

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Monday, September 15 , 2025

III. General Business

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 15th day of September 2025, 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:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Jared Poettker, Vice President:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	<u>X (remote)</u>	<u></u>
Zach Peters:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Samantha Mohme:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Stephen Brown:	<u></u>	<u>X</u>

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:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Jamey Rahm:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Angela Woll:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Zack Huels:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Patrick Weathers:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Jaime Bonsall:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of August 18, 2025 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

C. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$1,025,347.40 and bills in the amount of \$315,481.21.

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters to approve agenda as presented.

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

E. Superintendent Report

School Maintenance Grant- Door Project

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the door project for the district is going out for bid. This project will replace doors, lock sets, panic bars, and related items. This grant will be funded through the \$50,000 matching School Maintenance Grant that the district received last year, with the state providing \$50,000. Mrs. Filyaw stated that the district is required to match that amount.

Health Life Safety-Compressor Replacement

Mrs. Filyaw stated that one of the compressors on an HVAA unit at the High School failed this month. the cost of the replacement is \$12,000 and the district plans to use the Health, Life, Safety funds to cover this expense.

FOIA Requests

Mrs. Filyaw provided two FOIA requests that the district has received in the past month.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm stated that the Teacher Institute Day at the High School was very positive, engaging, and beneficial. The Homecoming Parade will be held October 1st in New Baden at 5:30, the Homecoming Football game October 3rd, and the Homecoming Coronation will take place on October 4th!

Mr. Huels shared that the Middle School has started the Student Morale Committee. They had a 'Fist Bump Friday' that was positive and engaging for the students arriving to school!

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary will be hosting a fundraiser "Mouse Races" that will be held on September 27th, at St. George Parish Hall. He also shared that the annual Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough fundraiser has begun, and the student who sells a minimum of 10 items gets to silly string Mr. Weathers!

Mrs. Woll shared that Trenton Elementary has started the PBIS program, and the students are very receptive and earning stickers! She finished by stating that the Teacher Institute Day, the Teachers were excited and engaged!

II. Reception of Visitors

None

V. Discussion

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to Justin Dunning and the New Baden Park Boosters for spear heading the gaga ball pit turf donation and installation at Wesclin Middle School. The students are loving it and enjoy playing on it everyday.
- B. Thank you to El Indio for another successful fundraiser night. They donated 20% of their proceeds to NBE.
- C. Thank you to Jansen Ford in Breese and all the wonderful people who showed up to help raise over \$4500 for Wesclin High School at the Drive 4 UR Community Event on Saturday, August 23.

VII. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Facility Improvement Project Plan

At the August 26, 2025 Building and Grounds Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the projects and potential costs associated with each. The committee also discussed conducting a survey of faculty, staff, and community members to gather input on any other projects the Board of Education may wish to consider.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the facility improvement project plan as presented.

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

B. Final Budget

The budget hearing was conducted earlier in the meeting.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve 2025-2026 budget as presented.

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

C. Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

Annually, the district must prepare an administrator and teacher salary and benefits report to be posted on the website.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the administrator and teacher salary and benefits report.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

D. Early Graduation

There are three students that are requesting to graduate early (at the conclusion of the fall semester.) They have written letters to the board explaining their reasons, and all students have met all the requirements for graduation.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the early graduation request for the following students: Marc Olsson, Elliott Thurston, and Marlee Schott.

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

E. High School Activity Account Addition

The High School is requesting the addition of two accounts within the High School Activity Fund.

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- Jacob Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund- This was previously a separate account at Community Bank of Trenton. However, Dieterich Bank is now charging the account \$5 a month for a dormant account as there are very few transactions.
- Social Fund- This account will receive money from staff and they will purchase things for birthdays, flowers for unforeseen circumstances, etc.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the Jacob Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund and Social Fund as part of the High School Activity Account.

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

F. Fuel Bid

Mrs. Filyaw stated that Gateway FS was again the district's only fuel bid received, and that they have been our fuel supplier for over 10 years and provided excellent service. Mrs. Filyaw provided the fuel bid and both unleaded and diesel decreased per gallon information to the board.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Zach Peters to approve Gateway FS bid of market price.

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

G. Athletic Boosters Fundraising Request- High School Projection System

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the Athletic Boosters are considering the purchase of a Luxedo Projection System for the High School Gymnasium. The total cost of the system is \$45,000. To help with the cost, the Boosters are requesting permission to run half-court and full-court advertisements through the system.

The board had questions regarding the advertisements, and what should be allowed.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Tina Litteken to permit Athletic Boosters Fundraising Request for the High School Projection System with the following stipulations: Alcohol/Political Advertisements not permitted.

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

H. Consent Agenda

A. Hire:

- i. Alyssa Hermann- We are recommending Ms. Hermann as a teacher's aide in the district.

B. Leave Without Pay:

- i. Matt Long- Mr. Long is requesting 2 days without pay for a trip.
- ii. Kristen Oster- Mrs. Oster is requesting 1 day without pay for a trip.

C. Resignation:

- i. Tiffany Luis- Ms. Luis is resigning as the assistant track coach of Wesclin Middle School.

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D. Volunteer:

- i. Daniel Ganey- We are recommending Mr. Ganey as a volunteer boys' basketball coach at Wesclin Middle School.
- ii. Kim Flowers- We are recommending Mrs. Flowers as a volunteer volleyball coach at Wesclin Middle School.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

I. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Board or legal counsel for the Board, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Board or against legal counsel for the Board to determine its validity pursuant to Section 2©(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. 7:10 p.m.)

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

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:36 PM)

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

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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

President

Secretary