

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

February 16, 2023
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A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Agozzino P
 Mr. Bowers P
 Mr. Christoff P

Mr. Collier, Sr. P
 Mrs. Stocker P

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students of the Month

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Mrs. Agozzino reported on the following:

Congratulations to the middle school wrestling team for finishing 10th out of 21 teams at the Elida MS Wrestling Tournament! Individual placers were: Brody Sherrick 4th, Bryson Belcher 4th, Chace Rhine 3rd, and Kaleb Wheeler 2nd.

3rd grade team wanted to let the bus drivers know how much they appreciate them. They presented the drivers with yummy "thank-you" treats on Tuesday afternoon. The cake pops were homemade by our own 3rd grade teacher Ms. Knittle!

Over 270 students were rewarded for grades and good behavior at the middle school's mid-year PBIS team day reward. Students were able to participate in games, a dance, tech room, gym activities, and art projects. Over 79,000 PBIS rewards points have been awarded so far this year. Great job by our middle school students!

The Elida NHS students volunteered at Our Daily Bread and the director couldn't stop talking about how amazing the kids were! They also raised \$212 to donate.

Congratulations to the 6th grade quiz bowl team who ended their season 6 and 4, scoring 301 points in the two days of tournament play. Katia Bates, Carson Bracy, Mason Cunningham, Zoey Miller, Emmie Parker, Logan Ramsdail and Blake Sharp. They ended the season in 5th place.

Congratulations to the 5th grade quiz bowl team (Maddox Dunahay, Connor Donaldson, Grant Sharp, Eli Good, Adam Hannouz, Kolby Bullock, Chloe Stevenson, Keaton Treece) on their 3 wins last night, beating Bath, Bluffton, and South. They finished the tournament in 4th place with a final record of 5-3, and a total of 195 points, missing 3rd place by only 6 points!

Hunter Holycross earned P.B.I.S points and decided to use the points to buy a coupon for "Show and Tell." His mother, Charlene, brought in a few of their pets: "Fred" the bearded dragon, "Baby" the big tortoise and "Tank" the small tortoise. The kids absolutely loved holding and learning about the animals.

Students in the Mrs. Morris' High School Physics class constructed roller coasters this week to calculate the transfer of energy throughout different components of a coaster and applied the Law of Conservation of Energy.

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Coach Chip & Coach Parker's 5/6 grade boys teams and Coaches Collier & Pitson's 5/6 grade girls team both won the first round of the BYAA tournament before being knocked out. Great season!

Congratulations to Junior Sklyer Kirk who won the 126 weight class at the WBL Tournament and our two seniors -Dejuan Jones placing 2nd at 215 and Dylan Maus placing 3rd at 132.

Congratulations to the Elida Swimmers who advanced to Districts!

- 200 Medley Relay: Arleigh Ampoker, Ally Sharp, Avery Bowers, Vivian Elrod
- 50 Freestyle: Arleigh Ampoker
- 100 Freestyle: Avery Bowers
- 500 Freestyle: Vivian Elrod
- 200 Freestyle Relay: Ally Sharp, Carly Bowers, Vivian Elrod, Avery Bowers
- 100 Backstroke: Arleigh Ampoker
- 400 Freestyle Relay: Avery Bowers, Ally Sharp, Vivian Elrod, Arleigh Ampoker

It was another big night of fun at the elementary on Saturday as the boy's VIG Luau Dance was held. The boys and their Very Important Gal enjoyed lots of activities, food and fun, crafts, a bounce house and amazing, professional photographs were taken by Lauren Kay Photography. Thank you to the PTO for providing these wonderful family events for our students.

There was a lot of love shared on Valentine's Day! Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Brown's 5th grade students enjoyed cupcakes and were able to purchase Red Pop floats with their PBIS points to celebrate.

Congratulations to Senior Grant Hardeman who signed this afternoon with Bluffton University to further his academic and kicking career. He'll be studying Elementary Education.

Congratulations to Senior Olivia Wallace who signed today with Heidelberg University and will continue her academic and athletic career, playing soccer & majoring in Exercise Science.

VI. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Christoff reported on the following:

135th Ohio General Assembly

SB 1 Reform Ohio Department of Education

- rename the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce
- create the position of Director of Education and Workforce, appointed by the Governor
- reform the functions and responsibilities of the SBOE and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- two hearings already, with more hearings planned for February & March – intent on moving bill forward by the end of March out of the Senate (134th OGA, passed Senate, failed House)

Lots of sponsor testimony on several proposed bills in the Senate (many reported last month)

SB 49 – R.E.D. Act – Religious Expression Days - require school boards to adopt a policy providing students, teachers, and staff with religious accommodations for up to three days.

