

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 14 , 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 14th day of April 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>
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Connie Elmore:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Zach Peters:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Dustin Biggs:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Jared Poettker:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Krystal Schmitt:	<u>X</u>	<u></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></u>	<u>X</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 March 17, 2025 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 Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$957,883.10 and bills in the amount of \$620,328.62.

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

Remote Learning Survey Update-

Mrs. Filyaw shared the results of the survey sent out to the district regarding remote learning days.

Illinois State Board of Education/Department of Education Debate over Title VI Compliance-

Mrs. Filyaw shared information regarding the dispute between ISB6 and the Federal Grant regarding Title VI compliance.

HB1237- Prohibited Native American Logos/Name-

HB 1237 passed the State's House of Representatives and now moves to the Senate. If passed- Wesclin School District would need to determine if we can remain the "Warriors."

Lifewise- Elementary Off-Site Bible Class-

In September, a petition was initiated within our school district to gather 50 signatures in support of considering the implementation of the LifeWise program in our community. The required number of signatures were met- so the next steps in implementing this program was discussed at the meeting.

Lebanon Football Coop-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that due to the potential cost- Lebanon is not considering a cooperative agreement for football.

School Handbooks-

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the handbooks will be shared in June.

Highway 160/Wesclin Road Turn Lanes-

Currently- utility work is underway along Highway 160/Wesclin Road. This work is part of the preparation for the upcoming installation of turn lanes, which will begin on Monday, June 2.

F. Principals' Report:

Mr. Rahm shared that the High School Prom was held Saturday, April 12th and was a success! A big thank you to Mrs. Timmermann for all of her hard work getting the prom prepared. Congratulations to the Prom King & Queen- Caden Hartsburg and Cora Hill!

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary wrapped up their IAR testing, and wanted to give a shout-out to the 3rd Grade Teachers for all of their hard work/positive messages during the testing week!

Mrs. Woll shared that Trenton Elementary also just wrapped up their IAR testing week and are having a party on Wednesday!

Mr. Huels was not in attendance, as he was at the Clinton County Music Festival.

II. Public Comments:

Jackie VanGorkom spoke at the meeting, and said she recommends a stop sign leaving the High School parking lot instead of a Yield Sign.

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Michelle Washburn spoke at the meeting and spoke about the religion course addition. She stated that teaching religion should be held at church, not at school. She also said that it is up to the parents if they do not want their child attending church, and that every church has a different view on what being a Christian is!

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Congratulations to Mei-Li Hunt who has been named the Wesclin St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar-Athlete.
- B. Congratulations to our 2025 Prom King and Queen- Caden Hartsburg and Cora Hill.
- C. Thank you to Wesclin Middle School Junior Honor Society for hosting Cancer Awareness Week. They raised over \$2,000.00 for a family in our district.
- D. Thank you to Sodexo for hosting the Future Chefs event for 3rd-5th graders, allowing 10 students to showcase their cooking skills. Colton Harpstrite, 5th Grader, won the contest with his amazing shrimp tacos!
- E. Thank you to Mrs. Barton and her 3rd Grade Class at Trenton Elementary for organizing "Dollar Days" every time there is an early dismissal day. On these days, students are encouraged to bring a dollar to donate to a local charity and get to do something fun-like wear pajamas, bring a stuffie, crazy socks, etc. The class is in charge as they choose the charity, the fun thing for students, creates posters, takes donations, and counts the money.
- F. Thank you to Tonya Fohne, the intervention aide at Trenton Elementary. She developed an incentive for the students to stay motivated while doing My Path. Students earn a train and prize every time that they pass 5 lessons. The trains are hung in the hallway and the kids are motivated to make their train the longest.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Amended Budget on Display and Hearing Date

The budget hearing will be on June 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm, and the amended budget will go on display 30 days prior to the hearing.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to set the budget hearing for June 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM and place the amended budget on display 30 days prior.

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. Special Board Meeting

Mrs. Filyaw suggested that a special board meeting needs to be scheduled to reorganize the Board of Education.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore to set a special board meeting on Monday, May 5th 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

C. Grass Cutting Bid

Every two years, the district bids the grass cutting service. Currently, the district pays \$1,005.00 per cut for the entire district.

- Bid 1- Ultimate Lawn Kehrers- \$987.00 per cut
- Bid 2- Ultimate Detail and Landscape (current company)-\$970.00 per cut

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve Ultimate Detail and Landscape for grass cutting for the 2025 and 2026 cutting seasons for \$970.00 a cut.

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. School Trip over 150 Miles

The Math Team will be attending the state math competition at Illinois State. Since the trip is over 150 miles- the Board of Education must approve it.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the school trip for the math team and the girls' basketball team to Illinois State University.

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. Final Calendar

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the final 2024-2025 school year calendar.

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. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Margaret Schnoeker- We are recommending Ms. Schnoeker as a 4th Grade Teacher.
- ii. Michael Kuper- We are recommending Mr. Kuper as a day time custodian in the district.

b. Volunteer:

- i. MacKenzie Kellogg-Laird- We are recommending Ms. Kellogg-Laird as a volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach..

c. FMLA/Leave Without Pay:

- i. Krystal Huelsman- Mrs. Huelsman is requesting FMLA leave
- ii. Katherine Billhartz- Mrs. Billhartz is requesting FMLA leave for the birth of her first child.
- iii. Gretchen Rakers- Mrs. Rakers is requesting a day without pay to attend a field trip with her daughter. She has already used her three personal days.

d. Resignation/Retirement:

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- i. Lisa Brede- Mrs. Brede is requesting retiring as a teacher in the district at the conclusion of the 2028-2029 school year.
- ii. MacKenzie Kellogg-Laird- Ms. Kellogg-Laird is resigning as an assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach.
- iii. Allison Adams- Ms. Adams is resigning as the color guard instructor.
- iv. Gianna Billbruk- Ms. Billbruk is resigning as the 5th and 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach.
- e. Position Change-
 - i. Kayla Brocaille-Mrs. Brocaille will be moving from a 4th Grade Teacher to a 5th Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore 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 2©(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Connie Elmore seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:50 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 Connie Elmore to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:12 PM)

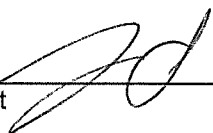
Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

V. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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



Secretary

