

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

Elida High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m. &amp; Via Zoom JULY 21, 2020

Held

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## ELIDA ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT TOUR 6:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM Meeting ID # 957 0262 9548 Passcode: 8KLuBq**

*To comply with regulations guiding mass gatherings and business meetings that limit attendance to 10 people, we have offered the Zoom platform for attending remotely. We are having an in-person meeting in the high school community room, with each person using a device connected to Zoom. This allows anyone who wants to be with us to participate as if they were here. Additionally, there are 2 times that we will allow for public participation, at the beginning when it relates to items we are considering tonight and also at the end for other items not related to this agenda. If anyone wanted to publicly participate and did not notify Mr. Mengerink by email, you should do this now. If you want a copy of tonight's agenda it can be found on the district website, under the Board of Education tab.*

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.

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## A G E N D A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Barnt            P  
Mr. Bowers        P  
Mr. Christoff      P

Mr. Schymanski    P  
Mrs. Stocker       P

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### IV. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Schymanski reported on the following:

Education Budget for 2020-2021 school year is still under review. Currently, Schools have been notified of a 3.7% cut in planned funding. Governor has indicated that he will use his CARES Act funding to assist schools on cost of implementing PPE requirements. This is around \$100 million but probably not enough to proper fund school needs. Ohio Legislature has not decided on any adjustments to the planned budget, YET!!! I do expect adjustments. **It does appear that many states are delaying finalizing their 2020-2021 budget to see what action the Federal Gov't takes.** To save money some recommendations include looking at Bus Transportation options such as, expanded walking and parent escorts for walking are being discussed by schools on a national basis. There are multiple recommendations but transportation for Special Ed, Poverty areas, and unsafe areas are being identified as priority routes.

I did some research on the number of planned Ohio Legislative sessions.

Senate planned sessions:

- July 2020, one planned and one if needed.
- August, one planned and one if needed.
- September, one planned and 2 if needed.
- October, one planned and 2 if needed.

House has announced that any sessions will now be virtual until the Speaker determines it is safe to meet at the Capital.

- No planned sessions for July or August, I think members are on call if needed.
- September 5 if needed session dates.
- October has no planned or if needed sessions.
- With the Speaker of the House arrested, selecting a new Speaker may affect planned House sessions.

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Both have November and December Lame Duck Sessions planned.

National Elections Education Platforms: I find it increasingly difficult to provide non-partisan info as both parties delve into political arguments.

- Republican Party has not yet developed its platform. However, School choice and funding families seem to be the priority. Does the Republican Party still believe in local control, is a question to be followed as the campaign develops?
- Democratic Party Platform has also not yet been developed but Joe Biden worked with Bernie Sanders on a unified platform proposal and has released some key point already. Most require Congressional approval. Here are a few key items.
  - More teacher input into the department of education.
  - More Title one funding.
  - Full IDEA funding within 10 years.
  - More financial help for preschool.
  - Ban all for profit charter schools, also limit federal funding support for charters.
  - Plus, a series of funding initiatives for colleges tuition and teacher support that I find exceedingly costly and would drive up the deficit.
  - There are some proposals to increase taxes, I think modest tax increases should be discussed but I am concerned that the tax proposals in this Biden/Sanders agreement unachievable.

School choice and Fall startup, National opinions:

Secretary DeVos, President Trump and now, Congressman Jordan have said that if public schools don't open, federal money should be withheld. Legally, this is not permitted based on current law. But Congress could put requirements on future funding, for example, supplemental funding for education, such as the HEREOS Act. We do need to monitor Congressional action. We do have time. Congress is adjourned for most of July. Several prominent Republicans have joined in calls for more educational funding. The key in the Senate is what will Republican Ranking Member, Mitch McConnell will support, since he controls what legislation makes it to the Senate Floor. I am hopeful that there will be supplemental funding from USG, but the ability to achieve a compromise will be key to this legislation.

Election politics may delay any action or even prevent supplemental funding for K-12. As info, President Trump has said he will support another Stimulus package, but it must include additional tax savings. I doubt the House Democrats will support another tax break. But deals are always possible. There seems to be a consensus that some kind of federal action is required.

Senator McConnell is developing a Republican bill may help states with testing costs, liability coverage and perhaps some education funding. Senator McConnell has stated that he wants to complete the action within the remaining 3 weeks the Senate is in summer session. There appears to be a huge divide between Democrats and Republicans. There is also a divide in the Republican party on steps to take. The discussion on unemployment extension will be one of several difficult opinions to monitor.

