

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, October 21, 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 21st day of October 2024, at the hour of 5:15 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. Executive Session

Motion by Connie Elmore seconded by Dustin Biggs to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline at 5:16 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 Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (5:26 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

C. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of September 16, 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

D. District Finances

Motion made by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$995,859.43 and bills in the amount of \$933,200.82.

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. Agenda modification

Motion made by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore 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

Certified Nurse Assistant Program-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that starting the second semester, a Certified Nurse Assistant Program through Kaskaskia College will be offered to students. Students will be attending Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 11:00 am, and will return to school around 11:30. She shared that the students will take the Certified Nursing Assistant Class as well as the Medical Terminology Class, and that the cost for the students is \$815.00.

Certificate of Deposit- FCB Bank-

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the CD that was opened at FCB Bank a year ago, has reached maturity & has earned \$57,000 in interest. She has now reinvested that money, plus an additional \$1,000,000 into a 9 month CD.

Special Education Report-

ISBE conducts a Special Education Report annually, and Mrs. Filyaw shared the report at the meeting and that the district meets all requirements.

Outdoor Restroom at Football Stadium-

Mrs. Filyaw shared some proposals for the installation of outdoor bathrooms at the football field. The estimates are roughly \$352,000 for a 2 stall restroom, and \$378,000 for a 3 stall restroom.

F. Principals' Report

The principals' were not in attendance at the meeting as they were attending the Illinois Principal Association conference.

II. Discussion:

Middle School Athletic Policy-

Mrs. Filyaw shared the Athletic Grade Level Policy packet with everyone at the meeting. She shared both the original policy (no playing up,) and the revised policy that the Policy Committee developed (7th graders playing up.)

III. Public Comments:

Kyle Friederich stated that as a coach, he wanted to ask about the athletic policy. He wanted to inquire the level of decision making the coach had regarding the team, vs the Administration. Mr. Friederich stated that he wanted to ask the board the level of trust that the coaches had in making decisions for the team.

Penny Marks stated if the board passes this new athletic policy, Wesclin School District would be the only school in the county that does it. She finished by asking the board how this policy would affect the athletic program as a whole at Wesclin?

Christine Renth stated that she had emailed the board with her questions regarding the athletic policy. She stated that the response she received made her a little more worried about the policy as she believes that academic standards are important as well in the district. She finished by saying that Wesclin needed to also worry about building character for the students and how they represent our school as athletes.

Melanie Friederich stated that she wanted to ensure that Administration and the board were also worried about (and supporting) all of the coaches and their dedication to these students. She finished by saying that Wesclin is always looking for coaches, and she hopes that everyone takes their opinions into consideration also.

Christy Josias stated that she had emailed the board her questions regarding the athletic policy as well. Mrs. Josias wanted to express that she was in support of the coaches and their decisions regarding the players. She finished by stating she trusts the coaches and their dedication and hopes that the board will too.

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. Sugar Creek Fire Department- Thank you to the Sugar Creek Fire Department for participating in the elementary school's recent fire drill and teaching them about fire safety during an assembly.
- B. New Baden Fire Department- Thank you to New Baden Fire Department for another successful Fire Prevention Day. The students were excited to see the new ladder truck and learn about fire safety!
- C. Trenton Elementary Playground- Thank you to Kim Shaddrick, the Trenton Elementary PTG, and the community of Trenton for our new playground! Wesclin School District is thankful for the hours of time involved and the donations from individuals and businesses.

- D. High School Homecoming Week- Kudos to Mrs. Kunz and Student Council for a wonderful job during Homecoming Week! Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Johnson for coordinating and organizing the Homecoming Parade despite the pop-up rainstorm. Congratulations to King Landon Middleton and Queen Elena Wessel!
- E. Wesclin Middle School Blood Drive- Thank you to Mrs. Luis and the Middle School Honor Society for hosting a great blood drive with the American Red Cross. They collected 25 units!
- 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.
- G. Lisa Brede, Registered Athletic Administrator Distinction- Congratulations and kudos to Ms. Brede on earning her Registered Athletic Administrator (RAA) distinction. The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's certification is a voluntary professional service to athletic administrators and is based on the premise of continuing education, professional growth, and program development in the vocation of interscholastic athletic administration.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Middle School Athletic Policy

This was presented during the board discussion time.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Zach Peters to approve draft 2 of the Middle School Athletic Policy.

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. Remote Learning/ Traditional Snow Day

Mrs. Filyaw stated that this was to be discussed again as it was last month. The board specifies that they would like more parent input on this topic before making a final decision.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve to investigate remote learning days.

Vote: Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-no, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-no. Motion passes 4-2

C. Athletic Handbook

The Athletic Handbook was not approved previously and Mrs. Filyaw recommended approving it and investigating discipline language for next year.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the Athletic Handbook.

Vote: Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

- D. Overnight Field Trip Request
FFA is attending the National FFA Convention. Mrs. Filyaw stated due to some concerns, lodging arrangements had to be changed.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the FFA overnight field trip October 23-October 25.

Vote: Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

- E. 2024-2025 Building Level Administrators and Maintenance Coordinator Pay and Contracts
Mrs. Filyaw stated that this was discussed during the Executive Session.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve a three-year contract extension for James Rahm, and Patrick Weathers and the salary agreements as outlined for Zack Huels, Angi Woll, and Jaime Bonsall.

Vote: Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

- F. Consent Agenda

a. Employment:

- i. Isabelle Marsh- We are recommending Ms. Marsh for 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.
- ii. Andrew Postula- We are recommending Mr. Postula as a 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach.
- iii. Dorri Stempel- We are recommending Mrs. Stempel as Middle School Student Council Co-Sponsor.
- iv. Sophie Timmermann- We are recommending Mrs. Timmermann as a Middle School Student Council Co-Sponsor.

b. Volunteer:

- i. Brent Schoemaker- We are recommending Mr. Schoemaker as a volunteer 5/6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach.

c. Leave Without Pay:

- i. Katie Wilke- Mrs. Wilke is requesting 2 days without pay to attend a trip with her husband.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the consent agenda as presented.

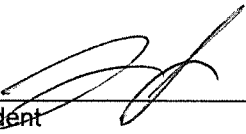
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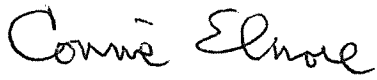
VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Vote: Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye.
Krystal Schmitt-aye, Motion passes 6-0



President



Secretary