



# 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 30, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., in regular session at the Walker's Bluff Carterville Room, Carterville, 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 4:03 p.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; Chris Fromm, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1 and Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10.

Chris Fromm was seated as the new board member for Gallatin County.

Motion made by Vollman, seconded by Gardner to elect Shain Crank as WOVSED Executive Board Chairperson. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-not present for vote; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Gardner to elect Travis McCollum as WOVSED Executive Board Vice Chairperson. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-not present for vote; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Cowger to elect Ryan Fritch as WOVSED Executive Board Secretary. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-not present for vote; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (6/23/26)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
  - i. Cassidy Brown
- e. Approval of Policy Updates
  - i. 2:140-E Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
  - ii. 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
  - iii. 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
  - iv. 4:120 Food Services
  - v. 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
  - vi. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
  - vii. 5:70 Religious Holidays
  - viii. 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
  - ix. 5:240 Suspension
  - x. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

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- xi. 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
- xii. 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- xiii. 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- xiv. 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- f. Approval of WOVSED's Procedures for the Administration of Special Education Services
- g. Approval of Norris City Annex Student Handbook
- h. Approval of Norris City Annex Crisis Plan
- i. Approval of Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment
- j. Approval of Norris City Annex School District's Wellness Policies & Procedures on Physical Activity and Nutrition
- 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: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:  
None

New Business:

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Vollman to hire Beth Gibbs as a part-time TAS (not to exceed 120 days) for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson, seconded by Vollman to hire Bev Johnson as a part-time Pre-vocational Coordinator (not to exceed 120 days) for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Vollman to hire Conner Chappelle as a Custodian for the 2026-2027 school year, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Vollman to hire Morgan Meadows as a part-time (two days per week) Physical Therapy Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Vollman to hire Pete Burzynski as a substitute School Psychologist on a month-to-month basis, working approximately 8 days per month, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Edmondson seconded by Vollman to hire Cindy Martin as a substitute LBS1 Teacher for the first quarter of the 2026-2027 school year, pending EHR and background check. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fromm-aye; Gardner-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Updates on School Maintenance Grant
- b. FY27 Pre-Employment Career Training (PECT) contract

Motion to adjourn made by Fromm at 4:17 p.m., seconded by Edmondson. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes from: July 30, 2026

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