President Trump is suggesting that payroll tax cuts (Medicare & SS withholdings) must be part of the package. This could be a logistical problem of applying payroll cuts. Does it go back to the first of the year and those no unemployed get money back. If applied in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to earnings, how and who benefits. This is based on supporting workers and moving folks off unemployment and back to work. But if businesses don't open, this tax break is of little value.

My concern is the deficit. If not addressed sometime soon, the future, reductions in Title and IDEA funding are possible. I think it is essential that we preserve Title and IDEA funding and try to grow that funding stream. But balancing revenue with expenditures will be the challenge.

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**Charter School Audit finding**

An LA Charter School Executive Director was charged with using \$3.1 million of educational money for personal business and family trips. I found it interesting that the LA Public School District that sponsored the Charter school during a routine fiscal audit found spending and documentation problems that indicated misuse of educational money. This shows the value of both audits and public school oversight.

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS**

There was no request from the public to speak regarding action items.

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Jason Fleming, Garmann Miller

Mr. Mengerink Discussed Re-opening of School.

- Discussed the involvement of health department in creating plans.
- Has met with the nursing staff.
- Posted a FAQ for parents/students.
- Will be posting a FAQ or Q & A in near future for staff.
- Discussed masking policy as it is now.
- All items discussed are open to change at any time moving forward

**VII. TREASURER REPORT**

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

**General Fund 6/30/20**

- Revenue \$23,754,985
- Expenses \$24,128,272
- Net Loss (\$373,287)
- Ending Balance \$4,986,761

**June 30 – Carry-Over**

- 2018 - \$5,430,920 – 85.67 days
- 2019 - \$5,360,048 – 81.43 days
- 2020 - \$4,986,761 – 75.43 days

**State Revenue**

- FY 18 \$10,466,852
- FY 19 \$10,744,203
- FY 20 \$10,852,599 (includes wellness)

**Retirement/Insurances**

- 2018 - \$4,048,056
- 2019 - \$4,364,633
- 2020 - \$4,536,692 + \$72,686 = \$4,609,378

**Utilities**

- 2018 - \$569,673
- 2019 - \$565,598
- 2020 - \$379,909

**Food Service**

- Revenue \$938,827
- Expenses \$1,066,225
- Loss \$127,398
- 6/30/20 – Balance \$636,039
- 6/30/19 – Balance \$763,437
- 6/30/18 – Balance \$874,855

**Other Data 6/30/20**

- Open Enrollment In - \$1,039,967
- Open Enrollment Out - \$1,676,436
- Community School Out - \$913,677
- Peterson Out - \$424,631

**Items to Note**

- State reduction - \$480,825
- Student Wellness Fund 467
- Revenue \$539,915.86
- Expenses \$539,915.86
- Erate - \$96,901.05 (in/out of 001-erate to reimburse after 7/1/2020-access points)

**Real Estate Revenue**

- FY 2018 - \$9,216,266
- FY 2019 - \$9,338,222
- FY 2020 - \$9,720,869

**Salary Data**

- 6/30/18 - \$11,867,574
- 6/30/19 - \$12,167,098
- 6/30/20 - \$12,302,174 + \$268,249 = \$12,570,423

**Purchased Services**

- 2018 - \$6,074,297
- 2019 - \$6,405,020
- 2020 - \$5,974,799 + \$198,981 = \$6,173,780

**Electric**

- 2018 - \$474,707
  - 2019 - \$471,037
  - 2020 - \$310,012
- (34% reduction in electricity spent)

**Driver's Education**

- Revenue \$148,929
- Expenses \$134,310
- Profit \$14,619
- Enrollment 506

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## State Revenue Projected

FY 19-20

- Unrestricted - \$9,935,431
- Restricted - \$377,252
- Wellness - \$539,916
- Total: \$10,852,599

FY20-21

- Unrestricted - \$10,158,142
- Wellness - \$840,371
- Total: \$10,998,513

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

Pat Schymanski moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the Agenda for the July 21, 2020, 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>

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

Elida Board of Education regular meeting on June 25, 2020.  
(Exhibit A)

**2. Financial Reports**

(Exhibit B)

**3. 2020 Graduates**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the graduation of four additional students.  
(Exhibit C)

**4. Resignation**

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

Certified:

