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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at the hour of 6:00p.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	

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
Jamie Pence:		X

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of June 20, 2023 were approved on a motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters.

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

C. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of 715,969.63 and bills in the amount of 525,839.59.

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by \_Zach Peters,\_ seconded by \_Tina Litteken\_ to approve agenda as presented.

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

E. Superintendent Report

- Review Policy Update meeting with a satisfaction survey with the staff.
- In August a meeting will be held with 4 committees from the board to discuss the fund balance

II. Public Comments

- Ricky Johnson has concerns about the Special Needs program at Wesclin. He has a special needs son who attends school and gets told his child is doing great and the child comes home with F's & D's on report card. He feels he is just being pushed out of the door when he voices his concerns. Ricky suggests there needs to be proper training for teachers who are teaching children with special needs.
- Rhonda Prince has a child with special needs at Wesclin and states that the Special Needs program needs the proper training and the system needs to improve.
- Randy Koch has a daughter with special needs and she is struggling at school. Randy states that there is a lack of training and that the teachers are not accommodating the children. His daughter is in the IEP program and he states the adults are bullying the child more than peers at school. High quality training is needed for staff in the special needs department.
- Jeremy Rakers wants to know where all the teachers are going and why are they all leaving the district? He has a concern about that.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to our Summer School Teachers
- B. Thank you to our Custodial Team

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. New Board Member-

- After conducting interviews, Krystal Schmitt has been selected to fill the Board of Education vacancy created by Aaron Hoerchler's resignation.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the new Board Member

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye. Motion passes 5-0 (1 Abstain)

- Tina Litteken Abstains as she comments that she struggles with this vote due to the MANY highly qualified candidates that applied and were interviewed. She feels very strongly the board should appoint a candidate that brings skills/qualifications that the board currently does not have represented. There were several candidates that applied for the board that she feels brought expertise in those areas and were overlooked. Now more than ever this is imperative since the board will be entering crucial decisions regarding upcoming teacher negotiations, and our district is struggling with staff/teacher recruitment and retention. She states she will serve alongside whoever the board votes to seat, but she'd like the record to reflect these concerns.

B. Board Vice President

- 2 votes were for Connie Elmore and 3 votes were for Jared Poettker with Jared winning to a 3-2 vote. Jared Poettker is elected Vice President of the 2023-2025 Board of Education.

Motion by \_Jared Poettker,\_ seconded by \_Zach Peters\_ to appoint Jared Poettker as the Board Vice President.

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

C. Board Secretary

- Being that Connie Elmore is the only candidate nominated for the office of Secretary, she is declared elected by acclamation and direct secretary to record in the minutes.

Motion by \_Jeff Stroot,\_ seconded by \_Tina Litteken\_ to appoint Connie Elmore as the Board Secretary.

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

D. Handbooks

- The handbooks were shared in June. Attached are updated handbooks that now include a few additional changes which are included. The High School Handbook contains the most significant changes, which includes backpacks being stored in the lockers.

Motion by \_Dustin Biggs\_ seconded by \_Connie Elmore\_ to approve handbook updates for the district.

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

E. Service Provider

- American Fidelity is our Section 125 Plan Service Provider and we are happy with their service. We will continue to use them administer this program.

Motion by \_Connie Elmore\_ seconded by \_Dustin Biggs\_ to approve American Fidelity as our Section 125 Plan Service Provider.

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

F. High School Activity Account Addition

- The incoming freshmen class needs an account within the High School activity account.

Motion by Jared Poettker seconded by Zach Peters to approve the Class of 2027 as a high school activity account.

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

G. Consolidated District Plan

- We are required to approve a Consolidated District Plan. This plan is almost identical to last years and we are required to approve it every year. The plan is attached if you would like to review it.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Zach Peters to approve the Consolidated District Plan.

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

H. Sodexo Renewal

- Attached is the renewal of the Sodexo Contract. It is an 8.3% increase based on the Consumer Price Index for Food Away from home. This is our fourth renewal with Sodexo.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve Sodexo renewal for the 2023-2024 school year at an 8.3% increase.

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

I. School Fees

- As discussed previously, raising the cost for any of our school feeds is not recommended., included the breakfast/lunch prices. Included is our current fees.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the school fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

#### J. Consent Agenda

##### A. Resignation:

- i. Jamie Pence- Ms. Pence is resigning her position as a special services coordinator and school psychologist.
- ii. Paul Toennies- Mr. Toennies is resigning his position as a special education teacher.
- iii. Caitlyn Grayling- Mrs. Grayling is resigning her position as a paraprofessional at the Middle School.
- iv. Lori Brandmeyer- Mrs. Brandmeyer is resigning her position as a paraprofessional.

##### B. Employment:

- i. Morgan Strout- We are recommending Ms. Strout as a paraprofessional at Wesclin High School.
- ii. Ryann Mugele- We are recommending Mrs. Mugele as the Superintendent/Board of Education Secretary.
- iii. Shannon Crow- We are recommending Ms. Crow as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade softball coach.
- iv. Kurt Klein- We are recommending Mr. Klein as a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Coach.
- v. Barb Martiszus- We are recommending Mrs. Martiszus as a full-time bus driver, pending driving certification.
- vi. Cory Matthews- We are recommending Mr. Matthews as a full-time bus driver, pending driving certification.
- vii. Amber Wolfe- We are recommending Ms. Wolfe as a full-time bus driver, pending driving certification.
- viii. Briar Weiss- We are recommending Mr. Weiss as an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Berberich will both be head coaches and split the stipend 50/50.

Motion by Jared Poettker, 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-abstain. Motion passes 6-0

#### K. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing personnel.

Motion by \_\_Zach Peters\_\_ seconded by \_\_Connie Elmore\_\_ to move into closed session for the purposes of considering personnel.

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

Motion by \_\_Jared Poettker\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_Tina Litteken\_\_ to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (\_7:35\_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

L. Special Services Coordinator

Motion by \_\_Tina Litteken\_\_, seconded by \_\_Dustin Biggs\_\_ to hire Jaime Bonsall for the Special Services Coordinator.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-abstain, Jeff Stroot-aye. Krystal Schmitt- abstain. Motion passes 5-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by \_\_ Connie Elmore\_\_, seconded by \_\_Zach Peters\_\_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at \_7:39\_\_ p.m.

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

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