

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026

The Board of Education of Wesclin Community School District # 3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, met in a public hearing session on Monday, the 17th day of August, 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_____	_____
Zack Huels, Asst. Superintendent:	_____X_____	_____
Jamey Rahm:	_____X_____	_____
Angela Woll:	_____X_____	_____
Obie Farmer:	_____X_____	_____
Patrick Weathers:	_____X_____	_____
Jaime Bonsall:	_____X_____	_____

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of July 20, 2026 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$875,583.46 and bills in the amount of \$1,085,806.27.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

E. Superintendent Report

Joint Annual Conference-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the Illinois Association of School Boards joint annual conference is being held in Chicago November 19-22nd.

Tax Levy and Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)-

The Tax Levy and the district's EAV were presented to the board. Mrs. Filyaw stated that the EAV did increase 8.83%, that does not include the Trenton TIF.

December Board Meeting-

The December board meeting date was discussed, with December 17th being a potential date.

Board of Education Elections- April 6, 2027

Information regarding the Board of Education Elections being held on April 6, 2027 was presented.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Solar Energy Proposal

Mr. Huels presented a Solar Energy Proposal to the board, along with pricing structures and the districts past years costs on electricity. Information regarding a roof analysis being needed, and/or a solar field being created based on what the district's needs are was discussed. He asked the board if they wanted him to move forward and gather more options and prices.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm shared that the High School had a wonderful turnout for open house and a wonderful first day. He wanted to thank the parents and students for their cooperation and support!

Mr. Farmer said that the Middle School had a great open house, and a great first day back to school! He shared that the students along with the staff were excited to be back, and are excited to see the growth this year. Mr. Farmer stated that he wanted to give a shout-out to the custodians, as they did a wonderful job getting the building ready for back to school, and also working/scheduling around all of the programs being held at the Middle School this summer!

Mr. Weathers shared that open house was well attended and successful for New Baden Elementary. He said a lot of compliments on the landscaping and new construction were shared at open house, and the students were very happy seeing the new gym updates! A big thank you to the PTO for organizing Sip N Scoot on the first day of school.

Mrs. Woll stated that the construction at Trenton Elementary is complete and that students had a great first day back to school!

Mrs. Bonsall wanted to thank Mr. Koller and Mrs. Bursich for all of their hard work during the summer programs! She also shared that K-8th fall benchmarking has begun.

II. Discussion

Construction Update-

Mrs. Filyaw provided a construction update to the board on all of the projects throughout the district. She shared both Elementary projects are completed, and that the construction workers are going to be back on site Thursday to complete the track and turf installation.

III. Reception of Visitors

Angie Evans spoke at the meeting and shared she wished that the board would revisit adding an Honors curriculum at the Middle School. She shared that there is currently no advanced math or pre-algebra class being offered, and that she believed it was offered in the past- pre covid. She also stated that she had questions and concerns on how productive last hour elective classes are at the Middle School.

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to all staff; PALS, Summer School Teacher and Paraprofessionals, Coaches, Custodians, Secretaries and Administrators, that worked throughout the entire summer. They kept the students engaged, our schools cleaned, and ready for another awesome school year.
- B. Welcome back to another year! Opening day and open houses went fantastic. Everyone was excited to be together. We are looking forward to another great year!

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Tentative Budget and Budget Action

Mrs. Filyaw provided the 2026-2027 tentative budget to the board, and also stated it will be made available for public viewing prior to the budget hearing on Monday, September 21 at 6:00 pm., immediately before the regular board meeting. She stated adjustments will occur throughout the month as revenues and expenditures are finalized.

Mr. Biggs asked if the Finance Committee will be holding a meeting before final decisions are made.

Mrs. Filyaw stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting held prior to the board meeting.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the tentative budget and set the budget hearing for September 21 at 6:00 pm.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

B. Resolution Regarding Hazardous Bus Routes

The district provides transportation in the areas of New Baden and Trenton that have been designated hazardous transportation areas. The designation allows the district to qualify for transportation funding that otherwise would not be available. Mrs. Filyaw stated in order to continue the hazardous funding, the board must pass a resolution finding the conditions that existed when the areas were declared hazardous still presently exist.

Mrs. Mohme asked if signs can be placed onto the highway to elude the fact that there is a bus stop there.

Mrs. Filyaw stated IDOT would need to be notified.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the Transportation Hazardous Route Resolution for 2026-2027.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Policy.

As required by ISBE, Bi-Annually the Board of Education must review our Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Policy and reapprove it. Mrs. Filyaw presented the current policy to the board, and she is not recommending any changes.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Policy.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Consent Agenda

a. Employment:

- i. Jasmin Torres- We are recommending Ms. Torres as a paraprofessional in the district.
- ii. Codi Bazler- We are recommending Ms. Bazler as a Recess and Lunch Supervisor at Trenton Elementary.
- iii. Leah Kampwerth- We are recommending Ms. Kampwerth as a PALS worker.
- iv. Aubrey Dettmer- We are recommending Ms. Dettmer as a PALS worker.
- v. Sam Iarossi- We are recommending Ms. Iarossi as a PALS worker.
- vi. We are recommending the Extra Duty Assignments that are attached

b. Volunteer:

- i. Tyler Kehrner- We are recommending Mr. Kehrner as a volunteer junior high baseball coach.
- ii. Corey Hagarty-We are recommending Mr. Hagarty as a volunteer junior high baseball coach.
- iii. Daniel Rosen- We are recommending Mr. Rosen as a volunteer junior high baseball coach.

c. Resignation:

- i. Alexis White- Ms. White has resigned her position as a Paraprofessional in the district.
- ii. Haley Postula- Ms. Postula has resigned her position as a Paraprofessional in the district.
- iii. Catherine Kinsman- Ms. Kinsman has resigned her position as a lunchroom supervisor in the district.

d. Leave of Absence:

- i. Krystal Huelsmann- Mrs. Huelsmann is requesting a Leave of Absence at this time.

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

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

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 2©(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Dustin Biggs seconded by Stephen Brown to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:57 pm.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

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Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Jared Poettker_ to return from closed session into the regular meeting.
(9:00 PM)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

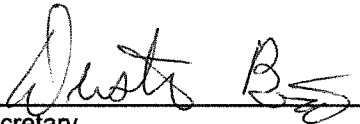
VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Stephen Brown_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0



President



Secretary