



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 19, 2024 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 Vice Chairman Dale Woods. Upon Roll Call the following members were found present: Kelly Ackerman, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5; Richard Gochenour, Allendale CCSD #17; Theresa Hocking, Wabash CUSD #348; Jamie Jones, Fairfield #112; Jon Lafikes, Jasper CCSD #17; Joe Lane, NCOE CUSD #3; Gayle McGehee, Fairfield HS #225; Clay Nolen, Carrier Mills CUSD #2; Rob Traiteur, North Wayne CUSD #200; John Wallace, Pope Co. CUSD #1; 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: Ryan Cowsert, Hardin Co. CU #1; Mike Ehrhart, Wayne City CUSD #100; Jeremy Gray, New Hope CCSD #6; Erin Krikie, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Grant Loudy, Eldorado CU #4; Dennis Lynch; Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Amy Richey, Galatia CUSD #1; Jon Risley, Grayville CUSD #1; and Jonathan Russell, Harrisburg CUSD #3.

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

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

- a. Approve minutes of Governing Board – August 2023
- b. 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; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

Under New Business:

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Wellen to approve the Financial Report. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Wallace, seconded by Jones to approve the FY 2023 Audit. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 2:20 *Powers and Duties of the Boards; Indemnification* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 2:200 *Types of Cooperative Board Meetings* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 2:220 *Board Meeting Procedure* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 4:30 *Revenue and Investments* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 4:60 *Purchases and Contracts* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Additionally, the non-customary purchase or expenditure limit without prior Board approval was raised to \$35,000. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to maintain the District's content of Policy 4:130 *Free and Reduced-Priced Food Services* other than updating the legal references. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 4:160 *Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:30 *Hiring Process and Criteria* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:190 *Teacher Qualifications* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:200 *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:210 *Resignations* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:220 *Substitute Teachers* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:250 *Leave of Absence* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 5:330 *Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 6:30 *Organization of Instruction* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 6:50 *School Wellness* in response to a request from ISBE Nutrition Department and to federal requirements. The approved update will add a new subhead and two bulleted points as recommended by PRESS Plus, but omit the third bulleted point. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy-absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to maintain the District's unique content of Policy 7:60 *Residence*. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy-absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to maintain the District's current content of Policy 7:160 *Student Appearance* and not adopt the suggested update as it does not apply to the District. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 7:190 *Student Behavior* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 7:270 *Administering Medicines to Students* to reflect the board's decision not to maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 7:285 *Anaphylaxis Prevention* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 7:290 *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

Motion made by Gochenour, seconded by Lafikes for approval to update Policy 8:30 *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. References to athletics will be omitted, but otherwise the policy will be updated as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 113. Roll Call indicated: Ackerman-aye; Cowsert-absent; Ehrhart -absent; Gochenour-aye; Gray-absent; Hocking-aye; Jones-aye; Krikie-absent; Lafikes-aye; Lane-aye; Loudy- absent; Lynch-absent; McGehee-aye; Nolen-aye; Richey-absent; Risley-absent; Russell-absent; Traiteur-aye; Wallace-aye; Wellen-aye; Woods-aye; Motion carried.

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

- a. Director's Evaluation
- b. WOVSED Needs Assessment
- c. Professional Development
- d. Update of the School Year & Overview of Transition Program
- e. Statement of Economic Interest

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Gochenour to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Voice vote indicated all ayes; Motion carried.

Board Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: March 19, 2024

Approval Date: August 27, 2024