



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 February 27, 2024 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: Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1 Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5 and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (1/23/24)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
- e. 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: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Newell, seconded by Crank to approve a three-year contract renewal with QNS. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank for approval to maintain the District's content of Policy 4:130 *Free and Reduced-Priced Food Services* other than updating the legal references. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank for approval to update Policy 6:50 *School Wellness* in response to a request from ISBE Nutrition Department and to federal requirements. The approved update will add a

new subhead and two bulleted points as recommended by PRESS Plus, but omit the third bulleted point. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank for approval to maintain the District’s current content of Policy 7:160 *Student Appearance* and not adopt the suggested update as it does not apply to the District. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Crank for approval to update Policy 7:190 *Student Behavior* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Bleyer to enter into closed session at 9:35 a.m. Voice vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to return to open session at 9:57 a.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Gardner to approve a 5% raise for the Director for the 24-25 school year. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Fritch to hire Hannah DeNeal as a paraprofessional. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. Paper Order
- c. Professional Development
- d. ESSER and SMG Projects
- e. Superintendent Academy
- f. Planning for SY 24-25

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 10:12 a.m., seconded by Crank. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: February 27, 2024

Approval Date: March 19, 2024