



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 April 28, 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 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; Ryan Fritch, Pope Co. CUSD #1; Kristina Gardner, Fairfield PSD #112; Travis McCollum, Hamilton Co. CUSD #10; Matt Vollman, Norris City-Omaha-Enfield CUSD #3 and ex-officio member Beth Rister, ROE #20.

The board members absent from the meeting were Andy Edmondson, Hardin Co. CUSD #1; and Judy Kaegi, Gallatin Co. CUSD #7.

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

- a. Approval of Board Minutes (3/24/26)
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Resignations
 - i. Zach Anthony
- e. FOIA Report
- f. TAMES Health Resource Service Renewal
- g. Approval of 2026-2027 WOVSED Calendar
- h. Approval of 2026-2027 Annex School Calendar
- i. Approval of 2026-2027 Proposed Meeting Dates
- j. 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; 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 McCollum, seconded by Fritch to award the paper bid to Midland. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-abstain; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vollman, seconded by Gardner to enter into closed session at 9:34 a.m. to 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 Vollman, seconded by Cowger to return to open session at 9:40 a.m. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; Motion carried.

Motion made by McCollum, seconded by Vollman for approval to update IMRF benefit and contracted days for Youth Service Coordinator Position. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cowger, seconded by Fritch to hire Leona Turner as a paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cowger, seconded by Fritch to hire Mike DeVillez as a part-time retired school psychologist for the 2026-2027 school year, with an effective start date strictly contingent upon the employee satisfying all statutory TRS annuitant requirements. Employment was approved for up to the maximum days allowable under the post-retirement employment limitations. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cowger, seconded by Fritch to hire Sarah Drone as a Youth Service Coordinator. Roll call indicated: Bleyer-aye; Cowger-aye; Crank-aye; Fritch-aye; Gardner-aye; McCollum-aye; Vollman-aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. Tuition Numbers
- b. Strengthening School Psychologist Workforce Grant
- c. Summer Academy

Motion to adjourn made by Vollman at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Gardner. Voice Vote indicated: all ayes; motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes from: April 28, 2026

Approval Date: May 26, 2026