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Governor Dewine's Biennial Budget Proposal (FY 2024 & 2025) – Blue Book (OSBA webinar)

- Implementation of Fair School Funding (years 3 & 4, committee will explore faster timeline?) Funding for School Resource Officers (SROs)
- \$100M Investments in Career-technical education & industry-recognized credential programs
- Require ODE to create professional development coursework for a high-quality curriculum aligned to evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction, as well as funding to include literacy coaches in schools with low reading proficiency, & additional tutoring services
- Additional College Credit Plus funding to train more teachers to offer classes on high school campuses
- Proposing voucher expansion
- Proposing additional Charter School funding

Testimony in:

- a. House Finance Committee (which has seven subcommittees)
- b. House Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee

OSBA Legislative platform (adopted by OSBA Delegate Assembly, Nov 14, 2022)

The purpose of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Legislative Platform is to state publicly OSBA's positions on a variety of issues facing public education. The platform conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands. The platform guides OSBA's advocacy efforts.

(<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform>)

Students & Learning, School Governance, Finance, and Personnel

Students and Learning

OSBA believes that all students *must have equal access to a high-quality education that prepares them for higher education or career entry* (emphasis added). Every student must be provided with challenging instructional programs presented by competent and caring teachers in a safe and supportive setting.

Technology

Every public school district should have *access to modern technology, regardless of the wealth or geographical location of the district, because students with limited access to educational technology are at an educational and economic disadvantage*. Affordable broadband and full access to the Internet for students, staff and communities is critical. Appropriate and ongoing training is essential for effective use of technology.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Semi-Annual Bullying Report for the first half of the 2022-2023 school year.
Elida High School – 3; Elida Middle School – 4; Elida Elementary – 0
(Exhibit A)

Mr. Mengerink reported on the following:

- Updated the Board on changes/additions to the NCAA approved course list for high school students. Much of this work was able to be accomplished as a result of work coming out of the Marzano grant.
- Each building will be working to re-apply for the Purple Star recognition that was last awarded to each building in 2020. This is a 3-year recognition.
- Reviewed the organizational chart with Board members.
- The State Board of Education has again postponed the hiring of a search firm for the next state superintendent until next month.

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- Shared an article from the Columbus Dispatch, which references priorities established by House Republicans. There are definitely some items in there that Board members should become aware of.
- We are looking at adding an additional parking lot to the elementary near the old playground. It would be roughly 40 spaces - making additional parking available for soccer, staff working in the building, and open up more visitor parking in the main lot. We believe this can be accomplished for approximately \$250,000 all-in.
- We will be bringing an item to the Board next month to approve a week of family time July 1-9 this summer - no sports on campus unless it is a sanctioned tournament (no open gyms, practices, etc.).

IX. TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Parker reported on the following:

General Fund 1/31/23

- Revenue \$12,130,827
- Expenses \$13,104,350
- Net Loss (\$973,523)
- Ending Balance \$4,356,454

Revenue 1/31/23

- Real Estate \$4,494,534
- Personal Property \$231,096
- State Aide \$5,956,879
- Homestead/Rollback \$657,243
- Other \$791,042
- Total: \$12,130,827

Investments - 1/31/23

- Star Ohio \$297,521.14
- Premier Bank \$1,168,589.32
- Premier Money Market \$1,540,794.75
- State Bank Money Market \$7,555.83
- Caldwell Sutter \$544,674.58
- Caldwell Sutter - EE \$2,790,566.55
- Caldwell Sutter - Escrow \$101,386.28
- State Bank CD \$250,000.00
- Lee Bank & Trust CD \$245,000.00
- Financial Federal CD \$245,000.00
- Citizens Money Market \$302,148.24
- Union Bank CD - \$250,000.00
- Union Bank CD - \$500,000.00
- Union Bank CD - \$500,000.00

Athletic Meal Item

- Meal per diem \$25/day (increase from \$15/day)
- High School athletes
- For state or regional
- Paid by 300 fund
- Minor amount - (Year 21-22 was \$960)

From the desk of Bill Phillis

- Three priorities for public education
- Full phase-in of Cupp-Patterson Fair School Funding Plan
- Oppose voucher expansion
- Oppose SB 1 - (moving SBOE to being under control of the Governor)
- "DeWine is already abandoning the phase-in by tossing out parts of the Cupp-Patterson formula that incorporates the true costs of educating gifted students, students with disabilities and English language learners as well as using updated teacher salary data that would increase funding for public schools by hundreds of millions of dollars."

