



# 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 July 23, 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 Vice Chairman, Ryan Fritch, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; and Jarrod Newell, Carmi-White Co. CUSD #5.

The board members absent from the meeting were David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Newell to elect Shain Crank as WOVSED Executive Board Chairperson. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crank, seconded by Bleyer to elect Ryan Fritch as WOVSED Executive Board Vice Chairperson. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crank, seconded by Bleyer to elect Jarrod Newell as WOVSED Executive Board Secretary. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (6/25/24)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. None
- e. Approval of Annex Student Handbook
- f. Destruction of Executive Session Audio Tapes older than 18 months per provision of Section 2.06© of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 2:125 *Board Member Compensation; Expenses* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 115. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 2:260 *Uniform Grievance Procedure* in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-95, added by P.A. 103-472, requiring a district to have an internal process for the filing of complaints regarding discrimination and harassment based on race, color, and national origin. Additionally, the policy is updated to incorporate the title change to 2:265 *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 2:265 *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. This update will delete the term “sexual harassment” from the title and replace it with Title IX. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:10 *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 114. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:20 *Workplace Harassment Prohibited* to reflect the title change of Policy 2:265 *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:100 *Staff Development Program* in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.39, amended by P.A. 103-542, streamlining school staff training requirements into eight distinct categories. The Board chose not to adopt the optional new section entitled, Additional Training. The Board responded “No” to the required question regarding an optional paragraph on life-saving techniques and first aid. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:130 *Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 115. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:200 *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal* in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-96, addressing short-term approvals for educators. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 5:300 *Schedules and Employment Year* as drafted by PRESS Plus Issue 114. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 7:10 *Equal Educational Opportunities* in response to PRESS Plus Issue 114. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 7:20 *Harassment of Students Prohibited* in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7, amended by P.A. 103-47, adding protected categories to the prohibition on bullying. In addition, the policy is also updated to reflect the title change to policy 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to update Policy 7:180 *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment* to include additional bases for bullying, require data collection by districts and require notification within 24 hours to the parents/guardians of students involved in bullying incidents. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Crank to enter into closed session at 9:44 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 9:58 a.m. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crank, seconded by Newell to hire Bill Peyton as a part time counselor for the Norris City Annex. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Newell-aye. Motion carried.

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

a. Facility Updates

Motion to adjourn made by Crank at 10:08 a.m., seconded by Edmondson. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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