



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 June 23, 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 Chairman, Shain Crank, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; and Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10.

The board members absent from the meeting were Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (5/26/26)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Approval to Amend the July Board Meeting Date/Time/Location
- e. Approval of Lease Renewal with OWVRVS for Office Lease
- f. Approval of Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal
 - i. Prairie State Insurance Company (Enclosed)
- g. Worker's Compensation Insurance
 - i. Wesco Insurance Company
- h. Approval of STEP Student Worker Accident Policy Renewal
 - i. 1st Agency Inc. (Enclosed)
- i. Approval to publish notice and place on display the FY 2027 Tentative Budget
- j. Resignations
 - i. None
- k. Policy Updates
 - i. 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
 - ii. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
 - iii. 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - iv. 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
 - v. 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
 - vi. 5:250 Leaves of Absence
 - vii. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - viii. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- l. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06© of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum to enter into closed session at 9:32 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony lodged against an employee. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Cowger to return to open session at 9:39 a.m. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Cowger seconded by Edmondson for approval of Memorandum of Agreement regarding Custodian. Roll call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum seconded by Fritch for approval to adjust the salary of the Administrative Accountant based on attainment of a Master's Degree. Roll call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Cowger to hire Becca Stover as Annex Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Cowger to hire Ronda Pierce as a paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; McCollum-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. Executive Board Members/Officers

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

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: June 23, 2026

Approval Date: July 30, 2026