



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 September 26, 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; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CU #10; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CU #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CU #1; Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; and Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5.

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

- a. Approval of FY24 Budget Hearing Minutes
- b. Approval of Board Minutes (8/22/23)
- c. Approval of Monthly Bills
- d. Approval of Financial Report
- e. Resignations
 - i. Amanda Smock
 - ii. Cassidy Riley
- f. 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; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Fritch for the approval to enter into an agreement with ProCare Therapy for remote school psychology services. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Crank-aye; McCollum-aye; Bleyer-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank to hire LeeAnn Book as a School Social Worker effective 8/11/2023. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank to hire Alayna Hish as a Licensed School Counselor effective 8/23/2023. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank to hire Beth Gibbs as a part-time TAS, not to exceed 120 days. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

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

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. School Maintenance Grant
- c. Staffing

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 9:39 a.m., seconded by Crank. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: September 26, 2023

Approval Date: October 24, 2023