

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 19, 2025 at the WBESC office with the following members present: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II.
Others Present: Melissa McClurg, Superintendent and Tricia Taylor, Treasurer/CFO

Motion 1m 11-25 Board Agenda

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Kevin Wannemacher to accept the Board Agenda with any additions and/or changes as presented. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

Motion 2m 11-25 Treasurer’s Consent Agenda

Moved by Vicki Smith and seconded by Kevin Wannemacher to approve the Treasurer’s Consent Items A-C.

Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

- A. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, bills, and expenditures, with corrections, if applicable;
- B. Motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025 regular meeting;
- C. Motion to approve permanent appropriations and revenue by fund for fiscal year 2026.

Motion 3m 11-25 Superintendent’s Consent Agenda

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and Seconded by Derek Miller to approve the Superintendent’s Consent items A-E. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

- A. Motion to recommend approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Lynn Bouillon pursuant to R.C. 3319.13 due to illness for a term starting November 11, 2025 for a period of not more than two consecutive school years through June 30, 2027.
- B. Motion to accept the agreement with the Ohio Partnership for Excellence in Paraprofessional Preparation Early Start Partnership Agreement (OPEPP)
- C. Motion to approve the recommended changes to board policies: 1422, 1623, 2260, 2260.01, 2266, 3122, 3123, 3130, 4122, 4123, 5136, 5200, 5223, 6109, 6152, 7540.02, 8300, 8305, 8400, and 8462 as recommended by NEOLA. Policies: 1422.2, 1662, 3122.2, 3362, 4122.2, 4362, and 7451 deleted as recommended by NEOLA.
- D. Motion to approve the AI OWL - Western Buckeye ESC - SERVICE AGREEMENT Tech Credit Funding to provide AI Educator & Administrator Training at no cost to WBESC;
- E. Motion to approve the employment of the following, pending proper paperwork and procedures are completed, if applicable;

Name	Position	Contract	Salary
Boyd, Kristy	Paraprofessional	1 Yr. Non-Teaching Limited	\$15,873.64 (Step 2, 134 Days)

Motion 4m 11-25

Moved by Kevin Wannemacher and seconded by Hazen Kennedy to approve the 2025-2026 school year substitute list with changes/additions. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 4-0. Vicki Smith abstained from voting.

Legislative Report

- A. Superintendent thanked both Jim Hoops & Craig Reidel for attending WBESC Superintendent monthly meetings where they engaged in Q&A sessions over a variety of legislative topics important to our local public school districts.

Motion 5m 11-25 Executive Session

- Moved by Derek Miller and seconded by Vicki Smith for Superintendent, Treasurer and Melissa McClurg to move into executive session at 6:02 p.m. and adjourn the executive session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss the employment and compensation of an employee. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

- A. Following the executive session, a motion to approve a five-year contract to Tricia Taylor to act as CFO of the district effective August 1, 2026 was made. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

Motion 6m 11-25 Adjournment

Moved by Kevin Wannemacher and seconded by Hazen Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 17, 2025** at the WBESC Office.

CFO/Treasurer

Board President