



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 March 24, 2026 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Dale Woods. Upon Roll Call the following members were found present: Kelly Ackerman, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5; Samantha Anselment, Wayne City CUSD #100; Ryan Cowsert, Hardin Co. CU #1; Lindsey Edmison, North Wayne CUSD #200; Lori Ellis, Fairfield HS #225; Nick Hunt, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Jamie Jones, Fairfield #112; Matt McCarthy, NCOE CUSD #3; Clay Nolen, Carrier Mills CUSD #2; Andrea Short, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; 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: Tom Barton, New Hope CCSD #6; Casey Carlile, Eldorado CU #4; Theresa Hocking, Wabash CUSD #348; Rebecca Jeffords, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Amy Richey, Galatia CUSD #1; Jon Risley, Grayville CUSD #1; Billy Smith, Harrisburg CUSD #3; Melissa Wise, Allendale CCSD #17; and Josh Zurliene, Jasper CUSD #17.

There were 12 members present and 9 absent; thus, a quorum was declared and the meeting opened for official business.

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

- a. Approve minutes of Governing Board – August 2025
- b. Approval of Policy Updates
 - i. 2:150 Committees
 - ii. 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
 - iii. 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
 - iv. 4:30 Revenue and Investments
 - v. 4:40 Incurring Debt
 - vi. 4:80 Accounting and Audits
 - vii. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
 - viii. 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
 - ix. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - x. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - xi. 5:100 Staff Development Program
 - xii. 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
 - xiii. 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - xiv. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
 - xv. 5:280 Duties and Qualifications

- xvi. 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- xvii. 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- xviii. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- xix. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- xx. 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- xxi. 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- xxii. 7:190 Student Behavior
- xxiii. 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- xxiv. 7:340 Student Records
- xxv. 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on the Cooperative Property
- 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; Anselment-aye; Barton-absent; Carlile-absent; Cowsert-aye; Edmison-aye; Ellis-aye; Hocking-absent; Hunt-aye; Jeffords-absent; Jones-aye; McCarthy-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Short-aye; Smith-absent; Wellen-aye; Wise-absent; Woods-aye; Zurliene-absent. Motion Carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

Under New Business:

Motion made by Wellen, seconded by Hunt to approve the Financial Report. Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Anselment-aye; Barton-absent; Carlile-absent; Cowsert-aye; Edmison-aye; Ellis-aye; Hocking-absent; Hunt-aye; Jeffords-absent; Jones-aye; McCarthy-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Short-aye; Smith-absent; Wellen-aye; Wise-absent; Woods-aye; Zurliene-absent. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Ellis, seconded by McCarthy to approve the FY 25 Audit. Roll call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Anselment-aye; Barton-absent; Carlile-absent; Cowsert-aye; Edmison-aye; Ellis-aye; Hocking-absent; Hunt-aye; Jeffords-absent; Jones-aye; McCarthy-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Short-aye; Smith-absent; Wellen-aye; Wise-absent; Woods-aye; Zurliene-absent. Motion Carried.

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

- a. Director's Evaluation
- b. WOVSED Needs Assessment
- c. School Maintenance Grant
- d. Statement of Economic Interest
- e. Recognizing Staff Achievements & Contributions
- f. WOVSED Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Motion by Jones, seconded by Wellen to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; Motion carried.

Board Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: March 24, 2026

Approval Date: August 25, 2026