

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2021
ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM – 7:00 P.M.**

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. 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. Barnt	<u>P</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>P</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>P</u>

Mr. Schymanski	<u>P</u>
Mrs. Stocker	<u>P</u>

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Bowers reported on the following:

Each of the buildings celebrated spirit week with different themes. The high school had Summer Day, the middle school had Pajama Day, and the elementary had Reindeer Day.

Arleigh Amspoker broke 3 school swim records in the 50 free, 100 back, and 200 IM.

The Elementary Christmas Program collected a free will donation and raised \$425 for the Christian Corner Community Center.

The Elementary held a build a bear/dime wars to raise money for Elida families in need. They raised \$2974.31.

The High School Good Vibes Club collected needed supplies for the areas homeless dogs. The supplies were given to Deb's Dogs and the Humane Society.

The JV Quiz Bowl took 3rd place at the LCC tournament.

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

A think tank called the Center for Science in the Public Interest, submitted a recommendation to bring back most of the Obama lunch /food restrictions. I have always opposed these restrictions as I think they place too much emphasis on schools controlling nutrition. In my opinion, we need to work with parents to help change the eating habits of

kids, not mandate requirements to schools. I did get with our Food Service Manager, Mrs. Newland and together we formulated a response to Senator Brown's staff. Senator Brown is on the Agriculture Committee. Although he is not on the specific sub-committee that deals with student nutrition, his voice on the full committee is important.

I also wrote Senator Brown's staff on the Build Back Better Act. My concern is the funding for preschool is limited to Head Start and Public Schools. Rural Ohio does not generally have Head Start. There is one in Lima. Also, most public schools have a small or no preschool program. Our area like most of Ohio relies on Faith based preschool programs that are specifically excluded from BBBA. This exclusion would hurt our faith-based preschools and could drive them out of business. I did get a quick response and I found out that there are other groups expressing the same concern I had. The data is being passed on to Senator Brown but I'm not sure it will make a difference.

OSBA did ask for a letter writing campaign to try and get the Senators to change the structure of HB126, the Property Tax Bill. I did write to Senator Huffman and ask him to put on his business owner hat and think about protecting his property tax liability. My goal was to point out to him that public schools when challenging a business property tax reduction also helps make sure that he pays only his fair share of taxes and doesn't have to make up for a big box store that has the resources to try and lower their property tax assessment. My feeling is that the sentiment in the Ohio Legislature is that public schools need to be punished for the actions of a very few schools.

Both the House and Senate Committees are now working on their 12 required budget bills. The Senate Health, Labor, Education and Pensions (HELP) committee has a Democratic markup of its education bill. The Bill is similar to the House bill with some very controversial budget items. The House and Senate have until mid-February to pass these bills. There is some talk of not completing these bills and going with Continuing Resolutions for the balance of the year. This would keep education funding at last year's levels. Time will tell if Congress decides to fund the Government to updated bills or keep passing CR's.

The General assembly sent Bill 229 to the Governor for signature. He is expected to sign it.

- Some key items are:
- Each district must submit a plan to address learning loss, previously submitted plans are acceptable.
- Exempts districts from retaining a student under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for the 2021-22 school year but require the district to consult with the parent on the decision of a principal and reading teacher as to whether a student should be retained.
- prohibit the use of the chronic absenteeism measure on the state report card for the 2021-22 school year.
- require a public school to integrate the study of economic and financial literacy into one or more existing social studies credits or into the content of another class for students graduating between 2022-2025.

HB 169 was sent to the Governor for his signature. This is a procedural item to all ESSER funding distribution and for schools to spend the ESSER funds.

HB 29 went to the Governor. This bill legalizes sports betting. Supposedly, 98% of the profits go to K-12 education.

HB 166 was sent to the Senate for Concurrence to some House revision. This is a good bill as it requires the State of Ohio to develop financial incentives for businesses to work with Career Tech Center, like Apollo.

HB 458 was passed by the House. This bill seeks to eliminate the August special election. OSBA did ask for supporting testimony to keep the August election. I did not write. I know Mr. Parker likes this option. Since the August election day is just one day before the normal November filing date, I would rather we invest in surveys of residents rather than invest money in a special election. Obviously, this is a board decision that we should talk about while the bill is in the Senate.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee held multiple hearings over the past couple of months on HB 126, which revises the board of revision process. Numerous school treasurers, superintendents and school board members testified in opposition to the bill and provided details on their policy and process, including how the bill will impact their district. HB 126 was significantly amended by the committee by replacing the introduced language with provisions that severely limit a school district's role in the board of revision process. The new provisions would only allow property owners to file an initial complaint and would require a school district, before filing a counter-complaint, to adopt a resolution that includes evidence of another value. The bill also would prohibit a property owner and a school district from entering into a private pay agreement and would prohibit a school district from appealing the decision of a board of revision. Finally, the provisions of the bill would go into effect for complaints filed for tax year 2022. HB 126 was passed out of committee and is waiting for a floor vote. If the Ohio Senate passes the bill, the Ohio House would need to concur on the changes to the bill to send it to DeWine. My recommendation is that we develop a strong resolution that identifies the Business seeking a tax reduction, list the proposed tax reduction and point out that this tax reduction will cause other businesses to see an increase in their property taxes. We should point out that the school is fighting on behalf of small businesses in our district.

