Wesclin Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 18, 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 18th day of March 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:

Members Present Members Absent

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 February 20, 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 \_Tina Litteken\_, seconded by \_Zach Peters\_ to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \_$1,010,613.81\_ and bills in the amount of \_$739,544.46\_.

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 \_Jared Poettker\_ 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

1. Superintendent Report

Last Day of School- Wesclin School District’s last day of school is Friday, May 21, 2024. The final calendar will be approved next month.

Girls’ Basketball Program- Lebanon Cooperative Agreement- Mrs. Filyaw provided a final breakdown of the cost for the Girls’ Basketball Program and the reimbursement request that was submitted to Lebanon School District.

Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance- Mrs. Filyaw went over the finalized plans for the Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance, and she also met with the faculty of Trenton Elementary on Friday during the Teacher Institute to share the plans and gather input.

Technology in Schools: Mrs. Filyaw went over an article regarding keeping students safe with technology- by sharing an article.

Student Safety- The Anonymous Alerts app is in affect and Mrs. Filyaw went over the number of alerts that have been received, and which grade they are in, at the meeting.

School Cameras- There is a company that Mrs. Filyaw is waiting for them to update their bid.

1. Principals’ Report

Mr. Huels wants to thank the Wesclin Middle School Support Committee on their successful

auction that was held, and $6,000 was raised! He also stated that courtesy week was a

success and wants to thank Ms. Marchal. He finished by saying the athletics are successful

as Volleyball is going to state this weekend, and the boys bowling team placed 3rd and the girls

placed 7th at regionals! Great job!

Mr. Weathers shouted out Emily Argo and the Title 1 team for their organization of Family

Game Night! It was the highest grossing Family Game Night to date, along with the sales at the

Book Fair, and will get back scholastic dollars for and will use that money for books in the

book vending machine. Shout out to Mrs. Billhartz and Mrs. Argo for attending the Illinois Reading

Conference in Springfield- they brought back many tools that can be utilized! Mr. Weathers

finished by stating the China King & Good ‘Ol Days Fundraisers were successful, and thank you

to everyone who helped support New Baden Elementary- and the Ahners Fern fundraiser has

began!

Mr. Rahm stated he wants to shout-out StuCo and Mrs. Kunz for a successful NCAA March

Madness Bracket Challenge! He also stated that BINGO: the winning musical will begin on

March 21st through March 23rd at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $10.00. Mr. Rahm finished by stating

Spring Sports have began and sends good luck to all Athletes, and Prom will be held April 6

at Four Points Sheraton, in Fairview Heights.

Mrs. Woll shared that the DARE Fish Fry that was held at St. Mary’s on March 15th, was

very successful and brought in over $6,000 on Friday! She added that she wants to send a

special shout-out to Trenton Elementary staff who stepped in and helped this event be

successful.

II. Public Comments:

III. Celebration of Success

A. Congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Team on their State Championship.

B. Thanks to Sodexo Management and employees for hosting a fabulous Future Chefs Event! The

winner was Brie Deters, 4th Grade. Brie’s recipe, Brie’s Berrylicious Bowl, will be entered into the

Sodexo National Competition.

C. Congratulations to Mr. Davis, Mrs. Page, and the members of the WHS Band, Jazz Band, and

Chorus for a wonderful Pops Concert on March 5th. Great job by all!

D. Great job to Mrs. Haag and the enter Trenton Elementary faculty and staff on a positive email

received!

E. Congratulations to the following students that were honored by the Illinois Principal Association for

their stellar character and academic excellence:

i. Trenton Elementary- Zayda Kempinski

ii. New Baden Elementary- Sophie Wyms

iii. Middle School- Gwen Murphy

iv. High School- Carter Kuhl

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

1. Adopt 2024-2025 School Calendar

There are no changes to the calendar from last month’s meeting.

