

Wesclin Board of Education  
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, March 17, 2025

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 17th day of March 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:	_____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 February 18, 2025 were approved on a motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken.

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 Connie Elmore to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$996,136.92 and bills in the amount of \$627,858.69.

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 Tina Litteken, 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

Last Day of School-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the last day of school is Thursday, May 29th, with the final calendar to be approved at the next board meeting. She also shared that Graduation is set for Sunday, May 18th at 2 pm.

Calendar Information-

Mrs. Filyaw shared the snow days that have been utilized in the past 10 years.

Remote/E-Learning Days-

At the meeting, remote/learning days were discussed, along with different options. Mrs. Filyaw will conduct a survey and share the results at next month's board meeting.

Year-Round School-

Mrs. Filyaw shared staff feedback regarding year round school. At this time, the majority of the staff is not interested in year-round school if no one else in the county is doing it.

F. Principals' Report:

The Principal's shared that on Teacher Institute Day, the teachers were able to go to different buildings and observe other schools and how useful/successful it was.

II. Public Comments:

Jackie VanGorkom asked why there was no stop sign leaving the High School parking lot and stated that it is a safety issue.

Lisa Ross stated that she was in attendance not only as a teacher in the district, but a parent and union representative. Lisa stated that at the board meetings, there are issues that are always "tabled" and put to the side due to the personal agendas of the board members. She continued and said that when the public elects a board member, they do so in hopes that they will follow the rules and put their agendas aside to make our district the best it can be. Mrs. Ross said that there was mention of a survey that was going to be conducted and that she addressed the board and requested a pen/pencil survey vs the electronic survey, which was never provided. Also, she said that a big problem that she and many others see is the Wesclin Parents Facebook page. She stated that this page has caused a lot of heartbreak for the teachers with the commentary that is allowed to be put on there, along with the poll that was recently posted about the school calendar. She believes that it is a conflict of interest to be facilitating that page, and administrating as a board member in the district.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to our Elementary schools for celebrating Read Across America Week. Shout-out to our teachers for organizing these great events.
  - a. Trenton Elementary- Megan Kehrner, Angie Klein, Jean Heier, Tonya Fohne
  - b. New Baden Elementary- Emily Hemann, Cristine Krausz, Teresa Hovenga
- B. Congratulations to Mr. Davis, Mrs. Page, Ms. Hoock (student teacher) and the members of our WHS Band and Chorus for a wonderful Pops Concert on March 12th. Great job by all!

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- C. Thanks to the baseball and softball teams for participating in the Trenton Park/ New Baden Park clean up on March 8th. Spring sports are back in full swing. We wish for a great season with wonderful weather.
- D. Congratulations to the following students that were honored by the Illinois Principal Association for their stellar character and academic excellence:
  - i. Trenton Elementary- Braxton Meyer
  - ii. New Baden Elementary- Abigail Lehman
  - iii. Middle School- Ella Sax
  - iv. High School- Ella Bretz

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Adopt 2025-2026 School Calendar

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the staff was surveyed and 131 individuals responded. She shared the results at the meeting, and stated that based on these results, no changes have been made to the calendar.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar 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

B. April Board Meeting

Due to Easter, the board meeting for April will be held April 14th.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to set the April Board Meeting for Monday, April 14.

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. Destruction of Verbatim Recordings

By board policy, verbatim recordings must be maintained for 18 months, or if there is a pending lawsuit. There are currently no pending lawsuits and our practice is to destroy them yearly. Mrs. Filyaw recommends destroying recordings from September 2022- August 2023.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the destruction of verbatim recording from September 2022- August 2023.

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. IHSA Membership

This is an annual approval.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the renewal of our IHSA Membership.

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. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

i. Elena Fridley- We are recommending Ms. Fridley as a speech language pathologist for the 2025-2026 school year.

b. Volunteer:

i. TJ Cryder- We are recommending Mr. Cryder as a volunteer baseball coach.

ii. Justin Dunning- We are recommending Mr. Dunning as a volunteer baseball coach.

iii. Kristen Albers- We are recommending Ms. Albers as a volunteer dance coach.

c. FMLA/Leave Without Pay:

i. Hailey Dryden- Ms. Dryden is requesting FMLA leave due to a medical procedure.

ii. Staci Strawbridge- Ms. Strawbridge is requesting 2 days without pay.

d. Resignation:

i. Susan Smithe- Ms. Smithe resigned her position as a custodian.

Motion by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters 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

F. 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 20(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:28 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

G. Resignation Agreement and General Release

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Zach Peters to approve the resignation agreement and the general release of Kelly Strieker.

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 Krystal Schmitt, seconded by Tina Litteken to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (6:36 PM)

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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

V. Adjournment:

It was moved by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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

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President



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Secretary

