



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 25, 2026 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, Travis McCollum, 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; Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; and Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3.

The board members absent from the meeting were Shain Crank, Galatia CUSD #1; Chris Fromm, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7; and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (7/30/26)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
 - i. None
- e. Audiologist for the 2026-2027 School Year
 - i. Dr. Nicholas Oldham
- f. Approval of Policy Updates
 - i. 6:70 Teaching About Religions
 - ii. 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
 - iii. 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
 - iv. 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - v. 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
 - vi. 2:30 District Elections
 - vii. 3:40 Director
 - viii. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Director
 - ix. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
 - x. 3:70 Succession of Authority
 - xi. 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
 - xii. 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
 - xiii. 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies
- 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: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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There were no items under Public Comments.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion made by Bowser, seconded by McCollum to approve the FY27 Budget. Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cowger seconded by Fritch to hire Pete Burzynski as a substitute School Psychologist on a month-to-month basis for September 2026. Roll call indicated: Bowser-aye; Cowger-aye; Edmondson-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. New School Year Overview

Motion to adjourn made by Edmondson at 9:39 a.m., seconded by Gardner. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: August 25, 2026

Approval Date: September 22, 2026