



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 27, 2023 at 10:30 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 10:31 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: David Cowger, Edwards Co. CU #1; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CU #10; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CU #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112 (proxy for Jill Fulkerson, Fairfield CU HS #225); and Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CU #1.

The board members absent from the meeting were Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Jeff Fetcho, Grayville CUSD #; Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE # 20.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (5/23/23)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Approval of Lease Agreement with OWVRVS for Office Lease.
- e. Approval of Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal
 - i. Prairie State Insurance Company
- f. Worker's Compensation Insurance
 - i. Employers
- g. Approval of STEP Student Worker Accident Policy Renewal
 - i. 1st Agency Inc.
- h. Approval to publish notice and place on display the FY 2024 Tentative Budget
- i. Resignations
- j. Retirements
 - i. Nicole Frey effective at the end of the 2026-27 school year
 - ii. Lisa Benedict effective at the end of the 2026-27 school year
- k. 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: Cowger-aye; Kaegi-aye; Gardner-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Kaegi to approve the letter of engagement with Kemper CPA Group for FY 24 audit. Voice Vote indicated: all aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Edmondson to hire Shem Barger as a paraprofessional effective August 2023. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Edmondson to hire Bev Johnson as a part-time special education teacher (not to exceed 120 days) effective August 2023. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Edmondson to hire Janet Chambliss as a part-time special education teacher (not to exceed 120 days) effective August 2023. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Fritch-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Fritch to approve a three-year contract for the Annex Principal. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; Edmondson-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition numbers
- b. Staffing Updates
- c. Transition of Board Members
- d. Superintendents AA Update

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 10:54 a.m., seconded by Kaegi. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: June 27, 2023

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