

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

October 19, 2021

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## 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

### V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Bowers reported on the following:

- Elementary students were able to see fire trucks from American Township Fire Department during the "Touch a Truck" event at the Elementary school.
- The elementary had a Star Ice Cream Incentive with Derfer Ice Cream.
- The middle school will be having a talent show this Thursday in the High School Auditorium.
- FCCLA students attended a virtual leadership program. The students listened to guest speakers, took part in hands on activities, and played Kahoot with other FCCLA students from around Ohio.
- The High School Theater Program will be performing "Leaving Iowa" from November 11-14, 2021.
- Fall sports are coming to an end with Elida Boys Soccer advancing to the Sectional finals against OG on Thursday. Emily Durham placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the WBL Championship earning First-Team All WBL.

### VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

#### Federal Education Budget

The House has yet to introduce the Education budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Currently, education funding is based on a C.R. extending funding until December 2021. House is still working on the American Rescue Plan and all its requirements. The Senate did introduce its version of the educational bill. It is like the House planned bill, but the House Bill proposed \$400 million for charter Schools and the Senate Bill sticks with last year's funding of \$440 mill.

One item in the ARP could impact us. The plan to offer universal preschool seems to send all money through the local LEA (Local Education Agency, ie. Public School). There is still much of the details still unknown but, we could be required to administer this funding and manage the requirements. It is possible that if this preschool plan is approved, the funding we give the ESC to run the preschool could come from this funding source versus our taxpayers. Again, way too early to speculate.

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### Ohio Legislation

HB 290 was introduced and referred to the House Finance Committee. This bill is also known as the Backpack Bill, meaning the money follows the student. I read the bill and find it confusing. An educational savings account is established by the state for any student to request access to. They would have to apply every year for this funding. If the family makes less the 200% of the poverty level, the chartered public school or the non-chartered public school must accept the savings account as full funding for any tuition. There is already a more detailed substitute bill that was discussed in a press conference but not yet released to the House Finance Committee.

Here are a few concerns I have.

Arizona had a similar funding process and there was significant fraud or funding misuse by the families getting the voucher. How this will impact the Fair School Funding Plan is not addressed. HB290, right now says no local funding impact? Where is the money coming from? What will the full funding level be? Will traditional public-school families also be eligible to access this revenue stream? Will the state revenue support the backpack bill and traditional public-school funding?

I do think a resolution is necessary.

SB 1 has passed both the House and Senate and is going through signature cycle before going to the Governor.. This bill requires (starting fall of 2022) that schools offer a course in financial literacy. We do have a course that should qualify. This will require students to fit a new course in their schedule and could impact the number of electives they take. Algebra 1 & 2 are still required classes.

HB298, All elected State Board of Education membership. OSBA asked me to submit testimony to support an all-elected State Board of Education. Currently, 7 members are appointed by the Governor. Here being an educational nerd comes in handy. I did write a short letter of support for an all-elected board. For many years, the board was composed of only elected members. At that time, the State Superintendent tended to be in office much longer. More importantly, there was consistent educational progress associated with a long-term approach to educational improvement. I just pointed out that past practice did result in more improvement than we see in our current organizational structure.

### **Is Charter School Enrollment Increasing?**

On September 22, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools put out a press release boasting of unprecedented enrollment growth during the pandemic. The report asserted that **charter school enrollment increased during the pandemic in at least 39 states, with a 7 percent overall increase**. The charter lobby said that this growth "is likely" to be "the largest rate of increase in student enrollment increase in half a decade," as charter schools added nearly a quarter million students. Are Charter Schools growing and Public Schools losing students?

The Network for Public Education did investigate.

Actual data is not exactly what it seems to present. The Charter school report identified 3 States with the largest growth, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania & Utah. The data shows growth (Per Charter Association) primarily in the virtual schools.

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What did NPE find?

Pennsylvania was 99.7% in virtual schools. Brick & Mortar Charter schools added 78 students, statewide. Oklahoma also had 97% increase in the virtual schools. 1050 to Brick & Mortar Charters. Utah enrollment grew 131% and Brick & Mortar declined. (Specific numbers not provided.) As info, Ohio Virtual grew by 13,161 and Brick & Mortar declined by 1,197.

