



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 November 21, 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: Bob Bowser, Allendale CCSD #17 (proxy for Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348); David Cowger, Edwards Co. CU #1; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CU #10; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CU #1; Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5 and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; and Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CU #1.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (10/24/23)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. 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: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Newell for the approval to update the December board meeting time and location to Red Geranium in New Harmony, IN at 11:00. Voice vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 2:20 *Powers and Duties of the Boards; Indemnification* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 2:220 *Board Meeting Procedure* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 4:60 *Purchases and Contracts* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Additionally, the non-customary purchase or expenditure limit without prior Board approval was raised to \$35,000. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 4:160 *Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 5:190 *Teacher Qualifications* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 5:200 *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 5:210 *Resignations* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bowser for approval to update Policy 5:220 *Substitute Teachers* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bowser, seconded by Edmondson to hire Stefanie Gould as a paraprofessional. Roll Call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. Director’s Evaluation
- c. Staff Updates

Motion to adjourn made by McCollum at 9:40 a.m., seconded by Newell. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: November 21, 2023

Approval Date: December 12, 2023