

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
 Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The Board of Education of Wesclin Community School District # 3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, met in a public hearing session on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at the Wesclin High School in said district.

- I. General Business
 - A. Roll Call

At the above-named time and place there were present the following officers and members of the Board:

	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Jeff Stroot, President:	X	_____
Jared Poettker, Vice President:	X	_____
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	X	_____
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	X	_____
Zach Peters:	X	_____
Samantha Mohme:	X	_____
Stephen Brown:	_____	X

A quorum of the Board members being present, the current president called the meeting to order and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Administrators present:

Jennifer Filyaw, Superintendent:	X	_____
Jamey Rahm:	X	_____
Angela Woll:	X	_____
Zack Huels:	X	_____
Patrick Weathers:	X	_____
Jaime Bonsall:	X	_____

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of March 16, 2026 were approved on a motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

C. District Finances

Motion made by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$1,006,930.11 and bills in the amount of \$770,324.71.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

E. Superintendent Report

Chromebook Program-

Mrs. Filyaw shared a document to the board that identifies the programs students access on their chromebooks, organized by grade level.

Statement of Economic Interest-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the deadline to complete the Statement of Economic Interest is May 1st.

Policy Committee Meeting-

Mrs. Filyaw shared a new policy update document with the committee, and stated that a committee meeting needs to be planned.

Agendas-

The Faculty Meeting and Administration Team Meeting agendas were shared.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm presented the board with Mrs. Pilgreen's High School student poems. He also wanted to give a kudos to Mrs. Timmermann on all of her hard work with Prom! The students had a great time.

Mr. Huels wanted to give a shout out to Mrs. Louis and Honor Society for their successful Cancer Week fund raiser, that raised \$2,000! He finished by congratulating the Bowling team, Scholar Bowl Team for all of their hard work and success this year!

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary has wrapped up their IAR testing, with great student attendance! He said Kona Ice was given to students after completion, too!

Mrs. Woll shared that the DARE Fish Fry was a great success!

Mrs. Bonsall gave a thank you to teachers for their support during all of the IEP Meetings for Special Education!

II. Discussion

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting-

Mrs. Filyaw provided the minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting.

III. Reception of Visitors

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. Congratulations to Kennett Spalding who has been named the Wesclin St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar-Athlete.
- B. Congratulations to our 2026 Prom King and Queen- Landon Beltran-Rivas and Hayley Montes. Thank you also to Mrs. Angie Timmerman and the Prom Committee for organizing Prom.
- C. Congratulations to Mrs. Page, the cast, and crew for an outstanding three-night performance of Little Women-The Musical! Outstanding!

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- D. State Testing is complete and we appreciate and thank everyone for their assistance. This includes preparing the students, providing incentives for working hard, and parents for having the students well rested and in attendance at school.
- E. Thank you to Officer Mora from the Trenton Police Department for providing DARE to Trenton Elementary and Wesclin Middle School.
- F. Thank you to Sodexo for hosting the Future Chefs event for 3rd-5th graders, allowing 10 students to showcase their cooking skills. Ryker Harpstrite and Eleanor Wheeler tied for first place. The participants were:
 - Trenton Elementary-Ryker Harpstrite and Eleanor Wheeler
 - New Baden Elementary-Lainey Peters and Anniston Kehrer
 - Wesclin Middle School-Judd Johnson, Samuel McKelvie, Emmalynn Jackson, Cooper Wilds, Evelyn Tegeler

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Amended Budget on Display and Hearing Date

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the budget hearing will be on June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The amended budget will go on display 30 days prior to the hearing.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to set the budget hearing for June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm and place the amended budget on display 30 days prior.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

B. Overnight Field Trip

The Boys' Basketball Team will be attending a camp in Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN on June 10th and 11th.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the overnight field trip to West Lafayette, IN on June 10 and 11.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

C. Final Calendar

Mrs. Filyaw presented the final calendar for the 2025-2026 school year to the board. The calendar notates the 2 emergency days (snow days) that the district observed this school year.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the final 2025-2026 school year calendar.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

D. Consent Agenda

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- a. Hire:
 - i. Elissa Ottenschneider- We are recommending Ms. Ottenschneider as a Kindergarten teacher at Trenton Elementary.
 - ii. Dana Mueller- We are recommending Mrs. Mueller as a Kindergarten teacher at Trenton Elementary.
 - iii. Kennedy Reynolds - We are recommending Ms. Reynolds as the Color Guard Sponsor.

- b. Resignation/Retirement:
 - i. Tammy Kreke- Mrs. Kreke is requesting retiring as a teacher in the district at the conclusion of the 2028-2029 school year.
 - ii. Deb Becker- Mrs. Becker is requesting retiring as a teacher in the district at the conclusion of the 2029-2030 school year.
 - iii. Angela Hodges- Ms. Hodges resigned her position as a custodian in the district.
 - iv. Rachel Arentsen- Mrs. Arentsen is resigning her position as a 5th grade Basketball Coach.
 - v. Grechen Rakers- Mrs. Rakers is resigning her position as a middle school cross country coach and a middle school bowling coach.
 - vi. Doug Davis- Mr. Davis is resigning his position as a 7th grade baseball coach.
 - vii. Courtney Fisher- Ms. Fisher is resigning her position as a middle school cheerleading coach.
 - viii. Stacy Leemon- Mrs. Leemon is resigning her position as an aide.
 - ix. Kavali Tanuvasa-Lole- Ms. Tanuvasa-Lole is resigning her position as the JV Girls' Basketball Coach.

- c. Leave Without Pay
 - i. Stacie Strawbridge- Mrs. Strawbridge is requesting 2.5 days without pay for a family trip.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

E. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Board or legal counsel for the Board, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Board or against legal counsel for the Board to determine its validity pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:25 pm.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:20 PM)


Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

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