

ELMWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2004 7:00 p.m.

ADDENDUM

X. Action Agenda

f7) Resolution of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)

WHEREAS the Elmwood Local Schools has a legitimate interest in the protection of the health and safety of the students and staff of the district; and

WHEREAS we must all work together to ensure that viable agriculture and protected natural resources are viewed as being equally important; and

WHEREAS the environmental impact of large scale dairy farms of 600 or more cattle on a confined site is questionable; and

WHEREAS a large scale Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) can harm the environment, health and welfare of the citizens in the area near such a site; and

WHEREAS CAFO's can devalue the property of the citizens in the area near such a site; and

WHEREAS a large dairy operation can place a tremendous demand on the water supply and pose numerous environmental hazards to the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS the State of Ohio has demonstrated record of favoring large farms over the safety of its citizens in rural areas until significant harm occurs; and

WHEREAS there is concern for the impact on the quality of life in the areas near such facilities, as the Elmwood Local School District is located;

Be it hereby resolved that the Elmwood Local School Board of Education would ask for a moratorium on permits for such facilities to be granted until the true health and welfare impacts on communities can be accurately measured.

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Mr. King 2 Mr. Lewis _____ Mrs. Rose 1
Mr. Ziegler _____ (Mr. Knisely Absent)