

**Ovid-Elsie Area Schools**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 16, 2015-6:30 PM**

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by President Rulison at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Members Present: Stacie Rulison, David Huff, Steven Sopocy,  
Erin Bancroft, Josh Miller, Michael Schiffer

Members Absent: Amy Palus

**2. Consent Agenda**

Motion by S. Sopocy, supported by J. Miller, to approve the consent agenda for the March 16, 2015 board meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 6-0. The agenda included the following items:

- A. Minutes from the February 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Payment of bills: Checks #12800-12886 and #12772-12799.
- C. Monthly Financial Reports as of February 28, 2015.

**3. Recognition**

Mr. Randy Barton, Principal of Leonard Elementary, presented Students of the Month for Third Grade. Izzy Morris in Ms. Newman's class and Audrey Johns in Ms. Thompson's class.

Mr. Cory Gavenda, Principal of E. E. Knight Elementary, presented Students of the Month for the Sixth Grade. Kylah Didur in Ms. Acre's class and Damion Weetman in Mr. Perdue's class.

**4. Reports**

Principal Jason Tokar presented the Middle School Focus report.

Mr. Kris Kirby reviewed the Instructional Council Meeting held today.

**5. Communications From the Public**

**6. Communications From Ovid-Elsie Personnel**

**7. Correspondence**

**8. Old Business**

## 9. New Business

### A. Resolution in Support of Proposal 1

Motion by M. Schiffer, supported by D. Huff to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION FOLLOWS MINUTES

### B. Designation of Representative

Motion by M. Schiffer, supported by D. Huff to appoint Amy Palus, with alternate Erin Bancroft as the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education representative to the CCRESA annual budget meeting to be held Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION FOLLOWS MINUTES

### C. New Bus Bids

Motion by S. Sopocy, supported by E. Bancroft to approve the recommended bid of \$166,352.78 from Capital City IH for two (2) International school buses funded through the bond proposal. Motion passed 6-0.

### D. Technology Bids

Motion by M. Schiffer, supported by S. Sopocy to approve the bid of \$23,990.00 from Universal Cabling for the Data Cabling project funded through the bond proposal. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by M. Schiffer, supported by S. Sopocy to approve the bid of \$52,268.48 and \$26,558.68 for wireless access with alternate add ons not to exceed \$8,500.00 from MOSS for the Network Electronics project funded through the bond proposal. Motion passed 6-0.

### E. Suspension/Expulsion Hearing

Two (2) middle school students to be brought before the board.

Motion by D. Huff, supported by M. Schiffer to enter into closed session at the request of parent/guardian to discuss student discipline. Motion passed 6-0.

Closed session began at 7:40 p.m.

Open session began at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by S. Sopocy, supported by J. Miller to expel student #1 for 180 days from attending Ovid-Elsie Area Schools due to violation of school policy. Motion passed with 5 yes (Rulison, Schiffer, Sopocy, Miller, Bancroft) and 1 no (Huff).

Motion by D. Huff, supported by M. Schiffer to enter into closed session at the request of parent/guardian to discuss student discipline. Motion passed 6-0.

Closed session began at 8:35 p.m.

Open session began at 9:25 p.m.

Motion by S. Sopocy, supported by J. Miller to suspend student #2 for 14 days from attending Ovid-Elsie Area Schools due to violation of school policy. Student will be allowed to return to school on April 13, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

**10. Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board**

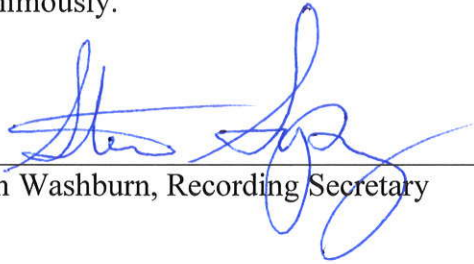
**11. Hearing From Board Members**

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by J. Miller, supported by E. Bancroft to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven Sopocy, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: Pam Washburn, Recording Secretary



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 1—ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MICHIGAN SCHOOLS  
AND PROTECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL AID FUND**

WHEREAS, the success of Michigan's economy rests upon its infrastructure, the education it provides its children, and the roads and bridges that facilitate agriculture, commerce, industry and tourism in our state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan voters in 1994 approved Proposal A, a measure that eliminated the ability of school districts to seek operating funds from constituents and shifted that responsibility to the state through an increase in the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the ballot language of Proposal A clearly indicated those revenues would be totally dedicated to public schools, as it was crafted to provide tax relief for property owners while maintaining adequate funding for K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, institutions of higher education were not included in the ballot language of Proposal A, nor were they mentioned in voter communication stating the intent of the constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, the expected continuing transfer of funds from the School Aid Fund to institutions of higher education will further debilitate Michigan's public schools; and

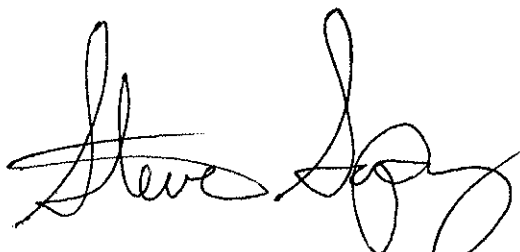
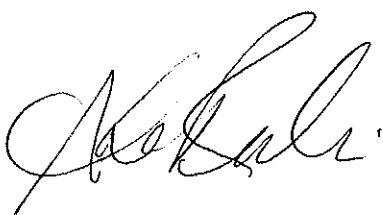
WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, as a result of both state and federal funding cuts to education over the past several years, it is vital for the ongoing education of Michigan children that K-12 funding be increased via reasonable means; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5, 2015 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads, provide additional funding for schools and local governments, while also protecting the School Aid Fund from future diversions to institutions of higher education from the School Aid Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Ovid-Elsie Area Schools supports Proposal 1 on the May 5, 2015 ballot to build Michigan's infrastructure by securing school funding and dedicating dollars spent at the pump for highway purposes.



DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ovid-Elsie Area School District was held at the High School Community Room on March 16, 2015, at 6:30 p.m..

Members present were: Stacie Rulison, David Huff, Steven Sopocy,

Erin Bancroft, Josh Miller, Michael Schiffer

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member M. Schiffer and seconded by Member D. Huff.

WHEREAS:

The Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA) Board has called a special meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the Conference Room of CCRESA, 1013 South U.S. 27, Suite A, St. Johns, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the 2015-2016 Proposed General Fund Operating Budget of the Clinton County RESA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Amy Palus/alternate Erin Bancroft be designated to represent the Board of Education of the Ovid-Elsie Area School District at said meeting in the Conference Room of the CCRESA, 1013 South U.S. 27, Suite A, St. Johns, Michigan, on **Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

Ayes: Members S. Rulison, D. Huff, S. Sopocy, E. Bancroft, J. Miller  
M. Schiffer

Nayes: Members \_\_\_\_\_

Motion declared approved.

Signed:

Secretary