

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, August 19, 2024

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 19th day of August 2024, 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 July 15, 2024 were approved on a motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore.

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

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 \$747,020.97 and bills in the amount of \$812,993.15

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters to approve agenda as presented.

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

E. Superintendent Report

Joint Annual Conference-

Mrs. Filyaw provided dates to the board members regarding the Illinois Association of School Boards joint annual conference in Chicago, from November 21 to November 24th. She stated that this was a wonderful opportunity for the board members to talk, meet, and learn from other board members throughout the state.

School Board Elections-

Mrs. Filyaw provided the dates for the next school board elections. The next elections will be on April 1st 2025. The three board members up for re-election are Zach Peters, Connie Elmore, and Krystal Schmitt.

Standard Response Protocol:

Mrs. Filyaw discussed the Standard Response Protocol at the meeting and provided documentation to the board. She stated SRP is a uniform, planned, and practiced response to any incident and it is also action-based, flexible, and easy to learn. Mrs. Filyaw finished by stating that SRP rationally organizes tactics for response to weather events, fires, accidents, intruders, and other threats to personal safety and provided the SRP poster that is hanging throughout our schools.

Opening Day Agendas/Documents:

Mrs. Filyaw provided opening day agendas and documentations to the board.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Weathers-

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary had a very successful Open House night! He stated that the Kindergarteners got the privilege of taking a photo with the new Warrior backdrop. He finished by thanking Mr. Braxton Hovenga, a Wesclin High School Senior, who completed his Eagle Scout Project at New Baden Elementary. The project included designing and installing 3 different sensory walk areas in the school that are equipped with physical activity and themed sensory materials.

Mrs. Woll-

Mrs. Woll stated that Trenton Elementary had a good Open House despite the fact that there is still construction going on at the school, and that everyone moved along well! She finished by stating that the kids are excited about the new playground, and cannot wait to utilize it this year.

Mr. Huels-

Mr. Huels stated that the Open House was very successful and very well attended at Wesclin Middle School! He finished by thanking the maintenance team- Tom Krumsieg, and Pete Van Gorkom, for installing a new analog digital clock in the hallway.

Mr. Rahm-

Mr. Rahm stated that Wesclin High School has had a good start to the year! He wanted to thank the maintenance team, and all of the custodial team for working hard this summer in the High School. He finished by stating that he wanted to give a special shout out to Mrs. Brede for a successful Fall Meeting and all of her hard work.

II. Public Comments:

Cassandra Brown had questions about the new Ag Teacher and her credentials as far as welding experience.

III. Celebration of Success

Thank you to the maintenance/custodial staff for a phenomenal job cleaning our schools and getting the buildings ready for another school year.

Welcome back to another year! Opening Day and Open Houses went great and we are looking forward to another great school year!

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Tentative Budget

Mrs. Filyaw presented the 2024-2025 tentative budget. She stated that there will still be a few changes, and the final budget will be presented at the next board meeting on September 16th.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the tentative budget and set the budget hearing for September 16, 2024 at 6:00 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

B. Resolution Regarding Hazardous Bus Routes

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the district provides transportation in the areas of New Baden and Trenton that have been designated hazardous transportation areas. The designation allows the district to qualify for transportation funding that otherwise would not be available. She finished by stating that in order to continue the hazardous funding, the board must pass a resolution finding the conditions that existed when the areas were declared hazardous still presently exist.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the Transportation Hazardous Route Resolution for 2024-2025.

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

C. Fuel Bid

Mrs. Filyaw stated that Gateway FS was again the districts only fuel bid received, and that they have been our supplier for the last 10 years. She finished by saying not only have they provided the district with excellent service, but on the bid, both diesel and unleaded fuel decreased per gallon.

Motion by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters to approve Gateway FS bid of market price.

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

D. Overnight Field Trip

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the FFA qualified for an overnight trip to Minnesota on September 13-16th.

She finished by stating that with the resignation of Mr. Zurliene, the specifics of this trip are still being finalized.

Motion by Dustin Biggs seconded by Zach Peters to approve the FFA overnight field trip.

