



WABASH AND OHIO VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

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The Governing 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 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in regular session at the WOVSED Central Office in Norris City, Illinois. All members had been previously notified of the time and place of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman, Jonathan Russell. Upon Roll Call the following members were found present: Kelly Ackerman, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5; Ryan Cowsert, Hardin Co. CU #1; Richard Gochenour, Allendale CCSD #17; Theresa Hocking, Wabash CUSD #348; Jamie Jones, Fairfield #112; Erin Krikie, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Jon Lafikes, Jasper CCSD #17; Joe Lane, NCOE CUSD #3; Grant Loudy, Eldorado CU #4; Gayle McGehee, Fairfield HS #225; Clay Nolen, Carrier Mills CUSD #2; Jonathan Russell, Harrisburg CUSD #3; Rob Traiteur, North Wayne CUSD #200; John Wallace, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Jen Wellen, Geff CCSD #14; Dale Woods, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; and Monica Girten, WOVSED Director.

The following members were not present for the meeting: Mike Ehrhart, Wayne City CUSD #100; Jeremy Gray, New Hope CCSD #6; Dennis Lynch, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Amy Richey, Galatia CUSD #1; and Jon Risley, Grayville CUSD #1.

There were 16 members present and 5 absent; thus, a quorum was declared and the meeting opened for official business.

Motion made by Lane, seconded by Loudy to approve Jonathan Russell as the 2024-2025 WOVSED Governing Board Chairman. Russell will serve two consecutive terms (24-25, 25-26). Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lane, seconded by Loudy to approve Dale Woods as the 2024-2025 WOVSED Governing Board Vice Chairman. Woods will serve two consecutive terms (24-25, 25-26). Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-abstention. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lane, seconded by Loudy to approve Erin Krikie as the 2024-2025 WOVSED Governing Board Secretary. Krikie will serve two consecutive terms (24-25, 25-26). Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Wellen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved by the board as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of Governing Board – March 2024
- b. Approval of Policy Updates
 - i. 2:40 Board Member Qualifications
 - ii. 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
 - iii. 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
 - iv. 2:160 Board Attorney
 - v. 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - vi. 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure
 - vii. 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
 - viii. 4:15 Identity Protection
 - ix. 4:20 Fund Balances
 - x. 4:70 Resource Conservation
 - xi. 4:80 Accounting and Audits
 - xii. 4:110 Transportation
 - xiii. 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
 - xiv. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - xv. 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
 - xvi. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 - xvii. 5:100 Staff Development Program
 - xviii. 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
 - xix. 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
 - xx. 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - xxi. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - xxii. 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
 - xxiii. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
 - xxiv. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - xxv. 7:170 Vandalism
 - xxvi. 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- c. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06© of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

Under New Business:

Motion made by Wallace, seconded by Woods to approve the Financial Report. Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Traiteur to approve the FY 2025 Budget. Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Traiteur, seconded by Krikie to approve a three-year contract extension for Director, Monica Girten with a 5% salary raise each year (2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028). Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye, Cowsert-aye, Ehrhart-absent, Gochenour-aye, Gray-absent, Hocking-aye, Jones-aye, Krikie-aye, Lafikes-aye, Lane-aye, Loudy-aye, Lynch-absent, McGehee-aye, Nolen-aye, Richey-absent, Risley-absent, Russell-aye, Traiteur-aye, Wallace-aye, Wellen-aye, Woods-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Summer Activities
- b. Maintenance and Facility Updates
- c. Update on Opening of School year
- d. School-based OT

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Traiteur to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; Motion carried.

Board Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: August 27, 2024

Approval Date: March 25, 2025