



WABASH AND OHIO VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

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The Executive Board of the Wabash and Ohio Valley Special Education District (WOVSED) of Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, Wabash, Wayne, and White Counties, Illinois, met on August 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., in regular session at WOVSED Central Office in Norris City, IL. All members had been previously notified of the time and place of the meeting.

WOVSED Executive Board Chairman, David Cowger, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: David Cowger, Edwards Co. CU #1; Kristina Gardner; Fairfield PSD #112; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CU #10; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CU #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CU #1; Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; and Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5.

The board members absent from the meeting were ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Edmondson that the Consent Agenda items be approved by the board as follows:

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (7/25/23)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
 - i. Kelly Farthing
 - ii. Destiny Blackwell
- e. Approval of Annex Classroom Rental with the ROE for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- f. Approval of Annex Student Handbook
- g. Audiologist for the 2023-2024 School Year
 - i. Dr. Nicholas Oldham
- h. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Crank-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Crank, seconded by McCollum to approve the FY 2024 Budget. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Crank, seconded by Edmondson to approve to enter into an agreement with ProCare Therapy for remote speech-language therapy services. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Fritch-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Newell, seconded by Kaegi to enter into closed session at 9:35 a.m. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Newell, seconded by Edmondson to return to open session at 9:43 a.m. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Gardner to hire Lori Smith as a Special Education Teacher effective 8/9/23. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Gardner to hire Cassidy Riley as a Paraprofessional pending background check. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to hire Deborah Bradley as a CFC Service Coordinator pending EHR and background check. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Fritch-aye; Bleyer-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Under Agenda Item “Director’s Report,” Director Monica Girten discussed the following:

- a. Opening Day

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Kaegi. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: August 22, 2023

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