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

E. Speech Language Pathology Teletherapy

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the district was unable to fill the speech/language teacher position this year. The district spoke with LinkUp Teletherapy and are recommending their services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve LinkUp Teletherapy to provide speech/language pathology services for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

F. Special Board Meeting

Mrs. Filyaw suggested that a special board meeting be held on September 3rd, at 8:00 pm to discuss and approve rates/salaries/contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Jared Poettker to set a special board meeting for Tuesday, September 3rd, at 8:00 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

G. Substitute Teacher Rates

Mrs. Filyaw stated that currently, the district's substitutes are paid \$100.00 per day. If you are a retired Wesclin Teacher, you are paid \$110.00 per day. The suggestion was discussed prior to change the amount to \$115.00 per day, and \$125.00 per day for retired Wesclin Teachers.

Jared Poettker recommended a flat \$115.00 for all substitutes across the board. He stated that it was not feasible to pay retired teachers more than regular substitute teachers.

Dustin Biggs questioned whether the pay was higher or lower if the substitute teacher had a degree.

Tina Litteken stated that she agreed with the retired teachers getting more pay as they are teachers who are experienced and know the routine and/or students.

Connie Elmore stated that she would rather see a \$10.00 difference between the pay for retired Wesclin teachers who are substitute teachers in our district.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to set our substitute teacher pay at \$115.00 per day. Retired Wesclin Unit School District Teachers will be paid \$125.00 per day.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-no, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 5-2

H. High School Textbook Adoption

Mrs. Filyaw attached a listing of the textbooks that are being proposed to be adopted. If approved, she stated that the total cost would be about \$63,000. She finished by stating that she listed all of the books on the motion, but the board can discuss what they would like to approve and/or gather additional information.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Zach Peters to approve the following textbook adoptions:

- Mythology Trade Books
 - The Classic Mythology
 - Norse Mythology
 - Bull
 - The Odyssey
- Curriculum Access- Language Arts 1-3 - Autism Helper
- Curriculum Plus- History, Social Studies, Earth Science, Budgeting
- Lexia Core 5 Reading/PowerUp Literacy Subscription and Online
- The Art of Public Speaking
- OpenStax College Physics 2e (Rice University)
- Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Integrated Principles of Zoology
- Basic Chemistry

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

I. Consent Agenda

a. Employment:

- i. Jenna Hemker- We are recommending Ms. Hemker as an Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor.
- ii. Bonnie Deimeke- We are recommending Ms. Bonnie Deimeke as a bus driver in the district.
- iii. Madison Deimeke- We are recommending Ms. Madison Deimeke as a lunch/playground supervisor at Trenton Elementary.
- iv. Ricky Scherby- We are recommending Mr. Scherby as a lunch/playground supervisor at Trenton Elementary.
- v. Tyler Weis- We are recommending Mr. Weis to switch from assistant track coach to head track coach.
- vi. Brian Arentsen- We are recommending Mr. Arentsen to switch from head track coach to assistant track coach.
- vii. Deb Johnson- We are recommending Mrs. Johnson as a co-sponsor for the National Honor Society.
- viii. Katie Smith- We are recommending Mrs. Smith as a co-sponsor for the National Honor Society.
- ix. Amy Page- We are recommending Mrs. Page as a Freshman Class Sponsor.
- x. Luke Davis- We are recommending Mr. Davis as the Freshman Class Sponsor.
- xi. Patrick Gray- We are recommending Mr. Gray as an Assistant Football Coach.
- xii. Colin Detmer- We are recommending Mr. Detmer as the Varsity Baseball Coach.
- xiii. Mackenzie Laird- We are recommending Ms. Laird as the JV Girls Basketball Coach.
- xiv. We are recommending the Extra Duty Assignments that are attached.

- b. Volunteer:
 - i. Jacob Sopiars- We are recommending Mr. Sopiars as volunteer football coach.
- c. Resignation:
 - i. Jacob Sopiars- Mr. Sopiars resigned as an assistant football coach (and will become volunteer.)
 - ii. Taylor Zurliene- Mr. Zurliene resigned as the agriculture teacher at Wesclin High School.
 - iii. Kim Marchal- Mrs. Marchal resigned as the Student Council Advisor at Wesclin Middle School
- d. Leave Without Pay/FMLA:
 - i. Traci Jahnke- Mrs. Jahnke is requesting 4.5 days leave without pay throughout the school year to attend 3 different trips/events.
 - ii. Sophie Timmermann- Mrs. Timmermann is requesting 12 weeks of FMLA for the birth of her 2nd child.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker 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-aye. Motion passes 7-0

- 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 Connie Elmore seconded by Zach Peters to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and collective bargaining. (6:51 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

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:55 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

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 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

President

Connie Elmore

Secretary