



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 24, 2023 at 10:30 a.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.

WOVSED Executive Board Chairman, David Cowger, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: David Cowger, Edwards Co. CU #1; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CU # 10; Jill Fulkerson, Fairfield CU HS #225; Jeff Fetcho, Grayville CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CU #1; Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE # 20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CU #1.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (12/13/2022)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations/Retirements
- 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; Fetcho-aye; Fritch-aye; Fulkerson-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Motion made by Fulkerson, seconded by Fetcho to approve FY22 Audit. Roll Call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest. The policy has been renamed in response to Faith's Law. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors. Updates made throughout to align with changes made to Policy 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 6:20 School year Calendar and Day. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers. The term “certified” will be replaced with “licensed.” Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 6:50 School Wellness. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by McCollum for approval to update Policy 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention. Legal references were updated. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Fetcho to enter into closed session at 10:43 a.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Fulkerson, seconded by Bleyer to return to open session at 10:50 a.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by McCollum to approve a 3% raise for the Director for 23-24 year. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fetcho-aye; Fritch-aye; Fulkerson-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Fetcho to hire Susan Howton as a part-time social worker for the remainder of the current school year, for up to 20 days total. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fulkerson-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition numbers
- b. School Maintenance Grant update
- c. Needs assessment
- d. Professional Development
- e. Projected staffing needs for the 23-24 school year

Motion to adjourn made by Bleyer at 10:59 a.m., seconded by Crank. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: January 24, 2023

Approval Date: February 28, 2023