We need to analyze data over the next couple of years but right now, I don't think we need to worry about Charter School growth. **But, we do need to address the voucher program growth and the financial impact that it could bring.**

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Fricke, Apollo Representative, updated the Board on programs/activities happening at Apollo:

- Record enrollment
- New programs
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Clean litter
- Help Marimore
- Garden Café
- Release to Job Site
- Apprenticeship Program – Electrical
- Christmas at Apollo , December 4, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Mr. Denny Fricke gave an Apollo update
- Hoping to have a new website refresh within the next 6-12 months, with mobile app included
- This week is School Bus Safety Week
- Erin Johnson is being recognized by Ohio Art Education Association with the northwest region's Outstanding Art Teacher Award. Congrats to Mrs. Johnson!
- 4th graders will be taking the math and reading assessments by NAEP sometime after Christmas
- As soon as the governor signs SB 1 into law, we will begin permitting those without Bachelor's Degrees to become sub teachers. They will be required to have a temporary sub license, complete a background check, meet with building principals for an interview and to go over rules and procedures, and observe a classroom prior to be permitted to sub (unless they are currently an aide).
- I will be meeting with the personnel committee in the near future to discuss incentives for sub teachers and sub aides.

## IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

### General Fund 9/30/21

- Revenue \$7,807,476
- Expenses \$5,910,754
- Net Gain \$1,896,722
- Ending Balance \$7,722,565

### Expenses 9/30/21

- Personnel \$3,144,902
- Retire/Ins \$1,208,144
- Purchased Svc. \$1,162,940
- Supplies \$193,289
- Capital Outlay \$79,201
- Other \$122,278
- Total: \$5,910,754

### Revenue 9/30/21

- Real Estate \$4,257,063
- Personal Property \$214,226
- State Aide \$2,320,023
- Homestead/Rollback \$607,195
- Other \$408,969
- Total \$7,807,476

### 001-Cash Balance 9/30

- 2021-\$7,722,565
- 2020-\$6,969,284
- 2019-\$7,325,938
- 2018-\$7,756,129
- 2017-\$6,669,040

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**Investments – 9/30/21**

- Star Ohio \$7,626,100.40
- Premier Bank \$3,842,845.04
- State Bank Money Market \$4,716.80
- Boenning & Scattergood \$530,897.50
- Boenning & Scattergood-EE \$3,736,184.47
- State Bank CD \$300,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$300,000.00
- Union Bank CD \$250,000.00

**ESSER Dollars**

- Update on spending requirements

**ESSER \$ Spent to Date**

- ESSER I - \$498,502.41
- ESSER II - \$796,942.17
- ARP ESSER- \$0
- Total \$1,295,444.58

**Thank You Del Shinn**

- \$40,000 donation for scholarships
- Balance \$280,542.70
- Donations Locker Room and Press Box

**HB 290 Backpack Bill****Concerns:**

- Will reduce funding to public schools
- Will fund students who always attended the private schools
- Will allow the ECOT type fraud to continue (\$640,000,000 loss )
- Will allow Gulen type schools to continue
- Will harm students in poverty
- Will blur lines of church/state separation
- Will weaken link between democracy and educated mass population

**EE Building Project**

- Interest earned
- Local fund - \$563,530.86
- LFI Fund - \$227,342.07
- State Fund - \$21,515.30
- Total \$812,388.23

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

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the October 19, 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. Bowers	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>

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

**XII. CONSENT ITEMS****1. Approve Previous Minutes**

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on September 21, 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 October, 2021, for the Elida Local School District:

**Elida Elementary School**

Morgan Gonzales  
Mackenzie Duff  
Reese Pimentel  
Eliam (Eli) Good  
Alexa Burtchin

**Elida Middle School**

Evie Crites  
Aaryn Dailey  
Kyera Cales

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Elida High School

Carson Wright  
 Brody Burtchin  
 Sydney Yount  
 Kinadie Lacock

**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 18 – 22, 2022 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.

**5. Resignations/Retirements**

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

Supplemental:

Claire Taflinger, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

**6. 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, aides, and coaching personnel meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, per salary schedule in effect.

Non-Certified:

Randy Bowers, Custodian, Step 0, effective October 4, 2021  
 Jeffery Smith, Bus Driver, Step 0, effective September 24, 2021  
 Melinda Lusk, Bus Driver, Step 2, effective September 24, 2021  
 Tim Smith, Bus Driver, Step 0, effective September 24, 2021  
 Kate Burkey, Accompanist, \$30 per hour for rehearsals, \$100/performance  
 Nancy Hite, Substitute Aide, Substitute Secretary

Supplemental:

Andrew Burden, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach  
 Stefanie Atwater, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach  
 Colin Hennon, Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach

Elida Middle School Saturday School Monitors:

Regan Hahn	Ross Short	Melissa Garlock
Dan Finch	Frank Pauff	Amy Durham
Nate Westenbarger	Brady Overholt	Rileigh Young

K-12 Lead Teachers:

Salary: \$1,500, funded through the School Quality Improvement Grant and are for a 1-year term:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mellani Cady	Grade K
Aletia Hartzler	Gr. 1
Erin Gomez	Gr. 2
Carie Martz	Gr. 3
Karen Foley	Gr. 4
Kari Miller	Gr. 5
Kim Novicki	Related Arts
Ashley Edwards	Social Studies



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Christina Hensley	ELA
Brady Overholt	Math
Michael Reese	Band
Britney Rackley	Social Studies
Amy Amspoker	Science
Jason Miller	Math
Mollie Callahan	ELA
Quinn Whittaker	Related Arts

**7. Lights and Sound Technicians**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for lights and sound technicians, as needed, at the rates as listed.

