I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bowers  
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Mr. Christoff  
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Mr. Schymanski  
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Mrs. Stocker  
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Mrs. C. Ulrich  
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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. OPEN BOARD FORUM

- Pat Schymanski – PARCC
  - Mr. Schymanski will testify with legislators on the testing issue. He asked other Board members to bring forward their concerns that they would like him to discuss at that time.
  - Mrs. Ulrich spoke against Common Core and expressed concerns with the test structure.
  - Mr. Christoff stated that we need some type of assessment and has concerns on communication and the amount of testing.
  - Mr. Schymanski stated we need to address federal and state testing and that he does not want federal involvement in testing.
  - Mr. Christoff noted that PARCC is not it.
  - Mrs. Ulrich stated the results are not back until November.
  - Mr. Bowers would like to see PARCC eliminated.
  - Mrs. Stocker stated that we need to talk with the legislators and has concerns with parents opting out and how legislators view that data.
  - Pat Schymanski summarized by stating that he would like to see federal testing gone and work with Ohio Department of Education and improve the local decisions on testing. He would like to see PARCC testing eliminated and get local tests for appropriate age level.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Sharp addressed the Board with the following comments:
  - He agrees there is too much testing.
  - There needs to be adjustments because of all the time involved.
  - There is a lot of time in training teachers to administer the exams.
  - The conversations with parents is taking too much time.
  - Our kids deserve better! They deserve time in front of their teachers.
  - In regards to school safety, he is concerned with transparency and the lack thereof on the issue.
Mr. Phil Hesseling spoke on PARCC testing and commented that there are many issues with testing; the time it takes, the time it takes away from administrators and students time away from their teachers. He also thanked the Board for addressing safety and noted that it is good to be prepared.

Mr. Ron Peare addressed the Board on testing and the federal government imposing on public education. He noted the following:
- He believes that many teachers feel they can no longer teach.
- The Board needs to listen to the people.
- Teachers are overwhelmed in today’s mandated testing environment.
- Change needs to come from the bottom up.
- Parents, teachers and students are frustrated over testing and the state of K-12 education.
- The public needs to become informed on what is taking place in our schools.
- The Board needs to listen to parents and approve a resolution drawn up against testing.

Mr. Peare also asked questions to board members regarding HB 487.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- Discuss School Calendar for 2015-2016
  - Mr. Cox presented a draft calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. He noted the following:
    - The Board would vote on this in the future.
    - He presented options for make-up days.
    - He expressed his concerns that the high school needs to start scheduling by the end of March, students start to schedule classes and the calendar is needed to schedule.
  - Mr. Christoff noted the 30 day timeline for comments as stated in board policy.
  - Mrs. Stocker liked option 2 for make-up days.
  - Mr. Schymanski also liked option 2 for make-up days.
  - Mr. Cox recommended option 2 for make-up days.
  - Mr. Christoff likes option 2 for make-up days and has concerns with blizzard bag days.
  - Mr. Schymanski stated we need to follow the policy and meet in 30 days.

VII. TREASURER REPORT
- Levy Renewal
  - Mr. Parker presented data on the May renewal levy:
    * No new taxes
    * No new money
    * $2.7 million
    * Vital to operations
    * 13.2% of general fund revenue
    * No growth on this levy
    * Must pass in 2015 to continue the Rollback discount of 12.5%

In the coming weeks, we will increase our communications on this issue.

VIII. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ACTION ITEMS
IX. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS
Pat Schymanski moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the Agenda for the March 2, 2015, special meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adopted.

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ACTION ITEMS:
1. Executive Session (2-15-1)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing security arrangements or emergency response protocols of the district and the evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:30 p.m. Executive Session ended at 9:05 p.m.

Christine Ulrich moved and Jeff Christoff seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

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2. School Safety Resolution (To Allow Teachers to Get Training) (2-15-2)
It is recommended that the Elida Board of Education approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Elida Local School District, Board of Education believes that the safety of their students is paramount; that the ability of teachers, school support staff, administrators, and others approved; to be prepared and equipped to defend and to protect our students is essential in creating and preserving a proper learning environment.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Elida Local School District, Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.122(D) (1) (a), intends to grant “written authorization” to Board approved volunteers, so that such Board approved volunteers may convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone, or to possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone of the Elida Local School District, for the welfare and safety of the students.

Christine Ulrich moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the above recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Stocker, before voting, explained that because we have already approved SRO’s, and they can effectively deal with a multitude of safety issues, it is not necessary to pass this resolution.
Mr. Bowers clarified that the following resolution does not give staff the ability to have access to or to carry weapons. The resolution gives staff the ability to attend training. A second resolution would have to be passed by the board giving specific individuals written authorization to carry or have access.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Brenda Stocker moved and Pat Schymanski seconded that the March 2, 2015, special board meeting of the Elida Board of Education be adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

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