Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Monday, October 19, 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 19th day of October, 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:

	Members Present	Members Absent
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 September 21, 2026 were approved on a motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Zach Peters_.

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 _$1,112,822.82_ and bills in the amount of _$1,167,352.89_.

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. Superintendent Report

Veteran's Day Assembly
The annual Veteran's Day assembly will be held on November 6, 2026 beginning at 8:30 at the Middle School.

Sodexo (Food Service) Update
Mrs. Filyaw shared Sodexo, our food service provider, has requested the opportunity to provide a meal for the Board of Education and give a brief presentation about the services they provide to the District. She discussed with the board what dates would be preferred.

Preliminary School Designations
Mrs. Filyaw presented preliminary school designations. She stated that there would be a formal presentation held at the November board meeting.

Agendas
Mrs. Filyaw attached agendas for the Administration Team Meeting, Building Faculty Meetings, and Transportation Quarterly Meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Dual Credit Courses
Mr. Huels reviewed and provided the board with all of the surrounding counties dual credit courses.

Mrs. Mohme questioned if the district held incentives for the Teachers to obtain extra licensing.

E. Principals' Report

The Principal's were not in attendance as they were attending the IPA Conference.

II. Discussion

Committee Meeting Updates-
Mrs. Filyaw provided the board with information discussed during the committee meetings. She also shared meeting updates along with next steps.

Bus Purchase-
Southern Bus and Mobility has a 2021 Blue Bird bus available for purchase. Mrs. Filyaw shared this bus would serve as the district's one bus purchase for the year. Also, it would be a replacement for a bus we currently have that has high mileage, and a bus we have that needs approximately $15,000 in repairs.

III. Reception of Visitors

IV. Celebration of Success

A. High School Donation- Wesclin High School received a generous $500 donation from an anonymous donor who wanted to "pass it on" from their family to the next generation of Warriors! Gestures like this are a wonderful reminder of the strong connections and sense of community that make Wesclin such a special place. We are truly grateful for this family's generosity and for their desire to give back and make a difference for future generations of Warriors. Thank you for helping keep the Warrior spirit strong.

B. Katie Smith and PSAT NMSQT- Kudos to Mrs. Smith for organizing and proctoring the PSAT/NMSQUT exam for interested juniors last week. A total of 18 students took advantage of this opportunity to help prepare for their future college and career goals. Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for making this opportunity available to our students!

C. Staff Development Presentations- Thank you to Mrs. Heap (ACT-English), Ms. Sligar (ACT-Math), and Dr. Pilgreen (AI) for sharing insights and strategies from their professional development experiences during our last Teacher Institute. We appreciate them taking the time to share what they learned with their colleagues and bring new ideas back to support our students and staff!

D. Fundraising-
- Mrs. Boulanger's class organized the first Dollar Day of the year and raised over $230 that was donated to Leaps of Love. This foundation helps families navigating childhood cancer.
- Mrs. Barton's class organized Dollar Day on October 2, raising $230 for Hoot for Hope!
- Trenton Elementary raised over $10,000 in our recent fundraiser and students enjoyed duct-taping Mrs. Woll to the gym wall!

E. Middle School Fall Fest- Thank you to Dorri Stempel for organizing Fall Fest for our students. The students had a blast and it was a great way to end and refresh after a successful first quarter.

F. High School Homecoming Week- Kudos to Mrs. Timmermann and Student Council for a wonderful Homecoming Week! Thanks to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Johnson for coordinating and organizing the Homecoming Parade. Congratulations to King Caydon Farias and Queen Tessa Palmer!

G. New Baden Elementary PTO Mouse Races- Thanks to NBE PTO, Teachers, Volunteers, and sponsors that made the 2nd Annual Mouse Races event a success!

H. Character Education Thank You- On Trenton Elementary faculty meeting days when students are in the gym a little extra in the morning, Mrs. Fohne goes above and beyond planning activities for the entire K-3 student population that go along with a good character lesson.

I. Fire Prevention Week-
- Sugar Creek Fire Department joined Trenton Elementary on October 5 to participate in our fire drill and then held an assembly to commemorate Fire Prevention Week.
- New Baden Fire Department hosted its annual fire safety assembly, teaching students important fire safety tips and providing an up-close look at their equipment and fire trucks.

J. Wesclin Sports- We have had a lot of success with sports this month. We will honor our athletes in November when our principals are in attendance.

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Additional Security Camera Coverage

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the district needs to add security cameras in several areas where additional monitoring is necessary.
- Wesclin High School: Install cameras to provide coverage near the bathrooms located in the hallway by the north end of the gym.
- Trenton Elementary: Add security camera coverage for the PreK playground.
- Wesclin Athletic Complex: Install cameras to provide coverage of the concession stand, ticket booth, bathrooms, and turf field.

The cost for Wesclin High is $959.52.
The cost for the Concession Stand and Bathrooms is $5239.12.
The cost for the turf field is $3548.12.
The cost for Trenton Elementary PreK playground is $1723.00.

Mrs. Mohme questioned if a survey was conducted at all school buildings to see if there are other missing angles throughout the district.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Zach Peters_ to approve the additional security camera coverage for $11,470.09.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6–1

B. Overnight Field Trip

FFA is requesting permission to attend the FFA conference at Illinois State University in Normal, IL on November 23 through November 24.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Jared Poettker_ to approve the November 23-November 24 FFA overnight field trip to Illinois State University in Normal, IL.

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. Legal Services Agreement with Frantz Law Group for Purposes of Social Media Litigation

Mrs. Filyaw stated that this matter was discussed during the executive session last month. She stated school districts from across the United States allege that social media companies contributed to the youth mental health crisis through deceptive marketing practices, inadequate or malfunctioning age-verification technology, and algorithms designed to prioritize profit and maximize user engagement. Thus, it is alleged that these practices have negatively impacted school districts by contributing to increased rates of anxiety, depression, and thoughts of self-harm among children and teenagers. She stated lastly, these mental health challenges can significantly affect students' well being, academic performance, and ability to succeed in school.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Zach Peters_ to approve the legal services agreement with Frantz Law Group for purposes of social media litigation.

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. Hire:
   i. Brent Brede- We are recommending Mr. Brede for the JV Baseball coaching position.
   ii. Cathy Kohnen- We are recommending Mrs. Kohnen as a Life Savers co-sponsor.
   iii. Sydney Perez- We are recommending Mrs. Perez as a Life Savers co-sponsor.

b. Resignation:
   i. Shelby Buhs- Ms. Buhs resigned her position as a teacher's aide in the district.
   ii. Taylor Rosecrans- Mrs. Rosecrans is resigning as a part time teacher at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year.

c. Volunteer:
   i. Ronda Prince- We are recommending Mrs. Prince as a robotics volunteer.
   ii. Steve Schatz- We are recommending Mr. Schatz as a robotics volunteer.
   iii. Daniel Rosen- We are recommending Mr. Rosen as a volunteer 5/6 girls' basketball coach.

d. Day Without Pay:
i. Katie Klein- Mrs. Klein is requesting ½ day without pay to attend the state baseball game.

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Stephen Brown_ 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

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Zach Peters_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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 _____