WOOD COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026

The regular session of the Wood County Educational Service Center Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Governing Board President, Mr. Joe **Long** at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Judy **Paredes**, Mr. Timothy **Smith** and Ms. Bethany **Vincent.** Also present: Mark **North**, Superintendent, Kyle **Kanucke**l, Associate Superintendent and Mr. Brad **McCracken,** Treasurer.

Absent:
Ms. Kathy **Limes**, Board Member

Staff Members Present
N/A

Visitors Present
N/A

Director Report/Featured Program
Joe **Taylor**, Director of Special Education/Student Services – Joe provided an update to the Board noting number of students in the program, staffing challenges, new staff and additional services being provided this year. Joe also commented on county special education directors' meetings and mentor training of new professional staff members.

Public Participation
N/A

Approval of Agenda
Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Paredes seconded the motion to approve the board agenda.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes
Ms. Paredes moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the following minutes:

- Special Board Meeting – August 13, 2026
- Regular Board Meeting – August 25, 2026

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE TREASURER

Approval of Cash Reconciliation Report – The Cash Reconciliation Report for the previous month was provided to each Board member. Members had the opportunity to ask questions &/or make comments regarding the report.

Ms. Vincent moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Cash Reconciliation report for the month of August, 2026:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of Financial Report – The Financial Report for the previous month was provided to each Board member. Members had the opportunity to ask questions &/or make comments regarding the report.

Ms. Paredes moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Financial Report for the month of August, 2026:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of Bills – Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approve the Bills for August, 2026:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of Investment Transaction Ledger – Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Vincent moved and Ms. Paredes seconded the motion to approve the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month of August, 2026:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of Transfer of Funds – Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Paredes moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of the following transfer of funds:

Source	From	To GF-Building Fund	Proposed Amt.	
General Fund	001-7200-910-0000	001-5100-9100	$372,395.52	Includes $342K from districts
GF-JDC	001-7200-910-9000	001-5100-9100	$280,000.00	
GF-JFC	001-7200-910-9090	001-5100-9100	$630,000.00	
GF-DAP	001-7200-910-9493	001-5100-9100	$180,000.00	
GF-WC Sub Network-EW	001-7200-910-9900	001-5100-9100	$ 25,000.00	
GF-WC Sub Network-LA	001-7200-910-9902	001-5100-9100	$ 45.000.00	
Concessions Fund	018-7200-910-9001	001-5100-9100	$ 4,000.00	
Wellness Fund	019-7200-910-9002	001-5100-9100	$ 92,604.48	
Term. Benefits Fund	035-7200-910-9014	001-5100-9100	$ 40,000.00	
Workers Comp Fund	022-7200-910-9220	001-5100-9100	$ 75,000.00	
Credit Recovery Fund	011-7200-910-9027	001-5100-9100	$106,000.00	

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of Signing Bonus for MD/ED Teachers – Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Vincent moved and Ms. Paredes seconded the motion to approve the following revision of the signing bonus, for MD/ED Teachers, approved at the March 24, 2026 Board meeting, to also include new Intervention Specialists hired for the 2026-2027 school year and reads as follows:

> The Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay a $1,500 signing bonus to each new hire for the 2026-2027 school year, hired under the ED/MD Teacher pay schedule, to be paid in August 2026. ***This signing bonus should include any new Intervention Specialists hired for the 2026-2027 school year.***

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of WCESC Service Agreements w/Local School Districts – Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approval of the following service agreements w/local school districts:

Fiscal Year 2026 (ESY):

- Rossford E.V.S.D. – OT Assessment Services for Rossford PreK

Fiscal Year 2027:

- Bowling Green City S.D. – CLC Stars Before & After School Services
- Bowling Green City S.D. – Prevention Education On-Site Services
- Eastwood Local S.D. – CLC Stars Before & After School Services
- Penta Career Center – Occupational Therapy Services
- Perrysburg E.V.S.D. – Prevention Education On-Site Services (Elementary)
- Perrysburg E.V.S.D. – Prevention Education On-Site Services
- Rossford E.V.S.D. – CLC Stars Before & After School Services
- Rossford E.V.S.D. – JH/HS Beyond the Bell Services
- Rossford E.V.S.D. – Prevention Education On-Site Services

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of FY27 Forecast Revenues & Appropriations – Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Vincent moved and Ms. Paredes seconded the motion to approve the following FY27 Forecast Revenues & Appropriations:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD

Approval of Data Specialist Services Agreement – Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Paredes seconded of the following Data Specialist Services Agreement between WCESC and Ramona Olvera/Iluminar Insights, at a cost of $12,000, effective 10/1/2026-6/30/2027:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The chair declared the motion carried.