The Senate held a 2nd hearing on HB 218, a bill that deals with COVID-19 vaccines. If passed, vaccines not yet fully FDA approved could not be mandated, provides some specific exemption criteria. This is a temporary bill that, if approved, expires September 30, 2025. Additionally, the bill would prohibit an individual from being required to show proof of vaccination and extend through June 20, 2023, a school district's civil immunity as it relates to the exposure, transmission, or contraction of COVID-19. (Note: there are also other COVID bills in process.)

SB 23 is making progress in the Senate Public Safety committee. This bill strengthens the ability to address vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus. The bill also adds penalties to the owner of the vehicle if the driver cannot be identified.

HB 501 was introduced. This bill would allow school districts to place a levy on the ballot to fund a School Resource Officer services in that district.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

Apollo All Boards Dinner - tentatively plan for Feb 10

* HS is doing semester exams

* Leo Academy closing - only affects 2 students from our district that attended

* Elementary Update:

- Shades installed
- Some WiFi improvements are happening - completing a stress test tomorrow. We believe Craig has basically helped solve the issue for these companies
- Ball fields probably will sit until spring for completion at this point
- Working mainly on punch list items

* Fair School Funding Plan I suspect is on life support. Word is that the state Senate is working hard to have it replaced with their own formula.

* Thanked Mr. Barnt for his 4 years of service on the Board

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 11/30/21

- Revenue \$9,688,394
- Expenses \$9,889,109
- Net Loss (\$200,715)
- Ending Balance \$5,625,128

Expenses 11/30/21

- Personnel \$5,344,759
- Retire/Ins \$1,970,337
- Purchased Services \$2,003,039
- Supplies \$303,821
- Capital Outlay \$79,901
- Principal \$50,522
- Interest \$10,071
- Other \$126,659
- Total: \$5,625,128

Investments – 11/30/21

- Star Ohio \$3,126,888.95
- Premier Bank \$2,637,349.87
- State Bank Money Market \$4,869.43
- Boenning & Scattergood \$534,555.60
- Boenning & Scattergood – EE \$3,753,233.06
- Boenning & Scattergood –Escrow \$500,352.60
- State Bank CD \$300,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$300,035.05
- Union Bank CD \$250,000.00

Revenue 11/30/21

- Real Estate \$4,257,063
- Personal Property \$214,226
- State Aide \$3,836,610
- Homestead/Rollback \$617,595
- Other \$762,900
- Total: \$9,688,394

001-Cash Balance 11/30

2021 - \$5,625,128
2020-\$5,113,491
2019 - \$5,395,276
2018 - \$5,965,383
2017 - \$5,720,330

Elida Elementary – Expended

- State - \$18,100,816.50
- Local - \$12,401,371.31
- LFI - \$5,719,772.52
- Total: \$36,221,960.33

Fair School Funding Plan

- Data not loaded into state program yet for FY 21-22
- Data should be loaded in January 2022
- Concern-will it be replaced by a new senate plan?

X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Christoff made a motion to have an open board forum regarding the pandemic.

Mr. Schymanski suggested he would be interested in having a discussion had he been prepared but didn't second the motion.

The motion did not move forward because no one seconded it.

Mrs. Stocker reminded the board of the following items in regards to topic of discussion:

- The consensus of the board some time ago disconfirmed the open board forum.
- To bring up a discussion topic requires two board members (motion & 2nd)
- It's best to bring up the topic before the board meeting so members have time to give it thought and to prepare for a discussion.

XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the Agenda for the December 16, 2021, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Previous Minutes

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on November 15, 2021.

(Exhibit A)

2. Financial Reports

(Exhibit B)

3. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for December, 2021, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Crew Good
Nevaeh Snyder
Cadyn Lopez
Ava Moran
Colten Miller

Elida Middle School

Kassidy Shirkey
Kaylee Dillon
Ladell Allen

Elida High School
Alex Khork
Briana Jenner
Paige Durham
Jo’Vonta Gilcrease

4. Early Graduation

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the early graduation for Jameir Jackson, recommended by Mr. Darren Sharp, Elida High School Principal, for graduation on January 21, 2022. This is contingent upon satisfactorily completion all of his minimum standard requirements for graduation.

5. 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, per salary schedule in effect.

Certified:

Morgan Morton, Long Term Substitute School Social Worker at Elida Elementary, Effective December 13, 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, Masters, Step 1

Non-Certified:

Valena Johnson, Substitute Cook
Nick Trent, Substitute Bus Driver, effective December 10, 2021

6. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitute teachers pending Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and a clear criminal background check on file:

Substitute with a Bachelors Degree:

Sophie Starr

General, Non-Degree Substitutes:

Jennifer Brinkman	Dawn Mooney	Kylie Newland
Randy Prince	Emily Woodruff	Fara Ewing
Emily Leimeister	Cooper Chung	
Tracy Sneary	Sydney Morton	
Bailey Gibson	Sydney Stemen	

7. Volunteer

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel as a volunteer. Volunteering will be pending following the School Volunteer Policy Guidelines.