Motion by \_Jared Poettker\_, seconded by \_Tina Litteken\_ to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

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

1. IHSA Heat Guidelines and Perry Weather

Beginning this school year, IHSA required schools to use a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature rather than

the feels like temperature that can be easily determined on a weather app/website. Throughout this

school year, we used hand calculations and/or a wet bulb globe temperature reader but it has been

ineffective and inconsistent. Mrs. Filyaw is recommending installing Perry Weather on the press box.

The cost is $2,500.00 per year. This will allow our coaches, athletic trainer, athletic directors, and

administration to log on to a website/app and monitor our Wet Bulb Globe Temperature and make

decisions about proceeding with an activity or event. In addition to the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature,

it will also alert you the distance and storms and/or lightning that is away. Mrs. Brede has worked with

Trenton and New Baden and they will be installing Perry Weather at the parks as well so we can

manage activities that are occuring there as well, and this also decreases our cost.

Motion by \_Zach Peters\_, seconded by \_Tina Litteken\_ to approve the purchase of Perry Weather.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-1

1. Trenton TIF

Mrs. Filyaw discussed this at the meeting and has attached the previous Intergovernmental

Agreement as well as the Letter of Intent from Trenton.

Motion by \_Jared Poettker\_, seconded by \_Dustin Biggs\_ to counter with City of Trenton TIF.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-no. Motion passes 6-1

1. Destruction of Verbatim Recordings

By the board policy, verbatim recordings must be maintained for 18 months, or if there is a pending

lawsuit. The district does not currently have any pending lawsuits and our practice is to destroy them

yearly. Mrs. Filyaw is recommending that we destroy recordings from September 2021- August 2022.

Motion by \_Dustin Biggs\_, seconded by \_Jared Poettker\_ to approve the destruction of verbatim

recordings from September 2021- August 2022.

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

1. IHSA Membership

This is an annual approval.

Motion by \_Tina Litteken\_, seconded by \_Connie Elmore\_ to approve the renewal of our IHSA

membership.

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

1. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

i. Sean Kellerman- We are recommending Mr. Kellerman as an assistant High School

Girls’ Soccer Coach.

ii. Caitlyn Grayling- We are recommending Ms. Grayling as a paraprofessional in the

district.

b. Resignation:

i. Eric Wuebbles- Mr. Wuebbles is resigning his position as Middle School Bowling Coach.

ii. Brian Berberich- Mr. Berberich is resigning his position as Middle School Baseball

Coach.

iii. Angie Timmermann- Mrs. Timmermann is resigning her position as Middle School

Softball Coach

iv. Jennifer Thompson- Mrs. Thompson is resigning her position as Middle School 7th

Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach.

v. Nick Hollenkamp- Mr. Hollenkamp is resigning his position as Middle School 8th Grade

Girls’ Basketball Coach.

vi. Morgan Strout- Ms. Strout is resigning her position as paraprofessional in the district.

vii. Eric Wessel- Mr. Wessel is resigning his position as an assistant High School Girls’

Soccer Coach.

viii. Sophie Timmermann- Mrs. Timmermann is resigning her position as Middle School

7th Grade Volleyball Coach

c. Volunteer:

i. Eric Wessel- We are recommending Mr. Wessel as a Volunteer High School Soccer

Coach.

ii. Patrick Gray- We are recommending Mr. Gray as a volunteer Football Coach.

d. Days Without Pay:

i. Joanie Raz- Mrs. Ranz is requesting 2 days without pay.

e. Position Change:

i. Mikaela Kues- We are recommending Ms. Kues to move from the freshman volleyball

coach to the varsity volleyball coach.

Motion by \_Tina Litteken\_ seconded by \_Zach Peters\_ 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

1. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing student discipline, personnel, and collective bargaining

Motion by \_Zach Peters\_ seconded by \_Dustin Biggs\_ to move into closed session for the purposes

of discussing student discipline, personnel, and collective bargaining 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 \_Zach Peters\_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at \_8:27 PM\_

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

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President Secretary