

**Western Buckeye ESC
March 25, 2026**

Regular Meeting

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 25, 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

Guest: Ken Amstutz

Motion 1m 3-26 Board Agenda

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Derek Miller 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 3-26 Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Moved by Vicki Smith and seconded by Hazen Kennedy to approve the Treasurer's Consent Items A-D. 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 February 18, 2026 regular meeting;
- C. Motion to approve permanent appropriations and revenues by fund for fiscal year 2026;
- D. Motion to approve the Ohio Deferred Compensation Roth 457 Option Employer Adoption agreement

Motion 3m 3-26 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 approve August 10, 2026 as all contracted staff Opening Day.
- B. Motion to approve new job descriptions:
 - a. Transition Coordinator
 - b. AI & Instructional Tech Specialist
 - c. Principal of Paulding County Opportunity Center
- C. Motion to approve a leave of absence for Madeline (Della) Miesle, Steam Coordinator, effective April 10, 2026 through June 26, 2026, for the purpose of fulfilling full-time National Guard Duty - Other Training Duty, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Board policy. The leave shall be designated as military leave, with reemployment rights and benefits provided as required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and applicable Ohio law.
- D. Motion to accept the resignation of Kate Wenninger as Wellness Champion for Western Buckeye Educational Service Center effective at the end of the 25/26 school year.
- E. Motion to approve the employment of the following, pending proper paperwork and procedures are completed, if applicable;

Name	Position	Contract	Salary
Gracie Price	Paraprofessional	1 Yr. Non-Teaching Limited	\$5,130.24 (Step 1, 48 Days)
Katherine Leeth	School Psychologist	2 Yr. Limited Contract	\$82,000 (212 Days)
Lauren Grothaus	School Psychologist	2 Yr. Limited Contract	\$80,000 (212 Days)

Motion 4m 3-26

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.

Motion 5m 3-26 Legislative Report

- A. Property Tax Changes Effective March 2026 and other ongoing legislation

Motion 6m 3-26 Treasurer/Superintendent Discussion Items

- A. Van Wert Data Center
- B. Educator Bootcamps
- C. TEACH for the Future Conference
- D. Franklin B. Walter Banquet
- E. OSBA NWOH Spring Conference

Motion 7m 3-26 Executive Session

- Moved by Vicki Smith and seconded by Kevin Wannemacher for Superintendent, Treasurer and Melissa McClurg to move into executive session at 5:56 p.m. and adjourn the executive session at 6:15 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 3-26 Adjournment

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Derek Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 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, **April 29, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** at the WBESC Office.

CFO/Treasurer

Board President