



# 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 January 27, 2025 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 9:30 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; 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 Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; and Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (12/17/24)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. None
- e. Approval of Policy Updates
  - i. 2:120 Board Member Development
  - ii. 4:170 Safety
  - iii. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examination; Immunization; and Exclusion of Students
  - iv. 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 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: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Newell to approve FY 24 Audit. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Newell, seconded by Gardner to enter into closed session at 9:38 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 Newell, seconded by Gardner to return to open session at 10:34 a.m. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Newell to hire Cindy Beckmann as a School Social Worker effective 9/27/2024. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Director’s Evaluation
- b. Tuition Numbers
- c. Needs Assessment

Motion to adjourn made by Cowger at 10:37 a.m., seconded by McCollum. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes from: January 27, 2025

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