Class I

Denise Lawrence – Effective November 16, 2021

8. OSBA Membership/Subscriptions

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.

9. Establish New Funds

It is recommended that the Board establish the new funds listed below:

003-9522 Fieldhouse Project

587-9522 ARP IDEA Early Childhood Special Education

10. Payment to Allen County Educational Service Center

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2nd half reconciliation January – June 2021 to the Allen County Educational Service Center for contracted services in the amount of \$148,210.09

(Exhibit C)

11. Appropriation Modifications

FUND		MODIFIED		
<u>CLASS/NAME</u>	<u>FUND #/SCC</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
<u>Special Revenue</u>				
HS Band	300-9440	\$2,718.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,718.00
Title I-School Imp	572-9522	\$75,000.00	\$69,680.61	\$144,680.61
<u>Capital Projects</u>				
Fieldhouse Project	003-9522	-----	\$502,000.00	\$502,000.00
Building EE-LFI	004-9511	\$2,940,653.67	\$100,000.00	\$3,040,653.67
<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>				
FFA	200-9330	\$22,419.83	\$4,000.00	\$26,419.83
HS PBIS	200-9331	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00

12. 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:

BYAA Wrestling Tournament, Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., for use of the Fieldhouse

13. Sales Project Potentials

Organization: Elida FFA

Advisor: Chloe Callow

Project: FFA Ad Sale

Date: December 17, 2021 through February 18, 2022

Organization: Class of 2022

Advisor: Brenda Fetter

Project: Selling Baked Goods at the Spring for the Stars Craft Show

Date: March 5, 2022

Organization: National Honor Society

Advisor: Jennifer Lichty

Project: Merry Christmas Classic

Date: December 18, 2021

Organization: FCCLA

Advisor: Keisha Larimore

Project: Christmas Grams

December 6, 2021 through December 21, 2021

14. New/Revised/Replacement Policies

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following new/revised/replacement policies:

0169.1 – Public Participation at Board Meetings

1530 – Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators

1617 – Weapons

2271 – College Credit Plus Program

2370.01 – Blended Learning

3217 – Weapons

4217 – Weapons

5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students

5111.02 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

5200 – Attendance

5350 – Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

5464 – Early High School Graduation

5516 – Student Hazing

5630.01 – Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and Limited use of Restrain and Seclusion

6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds

7300 – Disposition of Real property/Personal Property

7450 – Property Inventory

8330 – Student Records

8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect

8600 – Transportation

8651 – Nonroutine Use of School Buses

8740 - Bonding

Jason Bowers moved and Barry Barnt seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIII. Action Items

1. Donations (12-21-1)

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

- From Gomer Congregational Church, \$284.00 for coats and other winter supplies for elementary students
- From Peggy Rizor, \$5,000 to the Elida Band Department

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

2. Appoint President Pro Tempore (12-21-2)

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that Brenda Stocker be appointed President Pro Tempore to serve at the organizational meeting until the election of the President.

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

3. Date of Organizational Meeting (12-21-3)

It is recommended that January 13, 2022, be designated as the date for the 2022 Board of Education Organizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Community Room. The regular January meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Board pictures will be taken at 6:15 p.m.

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

4. OTES 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding (12-21-4)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the OTES 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding between Elida Local School District Board of Education and Elida Education Association.

(Exhibit D)

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

5. Memorandum of Understanding Reducing the Number of Student Days (12-21-5)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Elida Local School District Board of Education and Elida Education Association that reduces the number of student contact days per the negotiated agreement.

(Exhibit E)

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

6. Job Description – Head Outside Grounds Maintenance (12-21-6)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the revised Head Outside Grounds Maintenance job description.

(Exhibit F)

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

7. Employment – Head Outside Grounds Maintenance (12-21-7)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve a 2.5 year contract for Zachary Weber as Head Outside Grounds Maintenance effective January 3, 2022, 260 day contract at a salary of \$57,500.00 as a Category II Professional.

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

Jeff Christoff expressed his concerns regarding COVID and other viruses that may increase over the holidays. He also expressed concerns regarding our return to school plan after the Christmas break.

XV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The following proposed dates for 2022 Board of Education meetings will be on the January organizational agenda for approval:

January 13, 2022 (Thursday) Organizational (6:30 p.m.) & Regular (7:00 p.m.)
February 15, 2022
March 15, 2022
April 19, 2022
May 17, 2022
June 7, 2022 (If Needed), June 21, 2022 (Tuesday) (Regular)
July 19, 2022
August 2, 2022 (If Needed), August 16, 2022 (Regular)
September 20, 2022
October 18, 2022
November 17, 2022 (Thursday)
December 20, 2022

All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Community Room except June, July, and August meetings will all be held at the Board of Education Central Office Conference Room, 4380 Sunnydale, Elida, OH.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Pat Schymanski moved and Barry Barnt seconded that the December 16, 2021 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

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

Mr. Barnt	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Schymanski	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

Note: Exhibits will be available online when the minutes are posted. For further documentation on agenda items, please contact the Treasurer.

President

Treasurer