

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, February 20, 2024

I. Regular Meeting

A. Roll Call

The Board of Education of Wesclin Community School District # 3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, met in a regular session on Monday, the 20th day of February 2024, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at the Wesclin High School in said district.

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 _____	_____
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	_____ X _____	_____
Connie Elmore:	_____ X _____	_____
Zach Peters:	_____ X _____	_____
Dustin Biggs:	_____ X _____	_____
Jared Poettker:	_____ X _____	_____
Krystal Schmitt:	_____ 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 January 16, 2024 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. District Finances

Motion made by Zach Peters, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$896,884.74 and bills in the amount of \$683,540.98.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

E. Superintendent Report

Anonymous Alerts- The Anonymous Alerts Reporting System is live and concerns are able to be submitted. The students were shown a video and an email was sent to the families. The app has been added to the chromebooks and there will be a live button on our web page.

Bus Cameras- The bus cameras have been installed and are up and running. If the cameras are being reviewed for concerns the faces of the other students will not be viewed out of safety concerns.

School Cameras- Mrs. Filyaw has reviewed 3 bids for school cameras, and is in the process of reviewing them to make sure the bids are being compared.

Assembly- The Elementary and Middle Schools have scheduled a character education/ anti-bullying assembly for March 6th. The High school will hold their assembly on April 19th, and another one will be held in the Fall.

Survey- A survey was given to the High Schoolers provided by the Social Worker- Mrs. Filyaw shared those results at the meeting.

2024-2025 Calendar- Mrs. Filyaw shared the proposed calendar at the meeting, and it will be approved next month.

College and Career Readiness Program- School Links- This program allows the district to meet the requirements of the Illinois Post-secondary Workforce and Readiness Act as well as the Post-Secondary Goal and Transition Planning as required for students with disabilities. More importantly, this program will be beneficial for our students and parents. Each student will have a profile within School Links that allows for a career interest inventory and career exploration. It will also manage college applications, transcripts, deadlines, and financial requirements. Parents will be able to access the information from the parents view portal and assist the students in planning. This has been a definite need that parents/ students have been requesting.

Trenton Elementary Bus Shed Demolition-FGM has shared that they anticipate the cost for demolition of the building would cost \$30,000- \$45,000.

Statement of Economic Interest- Prior to May 1, everyone must complete a Statement of Economic Interest.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Huels states that he is excited about the Future Chef event that is hosted at the Middle School on February 21st. He adds that he wants to congratulate the Middle School Dance Team who placed 3rd place at IDTA. He finishes by saying that the 7th Grade Boys participated in the Knights of Columbus Tournament, and wants to thank everyone who helped with the event.

Mr. Weathers states that the 2nd & 3rd graders at New Baden Elementary participated in the Valentines to Seniors program, and there were 75 Valentines that were donated to Clinton Manor. He adds that the new playground has arrived, and that the students have been very patient while it is being put together. He finishes by saying that there are 2 kids who are participating in the Future Chef event and that they are very excited!

Mr. Rahm wants to send kudos to the English Department at the High School, as 30 + students came in and took the practice SAT. He adds that Freshman orientation is next month, and sends a Thank You to Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Schmitt. He finishes by saying he wants to send Mrs. Brede a big Thank you for all of her hard work this year being the Athletic Director.

Mrs. Woll states that Reading Across America week is next week at Trenton Elementary, from February 26 to March 1st. She wants to send a thank you to Mrs. Heier, Mrs. Kehrer, & Mrs Klein. She added that last Friday the K-3 Elementary looked at another ELA program and that they all worked very hard. She finishes by saying the students are very excited for the Future Chef's Event at the Middle School!