Expenses 1/31/23

- Personnel \$7,431,392
- Retire/Ins \$2,899,277
- Purchased Svc. \$1,943,118
- Supplies \$496,153
- Capital Outlay \$133,315
- Principal \$51,614
- Interest \$8,979
- Other \$140,502
- Total: \$13,104,350

001 - Cash Balance 1/31

- 2023 - \$4,356,454
- 2022 - \$4,413,507
- 2021 - \$3,623,080
- 2020 - \$3,499,539
- 2019 - \$4,999,810

Food Service 1/31/23

- Revenue - Federal \$368,825
- Revenue - State -0-
- Revenue - Local - \$295,524
- Expenses - \$692,213
- Loss (\$33,864)
- 1/31/23 Balance \$667,003

Athletic Fund 1/31/23

- Revenue - Boys Basketball \$40,850
- Revenue - Girls Basketball \$11,310
- Revenue - Football \$76,094
- Revenue - Other \$74,183
- Expenses - Salaries (\$11,513)
- Expenses - Benefits (\$819)
- Expenses - Purch. Ser. (\$211,662) (\$150,000 FH)
- Expenses - Supplies (\$45,342)
- Expenses - Other (\$8,395)
- Loss - (\$75,294)
- Beginning Balance - \$216,695
- 1/31/23 Balance \$141,401

In the news.....

- February 15, 2023 - The Columbus Dispatch
- "HB1 : This would flatten Ohio's income tax down to a single rate. Everyone would pay nothing on the first \$26,050 they earn and 2.75% on everything above that amount. That would be a significant cut in the amount of taxes the state takes in, so the legislation proposes eliminating about \$1.2 billion a year in payments (known as rollbacks) to schools and local governments."
- Homestead/Rollback Revenue Elida \$1,260,146
- Who is the Good Guy?
- Who is the Bad Guy?

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X. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Jeff Christoff moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded that action item #6 – Meal Per Diem for Athletes/Coaches at Tournaments, as listed below, be removed from the agenda:

6. Meal Per Diem for Athletes/Coaches at Tournaments (2-23-6)

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve \$25/day as the meal per diem for athletes/coaches at OHSAA Tournaments.

Mr. Christoff wanted the item removed until we can get better language as to what the policy/practice fully entails

Mrs. Agozzino asked if athletes/coaches still get the current rate of \$15.00/day if they remove action item #6. Mr. Parker clarified that they would still get \$15.00 per day.

Mr. Collier asked if this was a matter that Mr. Mengerink could approve. Mr. Parker said he would like the board to act on it.

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

Mrs. Agozzino Y
Mr. Bowers Y
Mr. Christoff Y

Mr. Collier, Sr. Y
Mrs. Stocker No

Motion passed to remove the item from the agenda.

XI. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Jason Bowers moved and Alisa Agozzino seconded that the Agenda for the February 16, 2023, meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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

Mrs. Agozzino Y
Mr. Bowers Y
Mr. Christoff Y

Mr. Collier, Sr. Y
Mrs. Stocker Y

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

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the minutes for the January 24, 2023 board meeting.
(Exhibit B)

2. Students of the Month

It is recommended that the following students be designated as Students of the Month for February, 2023, for the Elida Local School District:

Elida Elementary School

Ty Cunningham
Lilly Tuttle-Lloyd
Adelynn Crates
Ambria Anderson
Alaina Beltz

Elida Middle School

Riley Harmon
Kimberly (Willow) Swickrath
Holly Dingledine

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Elida High School

Railee Ronshausen

Eben Jackson

Catherine Myers

Valory Ta

3. National FFA Week

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education does hereby recognize February 18 – 25, 2023 as National FFA Week

4. Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.

(Exhibit C)

5. Resignations

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

Non-Certified:

Zachary Weber, Head Outside Maintenance, effective February 10, 2023

Rebecca Ellinger, Cook, effective February 17, 2023

Supplemental:

Jeff Thomas, 8th Grade Baseball

6. Employment

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check, 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:

Paul Slygh, Bus Driver, Effective February 9, 2023

Jason Adcock, Head Outside Maintenance, 2.5 year contract, effective February 13,

2023 – July 31, 2025, 260 days, at a salary of \$52,500 as a Category II Professional

Jill Coppler, Custodian at Elida Elementary, hours increase from 3.25 hours to 4

hour per day, effective February 6, 2023

Maria Veloz Padilla, Substitute Cook, effective January 31, 2023

Mary Reiff, Substitute Secretary

Jacqueline Thomas, Substitute Custodian, effective February 17, 2023

Supplementals:

Girls Head Tennis Coach – Jacob Ramirez Co-Coach (50%)

JV Baseball Coach – Jeff Thomas

8th Grade Baseball Coach – Dylan Marston

7. Bulldog Academy

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the Bulldog Academy Program and personnel. This is an intensive reading intervention program for Elida 3rd grade students to increase their reading proficiency level.

