

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

May 8, 2026

Regular

WCES

9:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Mr. Josh Pietrantonio, Unit I
Mrs. Becky Moss, Unit II
Mr. Sy Stone, Unit III
Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, Unit IV
Mrs. Sarah Barnstable, Unit V

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Jami Hodge, WCES Director
Rachel Buller, WCEA
Jenny Malanowski

Chairman Sy Stone called the Executive Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mr. Pietrantonio, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Barnstable in attendance.

No Visitor Participation

Mrs. Moss made a motion to enter into closed session. Mrs. Barnstable seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson, and Barnstable voted "yea". Motion carried.

The Executive Board entered into closed session at 9:01 a.m.

The Executive Board came out of closed session at 9:09 a.m.

Mr. Pietrantonio made the motion to adjourn out of closed session. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson, and Barnstable voted "yea". Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the closed session minutes. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson, and Barnstable voted "yea". Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnstable made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson, and Barnstable voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnstable made the motion to accept the Personnel, as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

- **Ieesha Porritt** - hire as a Special Education teacher for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Amy Griffin** - hire as an Instructional Coach for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Adam King** - resignation text message dated April 1, 2026 effective April 17, 2026
- **Matt Pribble** - resignation email dated April 12, 2026 effective April 22, 2026
- **Jessie McMeen** - resignation email dated April 13, 2026 effective end of FY26 school year
- **Desiree Greeley** - email dated April 22, 2026 requesting maternity leave from September 28, 2026 through November 20, 2026
- **Hallie Shadowens** - letter dated April 22, 2026 requesting maternity leave from May 15, 2026 until the end of FY26 school year
- **Andy Dorris** - email dated May 1, 2026 announcing retirement after 2029-2030 school year

Staff Notices:

- Danielle Watts - Docked Time
- Lauren Ray - Docked Time
- Jessie McMeen - Docked Time
- Ashley Marshall - Docked Time
- Catherine Dunn - Docked Time
- Katie Hastie - Docked Time
- Tammy Stein - Docked Time
- Chris Ballard - Administrative Leave
- Jocelyn Stewart - Administrative Leave

Transfers:

- Morgan Brave - assigned to Lincoln Elementary, Marion, Special Programs.
- Cindy Fish - assigned to PFA Johnston City Jefferson Elementary.
- Carrie James - Paraprofessional assigned to PFA Johnston City Jefferson Elementary.
- Melissa Serena - Paraprofessional assigned to HES, Herrin
- Tacie Bailey - Paraprofessional assigned to Lincoln, Johnston City
- Katie Hastie - Assigned to Vision Paraprofessional, itinerant
- Lindsey McClerren - Paraprofessional assigned to CIS, Carterville
- Anna Tift - Paraprofessional assigned to TriC, Carterville

Transfers Continued:

- Maggie Bates - Paraprofessional assigned to NSPC, Herrin
- Ashley Clark - Paraprofessional assigned to Lincoln, Marion
- Haley Byrley - Paraprofessional assigned to Jefferson, Marion
- Candice Barnette - Paraprofessional assigned to Lincoln, Johnston City
- Amanda Hayes - Paraprofessional assigned to Washington, Johnston City
- Chelsea Taylor - Paraprofessional assigned to Crab Orchard Schools
- Jacqueline Kommer - Paraprofessional assigned to JCHS, Johnston City
- Hannah Cutsinger - Paraprofessional assigned to HES, Herrin

Upon roll call, members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson, and Barnstable voted “yea”. Motion carried.

WCES, WCECC, WCTE 2026-2027 meeting dates presented.

Transportation invoice for April 2026 presented.

2026-2027 district calendars presented.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the Proposal to Amend the 2026-2027 WCES Budget. Mr. Pietrantonio seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson and Barnstable voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Timely & Meaningful Consultation Agenda presented.

Press Plus Issue 121 - First Read presented.

Special Education Procedures, updated March 2026 presented.

Maintenance of Effort Approval presented.

Director’s Report:

- Staffing discussed - 58 transfer requests approved; Coordinator and PreK position still need filled
- All districts met maintenance of effort
- PreK now falls under Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC)
- ROE 21 and Dr. Matt Buckman started the ROE 21 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Trauma Response Grant
- Restructure timeline discussed: clarification on language
- Will start hiring paraprofessionals mid June

Mr. Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pietrantonio seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantonio, Moss, Stone, Wilson and Barnstable voted "yea". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Sy Stone, Chairman of the Board

Nathaniel Wilson Secretary to the Board