Barbara Hawk, Gr. 6 Science Teacher, retirement effective June 1, 2020, contingent upon being rehired as a retire/rehire teacher for the 2020-2021 school year and with the incentive passed by the Board on June 25, 2020

Non-Certified:

Dawn de la Portilla, Bus Driver, effective July 27, 2020

**5. 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, per salary schedule in effect.

Non-Certified:

Steve Sdao, Bus Driver, effective 8-10-20

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High School Advisors

High School Student Council Advisor – Melody Morris, 6%  
 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor – Bill Kellermeyer, 3%

Supplementals:

Athletic Manager – Dave Evans  
 Faculty Managers – Art Holman (50%)  
 Marching Band – John Stetler  
 Assistant Marching Band – 9% - Michael Reese  
 Assistant Marching Band – 8% - Darrell Bryan  
 Pep Band – John Stetler  
 Instrumental Music Director 10% - John Stetler  
 Assistant Instrumental Music Director 5% - Michael Reese  
 High School Publication Advisor – Katherine Glenn

High School Quiz Bowl – Shelby Cluts  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Quiz Bowl – Trisha Adcock  
 Middle School Student Council – Darrell Bryan  
 National Honor Society – Michelle Steinke  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Quiz Bowl Advisor – Missy Garlock  
 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Quiz Bowl (Academic Advisor) – Barb Hawk  
 Musical Director – Rhonda Bargerstock  
 Musical Vocal Director – Rhonda Bargerstock  
 High School Choral Director- Rhonda Bargerstock  
 Middle School Choral Director – Taylor Lombardo  
 Drama Club Director – Rhonda Bargerstock

Football

Varsity Assistant - Nate Westenbarger  
 Varsity Assistant - Andy Etzkorn  
 Varsity Assistant - Dan Larimore  
 Varsity Assistant - Randy Woods  
 Junior Varsity - Jeff Thomas  
 Junior Varsity - Jay Terry  
 Freshmen - Guy Alexander  
 Freshmen - Skylar Irons  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HC - Shane Harmon  
 8<sup>th</sup> Ass't. - Zach Chambers  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grade HC - Keenan Newland  
 7<sup>th</sup> Ass't. - Jesse Guerrero

Volleyball

Head Coach - Tracy Sneary  
 Junior Varsity - Cheyenne Stahr  
 Freshmen - Linda Vorhees  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Trisha Smith  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Hillary Overholt

Golf

Head Coach - Dennis Thompson

Cross Country

Head Coach - Mark Alstaetter  
 MS Coach - Claire Taflinger

Boys Soccer

Head Coach - Tom Thomas  
 Junior Varsity - Scott Warris



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Head Coach - Elise Jenkins

Junior Varsity - Bob Jones

Girls Tennis

Head Coach - Wally Neal

Cheerleading

HS Football/Basketball - Carly Long

Substitute Aides

Diane Bloom

Jennifer Brinkman

Kathleen Calvelage

Rebecca Ellinger

Fara Ewing

Laura Glick

Ella Johnson

Stacy Jolliff

Jennifer Lawrence

Tonya Ramirez

Stacy Risner

Donna Wauben

Kim Wheeler

Nicole Siefker

Substitute Cooks

Laura Glick

Jennifer Lawrence

Patrica Parks

Brenda Tenwalde

Carolyn Watts

Kim Wheeler

Brooke Kirk

Melissa Richards

Substitute Bus Drivers

Brent Bassitt

Rebecca Ellinger

Bruce Lewis

Kenny Poling

Gregg Roth

Sandy Steinbrunner

Jodi Callahan

John Evans

Joanne Poling

Leonard Roessler

Andrea Ricker

Anthony Wiechart

Substitute Custodians

Heidi Andrews

Diane Bloom

Jennifer Brinkman

Rebecca Ellinger

Imogene Griffith

Caroline Hayer

Jillian Lieurance

Tyson Moyer

Cathie Phillips

Michael Reiff

Richard Sherrick

Jacqueline Thomas

Don Tschuor

Jim Baxter

Kevin Bowers

Jordan Coulter

Kacie Green

Rene Harmon

John Leshner

Deanna May

Craig Newland

Kenny Poling

Starla Schlesselman

Misty Siefker

Larry Tomlinson

R. Craig Zuber

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## Substitute Secretaries

Carolyn Brenneman	Ann Buchanan
Megan Conner	Jill Coppler
Michelle Etzkorn	Fara Ewing
Brenda Fetter	Angela Gibson
Rene Harmon	Stacy Jolliff
Cecilia Layman	Jillian Lieurance
Julie Mayer	Lisa Myers
Tonya Ramirez	Roxena Sharp
Nicole Siefker	Brenda Voorhees
Donna Wauben	Kim Wheeler
Kathy White	Nicole White