The session runs from February 28, 2023 through March 30, 2023 on Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's from 3:55 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (students dismiss at 5:00 p.m.). This is to be funded with ESSER funds.

Teachers: As needed: Jen Kristoff, Jill Cockerell, Kiya Knittle, Mindy Haberman, Taylor Hardin, Aletia Hartzler, Christina Hensley

Aide:

Emily Woodruff

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Bus Drivers: Cyndi Smith
Paula Frankhouser
Mary Reiff

8. Substitute Teachers

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education employ the following substitutes who have met the certification requirements and have on file a clear criminal record check.

Substitutes with Bachelors Degree

Jaime Neff – Effective February 3, 2023
Morgan Henderson – Effective February 3, 2023
Frank Kahle, effective February 17, 2023

General, Non-Degree Substitutes – all effective February 3, 2023

Chloe Orr Todd Grapner
Ashley Crites

9. Appropriation Modifications

FUND	CLASS/NAME	FUND #/SCC	APPROPRIATIONS	ADDITIONS	MODIFIED APPROPRIATIONS
<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>					
EHS Art Club	200-9334	-----		\$500.00	\$500.00

10. Resolution of Acceptance of Rate

The Allen County Budget Commission met and examined the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the Elida Local School District. The budget presented was accepted. The motion is recommended:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year, commencing 7-1-23, and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Allen County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by the Board and what part thereon without, and what part within, the ten mill limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Elida Board of Education of the Elida Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that thereby and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of said tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>OUTSIDE</u> <u>10 MILLS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>INSIDE</u> <u>10 MILLS</u>	<u>INSIDE</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>OUTSIDE</u> <u>RATE</u>
Gen.	\$10,031,844	\$2,503,461	5.40	25.935
Perm. Imp.	575,067			1.50
Bond Ret.	\$3,616,110			7.80

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said county.

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11. Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Membership

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the membership with Ohio High School Athletic Association for the school year 2023-2024.
(Exhibit D)

12. Parental Agreement of Transportation

It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the parental agreement of transportation between Elida Local Schools and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of student #33022.
(Exhibit E)

Alisa Agozzino moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIII. ACTION ITEMS**1. Employment (2-23-1)**

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the following personnel for employment pending criminal investigation check, 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.

Girls Head Tennis Coach – Tyler Christoff Co-Coach (50%)

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Abstain</u>		

2. 2023-2024 School Calendar (2-23-2)

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Elida Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 school calendar.
(Exhibit F)

Alisa Agozzino moved and Jason Bowers seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mr. Christoff stated that he is disappointed that school is not starting earlier.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>No</u>		

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3. Public Schools Week (2-23-3)

WHEREAS, traditional public school districts in Ohio serve more than 1.8 million students and employ more than 245,000 Ohioans full time; and

WHEREAS, all children in Elida, Ohio should have access to the highest quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, the community of Elida recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Elida; and

WHEREAS, public education not only helps to diversity our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, Elida, Ohio has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, public education is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective public schools;

THEREFORE, The Elida Board of Education does hereby recognize February 27, 2023 – March 3, 2023 as PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK in Elida Local Schools and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Alisa Agozzino moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>

Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>

4. Resolution Supporting Military Children and Families (2-23-4)

WHEREAS, our country owes the daily freedoms to the members of the Armed Forces, their family members and loved ones who share in their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the exceptional service, strength and character of military-connected students and families in Elida Local Schools; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that military families face unique challenges due to deployment, reintegration, service in combat zones and frequent relocations based on duty assignments; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Elida Local Schools affirms their commitment to providing the resources and programs to support military-connected students academically, socially and emotionally;

WHEREAS, the School Board of Elida Local Schools calls for the continued creation of opportunities for military families and community members to purposely partner with schools in supporting student achievement, aspirations and social-emotional development.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the School Board of Elida Local Schools officially supports all military children and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Elida Board of Education encourages all school staff and community members to initiate, support and participate in appreciation activities designed to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected youth make in our nation's best interest.

Jason Bowers moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

5. Donations (2-23-5)

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

- From James Rangel, a wagon for the elementary to assist with the Friday Meals 'til Monday bag deliveries to the classrooms.
- Donation of \$650 from the Wapakoneta Service Club in memory of Ralph Miller.

Alisa Agozzino moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that the above recommendations be approved.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Bowers	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Stocker	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Christoff	<u>Y</u>		

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OTHER

XV. INFORMATION/REMINDER

- Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Bowers moved and Ira Collier, Sr. seconded that the February 16, 2023 meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

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

Mrs. Agozzino	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Collier, Sr.	<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