

Western Buckeye ESC
April 29, 2026

Regular Meeting

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 29, 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 4-26 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 4-26 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 March 25, 2026 regular meeting;
- C. Motion to approve permanent appropriations and revenues by fund for fiscal year 2026;

Motion 3m 4-26 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

- A. Motion to approve the recommended changes to board policy as recommended by NEOLA. Appendix A.
 - a. [3440 - JOB-RELATED EXPENSES](#)
 - b. [4440 - JOB-RELATED EXPENSES](#)
 - c. [6320 - PURCHASING AND BIDDING](#)
 - d. [6325 - PROCUREMENT - FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS](#)
 - e. [6423 - USE OF CREDIT CARDS](#)
 - f. [6460 - VENDOR RELATIONS](#)
 - g. [6465 - AFFINITY, REWARDS, OR OTHER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS](#)
 - h. [7540.09 - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE \("AI"\)](#)
- B. Motion to approve a 3.75% pay increase for all WBESC personnel (excludes subs and grant contracts) for the 2026-207 school year.
- C. Motion to approve the [resignation of Kristy Boyd](#), paraprofessional at Lincolnview and Thomas Edison effective April 3, 2026.
- D. Motion to approve the [resignation of Kaden Clark](#), preschool paraprofessional at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary Preschool effective June 1, 2026.
- E. Motion to approve the [resignation of Michelle Walter](#), paraprofessional at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary effective April 2, 2026.
- F. Motion to approve the Speech Language Pathologist [Salary Schedule](#) with the addition of Masters +15 and 30 for the 26-27 school year.
- G. Motion to approve the [Office Assistant/Coordinator Job Description](#)

- H. Motion to approve Thomas Edison fees for the 26-27 school year:
- a. Registration(non-refundable) \$25 per year
 - b. Snack \$30 per year
 - c. Mon/Wed classes \$90 per month (Sept-May)
 - d. Tues/Thurs/Fri classes \$130 per month (Sept-May)
 - e. For students on an IEP, \$0 tuition
- I. Motion to approve the [Thomas Edison](#), [WBESC](#), and [Paulding County Opportunity](#) (based on Paulding Exempted Village) School Calendars for the 26-27 school year.
- J. Motion to approve Camile Myers for maternity leave, beginning approximately August 14 through November 12, 2026.

Motion 4m 4-26

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Derek Miller 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 4-26 Other Agenda Item

Moved by Hazen Kennedy and seconded by Vicki Smith to approve a 3.75% pay increase for the Superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year. Voted yes: Hazen Kennedy, Derek Miller, Vicki Smith, Kevin Wannemacher and William Poe II. Motion passed: 5-0.

Motion 6m 4-26 Legislative Report

- A. OESCA [Superintendent Retreat](#), [Strategic Plan](#), and [Senate Education](#)

Motion 7m 4-26 Treasurer/Superintendent Discussion Items

- A. Spring 26-27 Service Meetings
- B. [Strengths Collaborative Showcase](#)
- C. Teacher Appreciation Week 2026 runs from Monday, May 4, to Friday, May 8, with National Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.
- D. New Albany Data Center Tour for proposed Van Wert site.

Motion 8m 4-26 Executive Session

- Moved by Kevin Wannemacher and seconded by Derek Miller for Superintendent and Treasurer to move into executive session at 6:09 p.m. and adjourn the executive session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees. 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 9m 4-26 Adjournment

Moved by Kevin Wannemacher and seconded by Hazen Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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, **May 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** at the WBESC Office.

CFO/Treasurer

Board President