



# 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 August 26, 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 9:31 a.m. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present: Chuck Bleyer, Wabash CUSD #348; David Cowger, Edwards Co. CUSD #1; Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (7/22/25)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. Amy Anselment
- e. Audiologist for the 2025-2026 school Year
  - i. Dr. Nicholas Oldham
- f. Approval of Policy Updates
  - i. 2:220-E9 Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration
  - ii. 4:80 Accounting and Audits
  - iii. 5:60 Expenses
  - iv. 5:100 Staff Development Program
  - v. 6:235 Access To Electronic Networks
  - vi. 7:60 Residence
  - vii. 8:80 Gifts to the District
  - viii. 1:10 District Legal Status
  - ix. 1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
  - x. 1:30 District Philosophy
  - xi. 2:10 District Governance
  - xii. 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
  - xiii. 2:140-E Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
  - xiv. 2:240 Board Policy Development
  - xv. 3:30 Chain of Command
  - xvi. 4:50 Payment Procedures
  - xvii. 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
  - xviii. 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
  - xix. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
  - xx. 7:90 Release During School Hours
  - xxi. 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
  - xxii. 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

- g. 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; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:  
None

New Business:

Motion made by Cowger, seconded by Vollman to approve the FY26 Budget. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kaegi, seconded by Vollman to enter into closed session at 9:36 a.m. to: (1) discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and (2) consider the appointment, 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 Kaegi, seconded by Vollman to return to open session at 9:41 a.m. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritch, seconded by Vollman to hire Katina Biggerstaff as a paraprofessional. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; Kaegi-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Facility Updates/Maintenance
- b. New School Year Overview

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 9:48 a.m., seconded by Gardner. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes from: August 26, 2025

Approval Date: September 23, 2025