MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

August 14, 2026

Regular WCES 9:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Present	Absent
Mr. Josh Pietrantoni, 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 Bullar - WCEA
Jenny Malanowski

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

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

No Visitor Participation.

Mrs. Barnstable made a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing employment matters. Mr. Pietrantoni seconded the motion.

Members Pietrantoni, 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 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Mrs. Barnstable made a motion to approve the closed session minutes. Mr. Pietrantoni seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mrs. Barnstable seconded the motion.

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

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

- **Grace Baker** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Jenna Stanley** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Elizabeth Diefenbach** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Ethan Harris** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **April Morales** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Daniel Rachelewfsky** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Alexa Ratchford** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Brittany Smith** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Emma Staley** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Tonya Trexler** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Katie Goines** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Brittany Gill** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Nickie Mitchell** - hire as a paraprofessional for the FY27 school year pending EHR, TB, physical, verification of fingerprints, and finalization of licensure and paperwork
- **Dianne Jurich** - email date July 13, 2026 requesting medical leave from August 18, 2026 through August 28, 2026
- **Michaela Barber** - resignation email dated July 17, 2026 effective immediately
- **Leigh Ziehm** - letter dated July 20, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2028-2029 school year
- **Kathy Keel** - letter dated July 21, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2026-2027 school year
- **Charlene Williams** - resignation email dated July 22, 2026 effective immediately
- **Courtney Skelton** - resignation email dated July 24, 2026 effective immediately

- **Kelly Williamson** - letter dated July 28, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2029-2030 school year
- **Kenny Benjamin** - letter dated July 28, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2029-2030 school year
- **Lindsay Travelstead (McClerren)** - resignation letter dated July 30, 2026 effective immediately
- **Sarah Sizemore** - email dated July 30, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2029-2030 school year
- **Melissa Cockburn** - letter dated July 30, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2029-2030 school year
- **Paula Crain** - email dated July 30, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2028-2029 school year
- **Tamara Crosley** - email dated July 31, 2026 announcing retirement at the end of the 2030-2031 school year
- **Amber Akers** - resignation email dated August 3, 2026 effective immediately
- **Mierra Mason** - resignation email dated August 5, 2026 effective immediately
- **Hailey Taylor** - email dated August 10, 2026 requesting maternity leave from October 19, 2026 through January 29, 2027

26-27 Pre-K Back to School Dates presented.

Learning Center Application for Eligibility presented.

Learning Center Two-Year Approval presented.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to accept the WCES FY26 Tentative Budget. Mr. Pietrantoni seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Barnstable made a motion to accept the WCCTE FY26 Tentative Budget. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Director’s Report:

- PreK: fully staffed; FY25 Periodic Grant Performances completed
- CTE - Mrs. Hodge made a small change on the grant and resubmitted. Waiting for approval.
- Learning Center is getting maintenance for metal detectors, looking at purchasing lockers and a key fob system will be installed on all doors.
- 282 kids on transportation list
- WCES audit was recently completed

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pietrantoni seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Sy Stone, Chairman of the Board

Nathaniel Wilson, Secretary of the Board

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