I. Budget Hearing

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 21st day of September 2026, 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	
Jared Poettker, Vice President:	X	
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	X	
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	X	
Zach Peters:		X
Stephen Brown:	X	
Samantha Mohme:	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. Discussion

Mrs. Filyaw reviewed the budget with the board. She discussed a few specific areas where expenditures were a little higher than previous years. She presented the working budget and stated there are few changes since last month, and presented the state budget. She stated that the O and M fund is the fund that the renovations are being paid from.

Finally, she did review the chart below that summarizes the revenues, expenditures, and overall fund balances.

				Budgeted FY 2027				
Fund	**Education**	**O and M**	**Debt Ser**	**Transport.**	**IMRF/Soc**	**Wking Cash**	**Tort**	**Fire Prev**
Fund Bal 2026	$4,647,953	$1,177,932	$7,887	$272,238	$123,402	$1,946,629	$37,517	$331,732
Revenue	$14,418,890	$1,653,826	$755,918	$910,530	$639,986	$75,000	$577,209	$117,882
Expenditure	$14,706,873	$1,461,636	$751,928	$1,017,476	$751,204	$0	$610,000	$110,000
	-$287,983	$192,190	$3,990	-$106,946	-$111,218	$75,000	-$32,791	$7,882
Total	$4,359,970	$1,370,122	$11,877	$165,292	$12,184	$2,021,629	$4,726	$339,614

C. Adjournment

It was moved by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at _6:15_ p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

II. 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	
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	X	
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	X	
Zach Peters:	X	
Stephen Brown:	X	
Samantha Mohme:	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 August 17, 2026 were approved on a motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Zach Peters_.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-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 _$1,094,272.71_ and bills in the amount of _$1,611,406.50_.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

E. Superintendent Report

FOIA Requests

Mrs. Filyaw shared FOIA requests that have been received in the past month.

Retreat

The board was unable to find a date that worked for all members of the Board of Education. Mrs. Filyaw stated new dates will be sent out within the next week, during the week day rather than weekends.

Committee Meetings

Due to Columbus Day, the committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 13.

5:00- Finance Committee
6:00- Policy Committee
7:00-Building & Grounds Committee

Agendas

Mrs. Filyaw attached agendas from the Administration Meeting, Athletic Director Meeting, and Faculty Meetings.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Weathers-

Mr. Weathers wanted to give a shout out to the Village of New Baden for the new posts that were installed at New Baden Elementary, along with the new yield signs. He also wanted to give a shout out to St. George Church for the school supplies donations! He finished with thanking the Transportation Dept for all of their support and dedication, with all the movement going on and stepping in to help where needed! Also to Mrs. Mugele in the district office for her assistance!

Mrs. Woll-

Mrs. Woll stated that Trenton Elementary teachers had a successful Teacher Institute Day on Friday at the Middle School! She stated the presentation "Dealing with Trauma" was really beneficial to the staff and they found it very useful.

Mr. Farmer-

Mr. Farmer shared that teachers at the Middle School found the Teacher Institute Day training very useful and helpful, and are excited to utilize the new tools they learned. He wanted to give a shoutout to Mrs. Billhartz for her "Mystery Reader" program, as it gets the students excited. Baseball and Softball Regionals are going to be starting soon!

Mr. Rahm-

Mr. Rahm was not in attendance as he was attending the Varsity Soccer game.

Mrs. Bonsall

Mrs. Bonsall shared the Special Education Teachers along with Paraprofessionals attended training presentations on Teacher Institute Day that went great! She stated they spent the morning attending "de-escalation programs" and also CPI Training with Pathways. She wanted to give a shout out to Mrs. Jessica Lucas for filling in for Mrs. Rakers while she is on maternity leave.

III. Discussion:

School District and Community Comparisons

Mr. Brown prepared a School District and Community Comparisons document and presented it to the board.

Facility Assessment Report
The facility assessment report was provided to the board along with hard copies.
Mrs. Filyaw stated that the Building and Grounds Committee is reviewing it currently.

Mr. Biggs verified that the bond money was in the O and M fund and asked if there was a separate budget line for project money.

Mr. Poettker asked the currents status on the projects around the district.

Mrs. Filyaw said she anticipates they will be completed in 1 week.

IV. Reception of Visitors

V. Celebration of Success

A. Friday Night T-Mobile Winner- Wesclin High School was selected as a T-Mobile $5,000 Friday Night Winner. The money will be used to support the new Wesclin Stadium. Thank you to Lisa Brede for nominating Wesclin High School.

B. WHS Football Captains- Thank you to our WHS football captains and Coach Hollenkamp for bringing spirit to the younger Warriors by visiting district schools on Fridays to welcome students!

C. Knights of Columbus- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation to our Special Education Department!

D. FAFSA Information Night- Kudos to Mrs. Smith and KC for hosting our first FAFSA Information Night on September 9. This was a great opportunity for families to learn more about the FAFSA process and the importance of completing the form. We will host another evening in October, once the FAFSA application window opens, to assist families with completing the form.

E. Wesclin Athletic Complex- Shout out to Tom Krumsieg and Lisa Brede for all of their hard work on the athletic field. It was finally opened on Friday, and the community is happy with the turn out!