## **6. Extended Day Contracts – 2020-2021 School Year**

Dave Evans	Athletic Director	25 Days
Rhonda Jicha	School Improvement Coach	7 Days
Stephanie Atwater	EES School Social Worker	7 Days
Jennifer Knippen	EMS School Soc. Worker	7 Days
Katie Sarno	School Nurse	3 Days
Stacy McAdams	EHS Social Worker	7 Days
Melissa Schultz	EHS Guidance Counselor	17 Days
Lauren Smith	School Nurse	3 Days
Steve Smith	EHS Guidance Counselor	17 Days
Randy Woods	EMS Guidance Counselor	7 Days
Kathy Magers	EES Guidance Counselor	3 Days

## **7. Substitute Teacher – 2020-2021 School Year**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following substitute teacher pending a clear criminal investigation check, meeting certification requirements as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, and completion of all the board requirements of substitute teachers.

Lauren Nolan

## **8. Substitute Teacher Rate**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the substitute teacher rate of pay at \$100 per day.

## **9. Home Instruction Tutors**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following rate of pay for the Home Instruction Tutors for Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

\$25.00 per hour

## **10. Substitute Bus Driver Rate of Pay**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the substitute bus driver rate of pay as listed below:

\$17.50 per unit/hour

### Substitute Retired Elida Bus Drivers

0-5 Years Experience	Add \$2.00 to substitute base
6-10 Years Experience	Add \$2.50 to substitute base
11-15 Years Experience	Add \$3.00 to substitute base
16+ Years Experience	Add \$4.00 to substitute base

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It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve an incentive bonus for substitute bus drivers of \$75.00 for each 75 units/hours of work. This does not include substitute retired drivers on the alternate substitute pay scale.

**12. 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 and proper certifications from ODE for Class II Volunteers.

Class II

Keaton Greeley, High School Football

**13. Purchase of Dairy Products**

It is recommended that Reiter Dairy be approved as the vendor to supply dairy products to Elida School's food service program for the 2020-21 school year.

**14. Purchase of Bread Products**

It is recommended that Aunt Millie's be approved as the vendor to supply bread products to Elida School's food service program for the 2020-21 school year.

**15. Allen County RTA Services**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the contract with Allen County RTA to provide transportation for Elida students to and from Marimor, Allen County ESC, Bath MD, and any other needed location within Allen County. This agreement is effective August 1, 2020 thru the end of the 2020-2021 school year.  
(Exhibit D)

**16. Van Drivers -- 2020-2021**

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

Trisha Adcock	Mark Alstaetter
Paul Basinger	Shelby Cluts
Becky Cressman	Andrew Etzkorn
Dave Evans	Barb Hawk
Lisa Heffner	Missy Garlock
Hannah Hoy	Kelley Jones
Keisha Larimore	Nick Morris
Wally Neal	Duane Ridenour
Michael Sarno	Denny Schwinnen
Darren Sharp	Steve Smith
Denny Thompson	Randy Woods

**17. Van Drivers -- Black & White Cab -- 2020-2021**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following individuals as van drivers for the purpose of specialized transportation in accordance with administrative codes 3301, and approving their physicals conducted by St. Rita's/Mercy Health and their physicians and also pending completion of all requirements of the school policy guidelines:

Lisa Heffner

Duane Ridenour



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**18. Parental Agreement of Transportation – 2020-2021 School Year**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the parental agreement of transportation between Elida Local Schools and the parents/guardians of student #30276 (Exhibit E)

**19. School Bus Routes and Stops**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the bus routes and stops for the 2020-2021 school year as established by the Superintendent and the Director of Transportation.

**20. Assignment of Transportation Units**

It is recommended that the Superintendent be given authority to assign additional units/hours to bus drivers, on an as needed basis, to assist in the efficient transportation of Elida students.

**21. Policy 1100.01 – Temporary Administrative Arrangements**

It is recommended that the Director of Curriculum and Assessment act as Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year whenever the Superintendent is absent &/or unavailable from the district.

