coach
Michelle Cahill, Assistant Swim Coach (25%)
Dan Larimore, JV Baseball Coach

Brenda Stocker moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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6. **Employment (12-12-6)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check and meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, per salary schedule in effect.

**Non-Certified:**

Don Brecht, Substitute Bus Driver
Amy Long, Substitute Cook
Anthony Pillitteri, Substitute Custodian
Karen Bible-Ramon, Substitute Cook
Paula Frankhouser, Substitute Cook
Faye Thomas, Substitute Cook
Tonya Ramirez, Substitute Cook

Brian Anders moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.
Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Anders Y Mrs. Stocker Y
Mr. Fricke Y Mrs. Ulrich Y
Mr. Settlage Y

7. **Substitute Teachers (12-12-7)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitutes who have met the certification requirements and have on file a satisfactory criminal record check.

Jennifer Vanskyock Micah Cory
Brenda Ames Andrea Aboujaoude
Michael Maag Wes Griffith
Sarah Maidon

Brenda Stocker moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Anders Y Mrs. Stocker Y
Mr. Fricke Y Mrs. Ulrich Y
Mr. Settlage Y

8. **Van Driver (12-12-8)**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following van driver, pending completion of all requirements of school policy guidelines.

Bill Oleson

Brian Anders moved and Brad Settlage seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Anders Y Mrs. Stocker Y
Mr. Fricke Y Mrs. Ulrich Y
Mr. Settlage Y

9. **Date of Organizational Meeting (12-12-9)**

It is recommended that Tuesday, January 8, 2013, be designated as the date for the 2013 Board of Education Organizational Meeting at 4:00 P.M., in the Central Office Conference Room, 4380 Sunnydale, Elida, OH.

Brenda Stocker moved and Brian Anders seconded that the above recommendation be approved.
Upon the call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Anders       Y       Mrs. Stocker    Y
Mr. Fricke        Y       Mrs. Ulrich    Y
Mr. Settlage       Y

10. Appoint President Pro Tempore (12-12-10)
Brenda Stocker moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that Dennis Fricke be appointed President Pro Tempore to serve at the organizational meeting until the election of the President.

Sally Ulrich moved and Brian Anders seconded that the nominations be closed.

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

Mr. Anders       Y       Mrs. Stocker    Y
Mr. Fricke        Y       Mrs. Ulrich    Y
Mr. Settlage       Y

11. Agreement with Logan County Educational Service Center for Vision Impaired Services (12-12-11)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve entering into an agreement with the Logan County Educational Service Center for vision impaired services for students for the 2012-2013 school year as needed.

Brian Anders moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Anders       Y       Mrs. Stocker    Y
Mr. Fricke        Y       Mrs. Ulrich    Y
Mr. Settlage       Y

12. Appropriation Modifications (12-12-12)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the modifications of the following appropriations:

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
Building  004-0000 $         500.00

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Spanish Club     200-9327 $     1,000.00
MS Spring Trip       200-9615           $        500.00
Class of 2014       200-9634           $     8,500.00

Brian Anders moved and Brad Settlage seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Anders      _ Y_       Mrs. Stocker _Y_
Mr. Fricke          Y_       Mrs. Ulrich _Y_
Mr. Settlage     _Y_

13. OSBA Membership/Subscription (12-12-13)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and renew its subscriptions to Briefcase and Negotiator.

Sally Ulrich moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Anders      _ Y_       Mrs. Stocker _Y_
Mr. Fricke          Y_       Mrs. Ulrich _Y_
Mr. Settlage     _Y_

14. Sales Project Potentials (12-12-14)
It is recommended that the Board approve the following proposed sales projects conducted by a student activity program.

Organization: EHS Cheerleaders
Advisor: Laurie Swick
Project: Winter Cheer Camp
Dates: December 22, 2012

Organization: 8th Grade Class/Washington DC Trip
Advisor: Laurie Swick
Project: Candy Sale

Organization: DECA
Advisor: Shelly Grimm
Project: T-Shirt Sale
Sally Ulrich moved and Brad Settlage seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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15. RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX FOR THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.194 - 5705.197) (12-12-15)

WHEREAS, the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies that the School District is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy an additional tax (the "Emergency Levy") in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District. The amount of money necessary to raise for that purpose is $2,117,268 for each calendar year that the millage is in effect. The Emergency Levy shall be in effect for five years and shall include a levy upon the tax list and duplicate for the 2013 tax year (commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 2. The question of levying the Emergency Levy shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election currently scheduled for May 7, 2013.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Allen County Auditor with instructions to calculate and certify to the Board the annual levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, that will be required to produce the amount of the Emergency Levy set forth in this Resolution throughout the life of the Emergency Levy.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Sally Ulrich moved and Brenda Stocker seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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16. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION (Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.218(G) Renewal Permanent Improvement Levy) (12-12-16)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1.00 mill, five-year permanent improvement levy to provide for permanent improvements of the School District (the "Existing Levy"), which Existing Levy was approved by the voters of the School District on March 4, 2008 and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2008 for collection in 2009, and final collection in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Allen County in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such renewal tax levy and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to renew all of the Existing Levy to provide for permanent improvements of the School District.

Section 2. The question of such renewal tax levy (the "Renewal Levy") shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held therein on May 7, 2013.

Section 3. The Renewal Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding 1.00 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years.

Section 4. The Renewal Levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the 2013 tax year (commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014), if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.
Section 5. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Allen County and the Board of Elections of Allen County. This Board hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to this Board the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the Renewal Levy if approved by the voters of the School District.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Brian Anders moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

| Mr. Anders    | Y | Mrs. Stocker | Y |
| Mr. Fricke    | Y | Mrs. Ulrich  | Y |
| Mr. Settlage  |   |             |   |

17. Allen County Purchasing Cooperative (12-12-17)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Agreement For Establishment of the Allen County Purchasing Cooperative and By-Laws as previously distributed.

Brian Anders moved and Sally Ulrich seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

| Mr. Anders    | Y | Mrs. Stocker | Y |
| Mr. Fricke    | Y | Mrs. Ulrich  | Y |
| Mr. Settlage  |   |             |   |

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Sally Ulrich moved and Brian Anders seconded that the December 18, 2012, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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

| Mr. Anders    | Y | Mrs. Stocker | Y |
| Mr. Fricke    | Y | Mrs. Ulrich  | Y |
| Mr. Settlage  |   |             |   |