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THE EUCLID BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

The Board of Education of the Euclid City School District met in Special Session via a Zoom Video Conference platform\* on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The President opened the meeting by asking the audience to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Mrs. Kathleen DeAngelis  
Ms. Gabrielle Kelly  
Mrs. Angela Lisy  
Mrs. Donna Sudar  
Mrs. Tisha Thomas

Members Absent: None

\*Please note that due to the passage of House Bill 197 in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, this meeting is being held via Video Conference.

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-332

ADOPT FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

Moved by Mrs. DeAngelis

Seconded by Mrs. Thomas

RESOLVED that  
the Board of Education of the Euclid City School District adopt the Five-Year Forecast, as  
attached, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to submit the Five-Year Forecast to  
the State Department of Education.

“Copy of the Forecast on file in the Treasurer’s Office...Resolution No. 20-11-332.”

Ayes: Ms. Kelly  
Mrs. Lisy  
Mrs. Sudar  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. DeAngelis

Nays: None

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The Board of Education of the Euclid School District met in special session on November 23, 2020 with the following members present:

Mrs. Kathleen DeAngelis  
Ms. Gabrielle Kelly  
Mrs. Angela Lisy  
Mrs. Donna Sudar  
Mrs. Tisha Thomas

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs DeAngelis moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-333**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE COMPANION BILL TO SUBSTITUTE H.B. 305, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

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**WHEREAS**, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio’s constitutional standard of securing “... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state”; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio’s solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court’s order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of “funding fixes” legislated over the last 23 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio’s previous biennial budget crafted by the 132<sup>nd</sup> Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with “capped” districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the “guarantee”; and

**WHEREAS**, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either “capped” in their funding, or on the “guarantee,” which is a testament that Ohio’s funding model is not effective; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio’s current biennial budget crafted by the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on “the guarantee”), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the “Cupp-Patterson Workgroup”), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a “thorough and efficient system of common schools” that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio’s children and Ohio’s future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Euclid School District, that:

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Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in S.B. 376 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (the Senate companion bill to Substitute H.B. 305), to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Kent Smith and Senator Kenneth Yuko and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mrs. Lisy seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Lisy  
Mrs. Sudar  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. DeAngelis  
Ms. Kelly

Nays: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-334

APPROVE TAX RATES &  
CERTIFICATION - 2021

Moved by Mrs. DeAngelis

Seconded by Ms. Kelly

RESOLVED that

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereof to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each Tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Euclid City School District, Cuyahoga, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted, and be it further

RESOLVED that there be and it is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

	<u>Rates to be derived</u>	
	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Outside</u>
Bond Retirement Fund		11.10
Capital Improvement Fund		2.50
General Fund	4.62	87.10
Library Fund		<u>5.60</u>
Total	4.62	106.30

be it further

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RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Ayes: Mrs. Sudar  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. DeAngelis  
Ms. Kelly  
Mrs. Lisy

Nays: None

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-335

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL  
2020-2021

Moved by Mrs. DeAngelis

Seconded by Mrs. Lisy

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT  
AND CONTRACT

RESOLVED that  
the Euclid Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individual and issue a contract accordingly:

Stacy Lauro Acting Coordinator of Early Learning Initiatives/Principal of the ELV  
Effective November 16, 2020  
214 day contract - \$110,035.00 (Pro-rated accordingly)

Ayes: Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. DeAngelis  
Ms. Kelly  
Mrs. Lisy  
Mrs. Sudar

Nays: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-336

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Lisy

Seconded by Mrs. DeAngelis

RESOLVED that  
this meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Ms. Kelly  
Mrs. Lisy  
Mrs. Sudar  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. DeAngelis

Nays: None

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