

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 18 , 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 18th day of August 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>
Jared Poettker, Vice President:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Zach Peters:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Samantha Mohme:	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Stephen Brown:	<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>X</u>	<u></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 July 21, 2025 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters.

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

C. District Finances

Motion made by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$809,743.48 and bills in the amount of \$717,060.98.

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve agenda as presented.

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

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E. Superintendent Report

Joint Annual Conference

Mrs. Filyaw shared that there is an Illinois Association of School Boards joint annual conference in Chicago for the board if they wish to attend.

Investments

The district currently has \$2,110,000 in an 11-month CD at FCB Banks that will mature on September 11th. Mrs. Filyaw shared that at that time, the funds will need to be reinvested, and plans to speak to banks prior to maturity to secure another CD for a period of 1-2 years, depending on the interest rate.

Trenton TIF Plan

Mrs. Filyaw stated that she spoke with Mayor Brandmeyer about the possibility of an Intergovernmental agreement that would allocate a percentage of funds to the school district for a TIF-permitted project. He shared at this time, the City of Trenton could not commit to such an arrangement. Mrs. Filyaw shared that there is a public hearing for the Tax Increment Financing District on August 25th, at 5:30 pm, and she encouraged the board members to attend.

End of Year High School Curriculum Survey Results

Mrs. Filyaw shared that towards the end of the year, high school freshman through juniors completed a survey. She shared the results at the meeting.

Opening Day Agendas/Documents

Opening Day and Agenda documents were shared at the meeting.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm stated that the High School is off to a great start to the year! opening house had a great turnout. He shared on Saturday, August 23rd, the Jansen Ford Dealership Fundraiser is taking place from 8:00-3:00 pm.

Mr. Huels shared that the Middle School had a great open house turnout! He wanted to give a shout out and thank his staff for their patience while starting out the new year, and having a positive start!

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary had a great open house! He wanted to give a huge thank you to PTO for arranging the Sip 'N Scoot coffee truck on the 1st day of school.

Mrs. Woll shared that Trenton Elementary is off to a really good start to the school year! She shared the students are doing a really good job at quietly walking in the halls and are having a good response to the behavior boot camp.

II. Reception of Visitors

Jackie VanGorkom attending the meeting and she wanted to give a thank you to the board for agreeing to install the turf

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to all staff; PALS, Summer School Teacher and Paraprofessionals, Coaches, Custodians, Secretaries and Administrators, that worked throughout the entire summer. They kept the students engaged, our schools cleaned, and ready for another awesome school year.

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- B. Welcome back to another year! Opening day and open houses went fantastic. Everyone was excited to be together. We are looking forward to another great year!
- C. Congratulations to 2023 graduate Blake Twenhafel for being named a finalist for the American Star in Agribusiness by the National FFA Organization.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Tentative Budget

The 2025-2026 tentative budget will be presented at the upcoming meeting and made available for public viewing prior to the budget hearing on Monday, September 15th.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the tentative budget and set the budget hearing for September 15, at 6:00 pm.

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

B. Resolution Regarding Hazardous Bus Routes

The district provides transportation in the areas of New Baden and Trenton that have been designated hazardous transportation areas. 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 Zach Peters to approve the transportation hazardous route resolution for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

C. Consideration of a resolution of intent to issue not to exceed \$7,800,000 of working cash fund bonds.

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue not to exceed \$7,800,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member Litteken presented and read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy: RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$7,800,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the resolution declaring the intention to issues not exceed \$7,800,00 working cash fund bonds of Community Unit School District #3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of said school district, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-1

D. Overnight Field Trip

The FFA is requesting permission to attend the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 29- October 31.

Motion by _Zach Peters_, seconded by _Tina Litteken_ to approve the FFA overnight field trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

E. Special Board Meeting-Retreat

A special board meeting/retreat will be tentatively scheduled for September 28th, at 2:00 pm.

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Samantha Mohme_ to set a tentatively special board meeting for a tretat on September 28th, at 2:00 pm.

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

F. Athletic Handbook

The athletic handbook changes were provided at the meeting.

Motion by _Zach Peters_ seconded by _Jared Poettker_ to approve the athletic handbook.

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

G. GoGuardian

Mrs. Filyaw provided information to the board regarding the differences between Beacon Starter, Beacon Core, and Beacon 24/7. She stated that Beacon Starter is now included with GoGuardian should the board wish to enable these alerts.

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_ seconded by _Jared Poettker_ to activate the Beacon Starter that is part of the GoGuardian Admin package.

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

H. Consent Agenda

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A. Hire:

- i. Katy Malone- We are recommending Mrs. Malone as a teacher at Trenton Elementary.
- ii. Alexis White- We are recommending Ms. White as a paraprofessional at Wesclin Middle School.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme, Jared Poettker-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 20(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Jared Poettker seconded by Tina Litteken to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:58 p.m.)

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

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Dustin Biggs to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:23 PM)

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

J. Wesclin Educational Support Personnel

Discussed during the executive session.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the three-year contract (2025-2028)- with the Wesclin Educational Support Personnel.

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

K. Non-Certified Staff Rate Increases

Discussed during the executive session.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Samantha Mohme to approve the following rate increases and insurance/cash option increase for the following school years: 2025-2026 School Year- 5% raise, health coverage/cash option increase to \$800 per month. 2026-2027 School Year- 5% raise, health coverage/cash option increase to \$1000 per month. 2027-2028 School Year- 6% raise, health coverage/cash option increase to \$1200 per month.

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

L. 2025-2026 Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor Pay

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Discussed during the executive session.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the salary agreements as outlined for Jennifer Filyaw, James Rahm, Zack Huels, Angi Woll, Patrick Weathers, Jaime Bonsall, and Tom Krumsieg.

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

V. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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



President

Secretary