VI. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Final Budget
The budget hearing was conducted earlier in the evening. At the meeting the following items were discussed-

- Working budget- Mrs. Filyaw included a packet at the meeting with this attached.
- State budget- Mrs. Filyaw included the budget at the meeting with this attached.

Mr. Biggs asked if the budget was able to be amended if needed, on a later date?

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

B. Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report

Annually, the district must prepare an administrator and teacher salary and benefits report to be posted on our website. Mrs. Filyaw provided the report at the meeting, based on last year's salary.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Zach Peters_ to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. Early Graduation

Wesclin School District has three students that are requesting to graduate early (at the conclusion of the fall semester.) These students have written letters to the board explaining reasons, and have all meet the requirements for graduation.

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Zach Peters to approve the early graduation request for the following students: Lydia Hollenkamp, Kyler Strieker, and Breanna Vastine.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. 2026-2027 Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor Pay

The proposed Administrator pay recommendations were provided to the board.

Mr. Biggs asked if this could be discussed during the executive session.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to approve the salary agreements as outlined for Jennifer Filyaw, James Rahm, Angi Woll, Patrick Weathers, Jaime Bonsall, and Tom Krumsieg.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-no, Jared Poettker-no, Jeff Stroot-no, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion fails 4-3

E. High School Activity Account Addition

The high school is requesting the addition of the Hall of Fame account. This will be used to collect And distribute money for the Hall of Fame Banquet.

Motion by _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to approve the addition of the Hall of Fame Account as part of the High School Activity Fund.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

F. Fuel Bid

Mrs. Filyaw shared that Gateway FS was again the districts only fuel bid received this year. They have been the districts supplier for over 10 years and have provided excellent service. Mrs. Filyaw attached the fuel bid and stated that both unleaded and diesel have decreased per gallon.

Motion by _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to approve Gateway FS bid of market price. (exhibit A.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

G. Overnight Field Trip

The High School Chorus is requesting permission for selected chorus students to attend the Murray State Honor Festival at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, from November 1-3, 2026. The students have been selected to participate in this honor festival as representatives of Wesclin High School.

Motion by _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Tina Litteken_ to approve the Wesclin High School Chorus overnight field trip to Murray, Kentucky, to attend the Murray State Honor Festival from November 1-3, 2026.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

H. Emergency Health Life Safety Resolution

Mrs. Filyaw stated the district has had two heating and cooling situations occur this month and have both needed to be replaced. The Health Life Safety Funds may be used, but they require the approval of the Emergency Health Life Safety Resolution.

- The first unit was a rooftop compressor that failed at New Baden Elementary
- The second unit was a rooftop compressor that failed and has a cracked heat exchanger at Wesclin Middle School.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Zach Peters_ to approve the Emergency Health Life Safety Resolutions to replace the failing rooftop unit at New Baden Elementary and Wesclin Middle School.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

I. December Board Meeting

Mrs. Filyaw suggested the December board meeting be held December 15th at 6:00 PM.

Motion by _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Tina Litteken_ to change the December Board of Education meeting to December 15th at 6:00 pm.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

J. Consent Agenda

a. Employment:

i. Madeline Meddows- We are recommending Mrs. Meddows as a co-coach for middle school dance.
ii. Charlotte Thomas- We are recommending Ms. Thomas as a co-coach for middle school dance.
iii. Mark White- We are recommending Mr. White as the Varsity Baseball Coach at Wesclin High School.
iv. Ryan Colle- We are recommending Mr. Colle as the Varsity Softball Coach at Wesclin High School.
v. Shelby Bohs- We are recommending Ms. Bohs as an aide at New Baden Elementary.

vi. Tiffany Brookmyer- We are recommending Ms. Brookmeyer as a substitute lunch/recess supervisor at Trenton Elementary.

b. Volunteer:
   i. Tommy Carroll- We are recommending Mr. Carroll as a volunteer Drum Instructor.

c. Leave Without Pay:
   i. Jasmine Torres- Ms. Torres is requesting 4.5 days without pay for her wedding.
   ii. Katie Klein- Mrs. Klein is requesting ½ day without pay to attend an event with her husband.
   iii. Cori Brown- Mrs. Brown is requesting 3 days without pay for a trip.
   iv. Staci Strawbridge- Mrs. Strawbridge is requesting 1 day without pay for a trip.
   v. Georgia Gruenke- Mrs. Gruenke is requesting today without pay to attend a trip with her husband.
   vi. Brianne Kuhn- Mrs. Kuhn is requesting 1 day without pay for a trip.

d. Resignation
   i. Katie Smith- Mrs. Smith is resigning as the co-sponsor of Lifesavers.
   ii. Jeff Bassler- Mr. Bassler is resigning as the co-sponsor of Lifesavers.
   iii. Brian Berberich- Mr. Berberich is resigning as a Junior Varsity High School Baseball Coach.

Motion by _Zach Peters_, seconded by _Tina Litteken_ to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

K. 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 _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. _6:50_ p.m.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

Motion by _Zach Peters_, seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (8:08_ p.m.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

L. 2026-2027 Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor Pay

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Zach Peters_ to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by _Zach Peters_, seconded by _Stephen Brown_ that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye. Motion passes 7-0

President

Secretary