



# 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 December 16, 2025 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, Shain Crank, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Bob Bowser, Allendale CCSD #17 (Proxy for Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348); David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; and Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (11/18/25)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. None
- e. Approval of Policy Updates
  - i. 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
  - ii. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
  - iii. 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
  - iv. 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
  - v. 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
  - vi. 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
  - vii. 7:190 Student Behavior
  - viii. 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 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: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

Serving School Districts in the counties of: Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, Wabash,  
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New Business:

Motion made by Cowger, seconded by Gardner for approval of investment in a Certificate of Deposit utilizing the CDARS service. Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bowser, seconded by Fritch to enter into closed session at 9:36 a.m. Executive Session to: (1) consider the appointment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony lodged against an employee; and (2) discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Bowser, seconded by Kaegi to return to open session at 9:43 a.m. Voice Vote indicated; All Ayes; Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers

Motion to adjourn made by Kaegi at 9:44 a.m., seconded by Bowser. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes from: December 16, 2025

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