



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 May 28, 2024 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, David Cowger, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; and ex-officio member Sarah Emery, ROE #20 (proxy for Beth Rister, ROE #20.)

The board members absent from the meeting were Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; and Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (4/23/24)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
 - i. Jerica Cullers
 - ii. Myron Caudle
 - iii. Kassidy Mott
 - iv. Anthony Davison
 - v. Kirsten Dismuke
- e. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to continue agreement with ProCare Therapy for remote speech therapy services. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to enter into closed session at 9:35 am. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bleyer, seconded by Gardner to return to open session at 9:47 am. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Julie Moore as a TAS effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Abigail Sigler as a special education teacher effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Jennifer O’Daniel as a special education teacher effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Denver Cowser as a special education teacher effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Cherie Westfall as a special education teacher effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Kathryn Krouse as a school psychologist effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Bleyer for approval to hire Amani Tucker as a school psychologist intern effective August 2024. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Gardner to approve the 3 year contract with WOVEA (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027). Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. ESSER Grant Updates

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 9:52 a.m., seconded by McCollum. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: May 28, 2024

Approval Date: June 25, 2024