



# 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 24, 2026 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 Vice Chairman, Ryan Fritch, called the meeting to order at 9:37 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. CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

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

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (2/03/26)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. Melissa Simpson
- e. Policy Updates
  - i. Policy 4:30 Revenue and Investments
  - ii. Policy 4:40 Incurring Debt
  - iii. Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits
  - iv. Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
  - v. Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
  - vi. Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
  - vii. Policy 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
  - viii. Policy 7:340 Student Records
  - ix. Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on the Cooperative Property
- f. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06© of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

Serving School Districts in the counties of: Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, Wabash,  
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New Business:

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Vollman to hire Brooklynn Calcaterra as a special education teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bowser, seconded by Cowger for approval of EXCEL Grant for special education teacher, Brooklynn Calcaterra, to complete course work and obtain BCBA certification. Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Under Agenda Item "Director's Report," Director Monica Girten discussed the following:

- a. School Maintenance Grant
- b. IAASE Innovative Practices mini-grant
- c. Tuition Numbers
- d. Paper Order

Motion to adjourn made by Cowger at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Bowser. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes from: February 24, 2026

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