



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 25, 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 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Shain Crank, Galatia 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 Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5.

The board members absent from the meeting were Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (5/28/24)
- 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 2025 Tentative Budget
- i. Resignations
 - i. None
- j. Retirements
 - i. Brad Blades effective June 30, 2028
- k. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06© of the Open Meetings Act.

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

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to approve the letter of engagement with Kemper CPA Group for FY 24 audit. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Edmondson to enter into closed session at 9:34 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 Edmondson to return to open session at 9:59 a.m. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Crank, seconded by McCollum to dismiss non-certified employees working in positions funded by the DHS/CFC grant program, effective June 30, 2024. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Newell to approve a 5% salary increase each year for the next three years for staff not covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Fritch to approve a three-year contract extension for Director, Monica Girten with a 5% salary raise each year (2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028). Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to hire Bev Johnson as a part-time Pre-Vocational Coordinator (not to exceed 120 days) for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to hire Beth Gibbs as a part-time TAS (not to exceed 120 days) for the 2024-2025 school year.. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to hire Jason Moore as Annex Co-Principal. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Upon hiring a co-principal, motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to have Jennifer Butler serve as an Assistant Director in addition to her role as Annex Principal. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Fritch to approve an EXCEL grant for Administrative Accountant's additional coursework. Roll Call indicated: Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Newell-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers

Motion to adjourn made by McCollum at 10:06 a.m., seconded by Edmondson. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: June 25, 2024

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