

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, October 16, 2023

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 16th day of October 2023, 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 September 18, 2023 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore.

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

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 916,334.70 and bills in the amount of 673,541.12.

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve agenda as presented.

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

E. Superintendent Report

Retreat and Committee Meetings

The retreat is scheduled for November 5 from 4:00-9:00.

IL 160 and Wesclin Road Intersection Improvements

At the meeting, we will discuss the IL 160 and Wesclin Road intersection that IDOT will be performing. They are tentatively scheduled for this summer. On Thursday, I met with an appraiser as it is necessary to purchase land from us and make some site improvements.

Lunch and Recess Schedule

Our lunch and recess schedule was requested last month, so I am sharing it with everyone. In grades K-5, we are required to provide 30 minutes of free play each day. This time cannot be taken away for disciplinary reasons.

F. Principals' Report

The principals were not in attendance but they did submit a report.

II. Public Comments:

- Jodie Yarber states she has 2 kids in this district and was wondering if there was a bus driver protocol.

III. Celebration of Success

- Sugar Creek Fire Department- Thank you to the Sugar Creek Fire Department for working with the schools during Fire Safety Week for presenting in our classrooms, donating activity books, and assisting with our fire drills.
- Middle School Boys Cross Country- Congratulations to our Middle School boys Cross Country team for qualifying for state.
- Middle School Softball Team- Congratulations to our softball team for their 2nd place finish at State! They will be in attendance at the Board Meeting.
- High School Homecoming Week- Kudos to Mrs. Kunz and Student Council for a wonderful job during Homecoming Week! Congratulations to King Jeross Arcega and Queen Riley Evans!
- New Baden Winning Warrior Award- Congratulations to Ms. Hannah Sauerhage on being the inaugural recipient of our Winning Warrior Award! In her short time with us, Ms. Sauerhage has gone above and beyond in getting to know our staff and students. While she may be a first year teacher,

she has acclimated exceptionally well to NBE and her instruction and presence in the classroom and school are rock solid! We are very lucky she has joined our team! She was awarded a very unique, fun traveling trophy.

- F. McTeacher Night- Thank you to everyone who attended the New Baden McDonald's for "McTeacher Night." McDonald's kindly donated \$1,000 to New Baden Elementary. Teachers and staff helped bus tables, serve meals, and visit with students and families.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

- A. Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

The Illinois School Code now requires us to review this policy every year and approve it. Mrs. Filyaw did not recommend any changes at this time. This is also included as part of the school's handbook.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve policy 7:180- Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

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

- B. High School Warming Cabinet

To increase the amount of food in the High School, Sodexo is recommending to purchase a warming cabinet at Wesclin High School.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the purchase of a warming cabinet for \$2,200.

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

- C. Resolution for Dismissal of Probationary Teacher for Cause

The dismissal letter that is referenced in the attached resolution was mailed to Mr. Villmer on September 21st. No response has been received.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the Resolution for the Dismissal of Probationary Teacher, Jonathan Villmer, for Cause.

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

- D. Snow Removal Bids

The snow removal bids were presented at the meeting. Only 1 bid was received. The bid we received was from the company who removed the snow last year.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the 2023-2024 Snow Removal Bids.

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

- E. Playground Equipment Loan to New Baden Elementary and Trenton Elementary
As discussed last month, Mrs. Filyaw is recommending that we loan both Trenton Elementary and New Baden Elementary \$25,000 to replace their playground equipment. The expectation is that they repay the district \$4,166 per year for 6 years beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Dustin Biggs seconded by Tina Litteken to approve loaning Trenton Elementary and New Baden Elementary \$25,000 for playground equipment. Each School and/or their associated parent organization, will repay the district \$4,166 per year for 6 years, beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

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

- F. Early Graduation
Two additional students requested early graduation. All students have met all the requirements for graduation.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the early graduation request for the following students: Wesley Garsnett & Abigail Waters.

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

- G. High School Course Addition- Mythology
Currently, British Literature is offered in both 1st and 2nd semester. The English Department is recommending that we offer British Literature 1st Semester and a new Mythology Course 2nd Semester. This provides additional offerings is offered opportunities for our students to earn High School English credit.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve adding Mythology as a course offering in the English Department at Wesclin High School.

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

H. Consent Agenda

- a. Days without pay:
i. Katie Wilke- Mrs. Wilke is requesting 1 day without pay to attend a trip with her husband.
ii. Dan Maue- Mr. Maue is requesting 3 days (morning only) without pay.

iii. Nathaniel Rodriguez- Mr. Rodriguez is requesting 4 days without pay to attend a family trip.

Motion by Jared Poettker seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

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

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Jared Poettker to to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing student discipline and personnel at 6:32 PM.

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

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by ____, seconded by ____ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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