WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education met on Wednesday, September 9, 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, Becky Williams, Josh Miller

      Members Absent: Sue Greer, David Huff arrived at 4:18 pm, Kevin Nash arrived at 4:40 pm, Mary Thompson arrived at 4:47 pm left at 5:48 pm

      Administrators: Sam Sicila, Katie Kusnier, Cody Staley, Jason Tokar, Nathan Sweet, Crystal Loynes, Mark Horak, Tim Ormsbee, Dan Davenport, Rachelle Parsons, Felicia Gingrich

      PFM: Robert J. Naughton

      The Christman Company: Chad Clark, Jake Nelson

      Kingscott: Dan Tryles, Rob Atkins

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

3. **PFM Presentation**
   RJ from PFM presented preliminary scenarios for a May 2027 or November 2027 Bond Proposal. The presentation outlined the key financial assumptions, State School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF) requirements, and timelines considerations to potentially place a bond proposal on the ballot in May 2027 or November 2027. The timing of the election is important because the financial assumptions used for the ballot could change between ballot preparation and actual issuance of bonds.

4. **Overview of Pre-Bond Services**

   Dan Tryles from Kingscott presented an overview of the district's pre-bond services and the process involved in preparing for a potential bond proposal. Representatives from The Christman Company were also available to provide input and answer questions. The pre-bond services process will provide a structured approach for evaluating the district's facility and educational needs, engaging the community, developing accurate project costs, and establishing priorities for a potential bond program. The information developed through these activities will support the School Board in making informed decisions regarding the scope and priorities of a potential bond proposal and will provide the foundation for the required Treasury qualification process and subsequent community communication efforts.

5. **Q&A and Discussion**

   Discussion of the importance of communicating completed projects from the last bond initiative and ensuring the community understands how bond funds were utilized. Kingscott will review the State of Michigan facilities assessment and conduct a more detailed assessment of the district's current and future facility needs. The Board emphasized the importance of distinguishing needs from wants when establishing priorities and making responsible use of resources. The Board also recognized the financial concerns of community members and stressed the importance of considering the impact on taxpayers, prioritizing essential needs, and demonstrating responsible stewardship of community resources.

6. **Next Steps**

   Recommendation to the Board of Education at the September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting to go into contract with Kingscott and Christman company

7. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

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