Christine Lookadoo      Adam Lookadoo

\$25 per hour for outside groups

\$20 per hour for school activity

\$12.50 per hour for high school/college students

**8. Appropriation Modifications**

FUND				MODIFIED
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>				
Grant-EMS Wellness	019-9222	-----	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MS Cheerleaders	300-9556	\$120.54	\$300.00	\$420.54
Safety Grant	499-9321	-----	\$11,428.32	\$11,428.32
IDEA B 2022	516-9222	-----	\$551,331.95	\$551,331.95
Title III	551-9321	\$1,768.70	\$2,474.26	\$4,242.96
Title I FY2022	572-9222	\$50,000.00	\$509,550.49	\$559,550.49
Title I-Expanding Opp.				
Grant	572-9722	-----	\$18,940.63	\$18,940.63
Preschool Restoration				
	587-9221	-----	\$9,201.69	\$9,201.69
TIIA 2022	590-9221	-----	\$93,370.13	\$93,370.13
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>				
Building EE-LFI	004-9511	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
<b>FIDUCIARY FUNDS</b>				
MS Quiz Bowl	200-9195	\$227.69	\$100.00	\$327.69
MS Student Council				
	200-9614	\$3,045.70	\$1,000.00	\$4,045.70

**9. Substitute Teachers**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitutes who have a bachelor's degree, met Ohio Department of Education certification requirements and have on file a clear criminal background check:

Cindy Unruh	Tracie Wilson	Spencer Clum
Keith Bryant	Adam Burt	

**10. 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.

Class I	Class II	
Jolene Burkholder	Corbin Crates, Bowling	Colin Mell, Wrestling
Denise Cressman	Tyler Pugh, Bowling	Austin Mault, Wrestling

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20**11. Sales Project Potentials**

Organization: Elida FFA

Advisor: Chloe Callow

Project: Fruit Sale

Date: October 7, 2021 through November 16, 2021

**12. Exchange of Services with Mike Campbell Photography**

Reflector, 2021-2022 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.

**13. Agreement With The Hearing & Balance Center, Inc.**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the agreement with The Hearing and Balance Center, Inc. for audiology services. This agreement is effective September 15, 2021 through August 1, 2022.

(Exhibit C)

**14. Memorandum of Understanding with Bluffton University Education Department**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding with Bluffton University Education Department Educator Preparation Program. This is effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2026

(Exhibit D)

**15. School Related Organizations**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following organizations as School Related Organizations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Elida Track

EHS Swim Team

Elida Youth Football Association

Choral Promoters of Elida

Elida Middle School PTO

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Bulldog Youth Athletic Association

Class of 2022/Post Prom Parents

**16. Declaring Transportation to be Impractical – 2021-2022 School Year**

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

WHEREAS, the student identified below has been determined to be a resident of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for this student to his/her selected school; and

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WHEREAS, the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
2. The number of pupils to be transported;
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available

WHEREAS, the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elida Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the student identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the following student payment-in-lieu of transportation: #28058. This is effective October 6, 2021.

(Exhibit E)

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>		

### XIII. Action Items:

#### 1. Donations (10-21-1)

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

- From Delbert Shinn, \$40,000.00 donation to the Elida Educational Foundation for scholarships for graduating Elida Seniors
- From the Alex & Monica Donley family, a certificate for each elementary staff member to purchase a free coffee from the Curbside Escapes Coffee Truck on Friday, October 15, 2021

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>		

#### 2. Resolution to Transfer Interest Earnings (10-21-2)

Whereas, the Elida Local Schools Board of Education has received interest earnings on the building project local funds, and Locally Funded Initiative funds; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Elida Local Schools Board of Education to make interest earning available for the completion of the building project;



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Therefore, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3318.12 (B)(2), the Elida Local Schools Board of Education authorizes and directs the Treasurer of the District to transfer necessary and appropriate interest earnings from Fund 010-9611 (OFCC Local Project Interest Fund), and from Fund 004-9611 (Locally Funded Initiates Interest Fund) to 004-9511 (OFCC Locally Funded Initiative Fund).

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

- Emily Leimeister addressed the Board on how to properly wear a mask. She feels masks should be a parental choice.
- The November 16, 2021 regular board meeting has been moved to Monday, November 15, 2021.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the October 19, 2021 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:55 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.*

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President

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Treasurer