**22. Board Policy #2413 – Career Advising – No Change**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve policy #2413, Career Advising (Exhibit F)

**23. Appropriation Modifications – 6/30/20 Final**

FUND		MODIFIED		
CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
<u>GENERAL</u>				
Fringes-200	001-0000	\$4,468,168.66	\$75,000.00	\$4,543,168.66
General-Ed Sup.	001-9700	\$631,382.05	\$130,000.00	\$761,382.05
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>				
PI-Fund-EE	034-0000	\$4,000.00	\$121,000.00	\$125,000.00

**24. Participate in Federal and State Programs**

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve participation in all federal and state programs for the school year 2020-2021, including Title I Services (Reading Intervention), Title IIA (Improving Teaching Quality), Part B IDEA (Special Education), and Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment), 6b Restoration (Preschool Restoration), 6B IDEA Restoration, ESSER (Covid), School Quality Improvement.

It is further recommended that in the spirit of good education and the intent of federal and state legislators that no fundraisers be permitted within these programs.

Jason Bowers moved and Pat Schymanski 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>		

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

- From the Trailblazers Club Volleyball, a monetary donation of \$200.00

Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff 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. Approving a Change Order to Accept the 4-Classroom Addition Alternate at the New Elementary School (7-20-2)**

The Superintendent recommends approval of a change order totaling \$724,681.22 at the New Elementary School

Rationale:

1. The Elida Local Schools Board of Education (the Board) previously approved and entered into a CMR contract with Peterson Construction Company for the construction of a new elementary school.
2. An alternate list was created during the GMP to add items at a later date as funding became available. A 4-classroom addition of 5,928 square feet at the new elementary school was on this list.
3. The project team would like to accept a change order to add the 4-classroom addition alternate to the project for \$724,681.22 using co-funded bid day savings and project dollars.
4. Any extra square footage added to the project is an LFI cost. However, since the board added LFI dollars at the beginning of the project to help balance the budget, the project team agrees to fund this LFI scope of work with co-funded project dollars, thus refunding a portion of the LFI account.
5. A board resolution is necessary to allow the superintendent to sign the change order as it is over the superintendent's signature authority.
6. The change order has been reviewed by the architect, Superintendent and Treasurer, and the OFCC Project Manager.
7. The Board wishes to approve and authorize execution of the change order for a 4-classroom addition at the new elementary school in the total amount of \$724,681.22.

The Board resolves as follows:

1. The change order adding 4 classrooms to the project in the total amount of \$724,681.22 is approved, subject to the approval of the OFCC.
2. The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to sign the change order.

(Exhibit G)

Jason Bowers moved and Barry Barnt 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>		

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It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve for relief from policy 3120.04 for any Elida teacher who retired prior to June 1, 2018. Substitute pay for long-term positions will be paid according to the regular teacher salary schedule after day 10. This will be effective immediately.

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>		

**XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER**

There was one request from the public to speak but when the time arrived he/she declined the opportunity.

**XIII. OPEN BOARD FORUM**

- Return to School

Mr. Barnt would like to delay the start of the school year. He questioned if we will be ready to start school on August 11<sup>th</sup> and will we have enough subs to cover? He also commented that starting later will give us more time to prepare and allow us to learn more.

Mr. Christoff would also like to delay the start of the school year. He doesn't believe the numbers warrant us sending students back to school and commented there are more cases now than there was when we closed buildings in March. He would like to delay starting and look into a hybrid plan. He believes the younger kids transmission rate is lower because they aren't as mobile and haven't been around others like the older kids/adults have.

Mrs. Stocker understands there is a lot of anxiety about starting school after being off for so long but feels we need to move forward at some point. She stated that we know more now than we did back in March. She reiterated that we will follow the Health Department guidelines and that we need to keep an open mind and continue to be flexible with the situation.

Mr. Schymanski commented on a study conducted between 2 foreign countries with kids under the age of 10. One school shut down and one didn't. The result was that there was not much of a difference in the infection rate. He stated that all Allen County Superintendents are working together with the Health Department and the Health Department looks at *all* the data. He commented that we need to trust their decisions. There is still 3 weeks to watch the data and he feels the Health Department will do what is best.

***The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At this point the meeting is scheduled to take place in the Central Office Conference Room. Any changes to the location can be found on the district website.***

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**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Pat Schymanski moved and Barry Barnt seconded that the July 21, 2020 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 8:24 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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