II. Public Comments:

- Dawn Musenbrock is a teacher at Trenton Elementary and is in attendance with other Teachers to support the secure entrance agenda. Dawn wants to reiterate that a new secured entrance is very important to the teachers at Trenton Elementary, and they are in attendance to show their support for this topic.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to Mrs. Musenbrock and Mrs. Emig for organizing a shoe-tying event where WMS National Honor Society members came to Trenton Elementary to help Kindergarteners learn how to tie their shoes!
- B. Congratulations to the following students that were named Illinois State Scholars:
- Colby Buckles
 - Isabel Christy
 - Riley Evans
 - Anna Gall
 - Tommy Gravitt
 - Erica Lopez
 - Savannah Maki
 - Kaleb Monical
 - Mason Nordike
 - Alexis Oster
 - Kade Radloff
 - Lilly Reilmann
 - Madisyn Schulte
 - Luke Tasker

C. Special Thank You to Tim and Bryan Hoerchler of New Baden Auto Body for assisting in our new playground delivery.

D. The Middle School Girls' Basketball and Volleyball team will be honored at the next board meeting.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance

The discussion regarding the secure entrance of Trenton Elementary was below:

- The secure entrance location options
- The survey that was completed by Trenton Elementary Teachers
- Other options rather than a secure entrance

There are 3 options on a secure entrance at Trenton Elementary with different prices:

- Option 1: \$350,000 - with nurses office added
- Option 2: \$300,000 - alley option
- Option 3: \$800,000-\$900,000 - with a parking lot added in the grassy area.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve option 1 of the Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-abstain, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

B. Illinois Department of Transportation Land Acquisition

As part of the construction of the turn lanes on Wesclin Road and Highway 160, it is necessary for Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to purchase land, remove the Wesclin Middle School sign, and remove part of our parking lot. In addition, they must also obtain a temporary easement.

IDOT's offer is broken down as the following:

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| • Purchase of land (0.5550 acre) | \$10,000 |
| • Replacement of the WMS Sign | \$48,000 |
| • Asphalt Damage | \$9,000 |
| • Restriping parking lot | \$14,000 |
| • Temporary Easement | \$1,500 |

TOTAL **\$82,500**

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve Illinois Department of Transportation's Compensation and Offer to Purchase Land agreement for \$82,500.00.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. Substitute Pay Rate

Last month, there was a discussion about increasing the substitute teacher rate as the district has had the same rate for at least 5 years. Currently, the pay rate is \$100.00 per day, and retired Wesclin teachers receive \$110.00 per day. Mrs. Filyaw requested that we increase the pay to \$125.00 per day and \$135.00 for retired Wesclin teachers, that would begin March 1, 2024.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to table until after July 1 to discuss the substitute teacher raise.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Trenton Tax Increment Financing District

There was no counter offer from the City of Trenton.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the tax increment financing extension and intergovernmental agreement between Wesclin Unit School District and the City of Trenton.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Connie Elmore-no, Tina Litteken-no, Zach Peters-no, Jared Poettker-no, Jeff Stroot-no, Krystal Schmitt-no. Motion does not pass 0-7

E. School Bus

Southern Bus and Mobility has a 2017 Blue Bird Bus with approximately 55,000 miles for sale for the cost between \$52,000-\$56,000. AC will need to be added for approximately \$18,000 as well. A new bus costs about \$150,000, and approximately 80% of the cost will be reimbursed by the state. There was no new bus purchased last year, and this one would replace a 2004 bus.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the purchase of a used bus from Southern Bus and Mobility not to exceed \$74,000.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

F. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Hayley Garcia- We are recommending Mrs. Garcia as a special education teacher at Wesclin Middle School.

- b. Day Without Pay:
 - i. Bridget Heap- Mrs. Heap is requesting 1 day without pay to go on a trip.
 - ii. Taylor Rosecrans- Mrs. Rosecrans is requesting 4 day without pay to attend a competition for her brother.
 - iii. Georgia Gruenke- Mrs. Gruenke is requesting 8 days without pay for campaigning with her husband as well as going on a trip.
- c. Resignation:
 - i. Heather Haegele- Mrs. Haegele has resigned her position as Color Guard Sponsor.
 - ii. Cade Williamson- Mr. Cade Williamson has resigned his position as Middle School Lunchroom Supervisor.
 - iii. Cory Williamson- Mr. Cory Williamson has resigned his position as a bus driver. He will continue to be employed as a teacher assistant.
- d. Retirement:
 - i. Joan Ranz- Mrs. Ranz is requesting to retire in July 2024. She will work approximately 10 days in the month of July.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

G. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing student discipline and personnel.

Motion by Connie Elmore seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing student discipline and personnel at 7:05 PM.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Tina Litteken that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. __

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye. Motion passes 7-0

President

Secretary