

**Western Buckeye ESC
February 18, 2026**

Regular Meeting

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 18, 2026 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 2-26 Board Agenda

Moved by Derek Miller 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 2-26 Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Vicki Smith 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 January 21, 2026 organizational meeting & regular meeting;
- C. Motion to approve permanent appropriations and revenues by fund for fiscal year 2026;

Motion 3m 2-26 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

- A. Motion to approve the OSBA AD&D coverage for Board members for 2026.
- B. Motion to approve the OSBA AD&D coverage for the Superintendent and Treasurer for 2026.
- C. Motion to accept miscellaneous donations to the WBESC for the Franklin B Walter Scholarship Program.
 - a. Central Insurance - \$500
- D. Motion to accept the resignation of Heather Hunt, Administrative Assistant, effective July 31, 2026.
- E. Motion to accept the resignation of Tamara Nouza, Intervention Specialist at Grover Hill Elementary effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.
- F. Motion to approve the employment of the following, pending proper paperwork and procedures are completed, if applicable;

Name	Position	Contract	Salary
Clare Routt	Board Certified Behavior Analyst,	1 Yr. Non-Teaching Limited	\$10,000.20 (30 Days)

	BCBA		
Clare Routt	Additional Hours for BCBA Trainings, Etc.	Supplemental	\$47.62 per hour for up to 70 hours, payable by timesheet

Motion 4m 2-26

Moved by Derek Miller and seconded by Kevin Wannemacher 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.

Motion 5m 2-26 Legislative Report

- A. ESC School Board Representation

Motion 6m 2-26 Treasurer/Superintendent Discussion Items

- A. Vantage All Boards Dinner, Thursday April 9th 6:00 PM
B. Franklin B Walter Scholarship Banquet at Vantage Career Center, March 2nd, 7:00 PM -
C. Capital Conference Session Proposal - OSBA is accepting session proposals through 3/6/26.

Motion 7m 2-26 Executive Session

- Moved by Kevin Wannemacher and seconded by Hazen Kennedy for Superintendent, Treasurer and Melissa McClurg to move into executive session at 5:58 p.m. and adjourn the executive session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss the compensation of personnel. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

- A. Following the executive session, no action was taken.

Motion 8m 2-26 Adjournment

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Kevin Wannemacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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, **March 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** at the WBESC Office.

CFO/Treasurer

Board President