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Approval of CLC Evaluation Plan – 2026-2027 – Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Paredes moved and Mr. Smith seconded the following CLC Evaluation Plan – 2026-2027:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Staff Personnel

Approval of Abolishments, Resignations, Retirements, LOAs, RIFs, and Terminations, Leave of Absences – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approve the following Abolishments, Resignations, Retirements, LOAs, RIFs, and Terminations:

Resignations
Lisa **Carney**, Middle School Secretary (BG), effective 9/5/2026
Nancy **Geisler**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), effective 9/26/2026 (revised to 10/3/2026)
Nicole **Landrum**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), effective 9/26/2026
Dean'na **Manns**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), effective 9/16/2026
Sarah **Nidiffer**, Family & Community Partnership Liaison, effective 10/3/2026

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of Classified Personnel – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approve the employment of the following Classified Personnel:

New Hires/Rehires 2026-2027 School Year
Megan **Ashenfelter**, Para/Student Attendant (MD), 5.95 hrs. p/day,
5 days p/wk., 178 days, PMD/3, effective 8/31/2026-5/28/2027
Brianna **Castro**, Prevention Education Team Manager, 7 hrs. p/day,
5 days p/wk., N/A, effective 10/12/2026-7/31/2026
(pending completion of BCI/FBI background check and onboarding paperwork)
Isabelle **Eckhart**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), 6.75 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
174 days, UPK4/0, effective 8/17/2026-5/20/2027
Sue **Farley**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
171 days, PWL/12, effective 8/17/2026-5/27/2027
Alexander **Fisher**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
180 days, PWL/3, effective 9/1/2026-5/27/2027
Ashley **Gagnier**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), 3.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
157 days, UPK4/0, effective 9/8/2026-5/20/2027
Melinda **Ghesquiere**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), 6.75 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
149 days, UPK4/0, effective 9/21/2026-5/20/2027
Abigail **Griffin**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
175 days, PWL/6, effective 9/8/2026-5/27/2027
Aaliyah **Link**, Para/Educational Aide (NW), 6.75 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
170 days, PPS/0, effective 9/10/2026-5/28/2027
Dean'na **Manns**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
175 days, PWL/8, effective 9/8/2026-5/27/2027
Betty **Melton**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk.,
173 days, PWL/8, effective 9/10/2026-5/27/2027

Kayla **Phillips**, Para/Educational Aide (LA), 6.75 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk., 152 days, PD/2, effective 10/5/2026-5/27/2027
Holly **Robbins**, Para/Student Attendant (MD), 6.75 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk., 167 days, PMD/5, effective 9/14/2026-5/27/2027
Katie **Soltis**, Para/Educational Aide (NB), 7 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk., 187 days, PD/5, effective 8/17/2026-5/27/2027
Marilyn **Stribling**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk., 179 days, PWL/8, effective 9/2/2026-5/27/2027
Savanah **Vestal**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), 7.5 hrs. p/day, 5 days p/wk., 181 days, PWL/1, effective 8/31/2026-5/27/2027
Vanessa **Vidal**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), 6.5 hrs. p/day, 4 days p/wk., 130 days, UPK4/0, effective 9/9/2026-5/20/2027

CLC New Hires/Rehires (8/16/2026-5/15/2027)

Nadia **Banks**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 9/16/2026-5/15/2027
Brianna **Mangen**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 8/31/2026-5/15/2027
Lily **Molina**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 9/1/2026-5/15/2027
Megan **Moller**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O effective 8/24/2026-5/15/2027
Maggi **Nagel**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 9/11/2026-5/15/2027
Maggie **Nkhoma**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 9/2/2026-5/15/2027
Grace **Paseka**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 8/31/2026-5/15/2027
Isabella **Phlipot**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 8/31/2026-5/15/2027
Kaitlyn **Szilagy**i, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 8/31/2026-5/15/2027
Lauren **Wolverton**, Seasonal Program Assistant (CLC), As needed, CLC/PA/O, effective 8/31/2026-5/15/2027

Changes 2026-2027 School Year

Jenny **DeVries**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), From UPK4/0, $19,283.47 To UPK4/4, effective 8/6/2026-5/20/2027
Brenda **Martinez**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), From 177 days, PWL/16 $30,744.90 To 171 days, PWL/18, effective 9/14/2026-5/27/2027
Autumn **Smith**, From Para/Educational Aide (MD), 187 days, $25,522.70 To Para/Student Attendant (MD), 192 days, effective 8/5/2026-5/28/2027
Jacob **Touray**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), From 177 days, $24,110.06 To 165 days, effective 8/28/2026-5/20/2027
April **Walters**, Para/Educational Aide (PB), From UPK4/0, $22,592.72 To UPK4/1, effective 8/6/2026-5/27/2027

Supplementals 2026-2027 School Year
Chariel **Henson**, Para/Educational Aide – Extra Hours (OT), As needed, PD/2, effective 8/17/2026-5/25/2027
Alexandria **Rion**, Para/Educational Aide – Extra Hours (OT), As needed, PD/0, effective 8/17/2026-5/25/2027

Unpaid leave of Absence
Paige **Palmer**, Para/Student Attendant (WL), effective 9/21/2026-10/13/2026

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of Certified Personnel – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Ms. Vincent moved and Ms. Paredes seconded the motion to approve the employment of the following Certified Personnel:

New Hires 2026-2027 School Year
Abigail **Sheldrick**, SLP, 7 hrs. p/day, 3 days p/wk., 111 days,
SLP/M/5, effective 8/24/2026-5/20/2027

Changes 2026-2027 School Year
Raquel **Ellis**, From Long-Term Substitute, $19,783.68 To MD Teacher
K-6 (Intervention Specialist), effective 8/5/2026-5/28/2027

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

Approval of Substitutes – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Vincent seconded the motion to approve the following new Substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

Governing Board Updates:

Penta Career Center Report:

Ms. Paredes reported on Penta's new hire introductions and their first board meeting touring the labs. Penta will be hosting a car show later this month. Penta is looking at starting a forklift certification.

Legislative Liaison Report: N/A

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Long and seconded by Ms. Paredes to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Long, Ms. Paredes, Mr. Smith and Ms. Vincent
The Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Joseph Long, President	Brad McCracken, Treasurer/CFO