WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education met on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the High School Student Lounge.

1. **Call to Order**
   a. The Meeting was called to order by Brooke Wooley, at 4:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

   b. Members Present: Brooke Wooley, Sue Greer, Becky Williams, Kevin Nash

   Members Absent: Josh Miller, David Huff, Mary Thompson Arrived at 4:06 pm

   Also in Attendance: Sam Sicila, Katie Kusnier, Cody Staley, Jason Tokar, Shawn McKinney, Nathan Sweet, Melissa Jones, Crystal Loynes, Mark Horak, Tim Ormsbee, Dan Davenport, Carla Perrien, Amber Foster, Rachelle Parsons, Felicia Gingrich

2. **Public Communication**
   a. Written correspondence: None
   b. Ovid-Elsie Personnel: None
   c. Communications from the Public:

3. **Purpose of Workshop**
   The purpose of the work session was to review enrollment projection data and discuss potential district restructuring. The Board was reminded that the work session was for informational and discussion purposes only and that no formal Board action would be taken.

4. **District Enrollment Projections**
   Superintendent Mark Horak shared projection numbers prepared by Michigan Alliance that showed a decline in enrollment over the next 5 years.

5. **Discussion of Potential District Restructuring**
   The Superintendent presented information to the Board of Education regarding the potential restructuring of the district. The presentation outlined the reasons for exploring restructuring, including continued declining student enrollment and projected future enrollment decreases,

the need to promote long-term financial sustainability, and the more efficient use of district facilities and available space.

The Superintendent also reviewed a potential district restructuring concept, including proposed changes to the elementary grade configuration, middle and high school grade alignment, and the future use of district facilities.

The presentation included discussion of:
- Potential benefits and challenges of the proposed restructuring.
- Operational considerations associated with implementation.
- Transportation impacts.
- Staffing considerations.
- Student transitions between grade levels and buildings.
- Educational programming and opportunities for students.

6. **Board Discussion**

Board members discussed the proposed district restructuring and shared initial thoughts, questions, and requests for additional information.

a. **Initial Questions**
   - How do the current and projected student enrollment and staff numbers compare under the proposed restructuring?
   - Will additional staff be needed to support the restructuring?
   - Since many athletic programs do not include sixth-grade students, how might this affect those fifth and sixth grade students' sense of inclusion and extracurricular opportunities?
   - How would food service operations be handled at E.E.Knight under the proposed restructuring?
   - What is the fire capacity for each building, and would the proposed student enrollment remain within those limits?

b. Information Board members would like gathered
   - Previous staffing numbers
   - Number of student allowed per building

c. Topics requiring additional analysis
   - Costs

d. Community engagement considerations
   - Community Survey
   - Strategic Planning group meeting again to follow up

7. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

   Respectfully Submitted,
   Becky Williams, Secretary ___________________________________
   Minutes submitted by Crystal Loynes