

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
 Tuesday, January 20, 2026

The Board of Education of Wesclin Community School District # 3, Clinton and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, met in a public hearing session on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at the Wesclin High School in said district.

I. General Business

A. Roll Call

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	_____
Jared Poettker, Vice President:	X	_____
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	X	_____
Dustin Biggs, Secretary:	X	_____
Zach Peters:	X	_____
Samantha Mohme:	X	_____
Stephen Brown:	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 December 15, 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 Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$988,826.23 and bills in the amount of \$707,831.60.

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

E. Superintendent Report

February Board Meeting

The February board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 due to President's Day.

Graduation Date

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm.

Per Sport Costs

Mrs. Filyaw provided information related to the high school athletic costs per sport. It also included information regarding the fundraising per sport as well as the amount each athlete is required to pay per sport.

Middle School Pavilion

The proposal for the installation of the middle school pavilion was presented to the board.

H. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm shared that the high school is off to a great start for 2nd semester. A big shout-out goes to Paul Josias and the booster club for all their hard work organizing the MLK Tournament!

Mr. Huels shared that the middle school had a great benchmarking improvement in ELA and Math. Congratulations goes to dance, cheer, and girls basketball for making it to state! He finished by stating Cancer Awareness Night raised \$1,500 and a big thank you to all for a successful event!

Mr. Weathers shared that New Baden Elementary is still participating in the behavioral bootcamp. He also stated that speakers from ROE visited, and shared new perspectives and ideas for student behaviors. He finished by adding that NBE has new menu items for lunches available- and it is very much student approved!

Mrs. Woll stated that coming back for a fresh start in January, Trenton Elementary is off to a great start of the new year. She also stated that Trenton Elementary is participating in the behavioral bootcamp, and staff are going over the standards and expectations for the students.

Mrs. Bonsall shared that Special Education wrapped up benchmarking and there was a lot of growth in students!

II. Reception of Visitors

Kevin Brinkmann attended the meeting and raised questions regarding the turf project. He asked if there were any other turf companies that were contacted to get pricing/information from, than the one that was chosen? He shared that the boards responsible for gathering more information upon hiring a company to complete a job, and could have found someone cheaper. He shared that Mr. Biggs was correct to inquire about gathering more information/evaluations of all school projects before the athletic projects were addressed, as more money could have been spent on different things in the district. He finished by asking if we pay for uniforms and other items for groups like we do for sports. He stated that FFA has to purchase their own jackets.

Harvey Davis attended the meeting and asked if entry fees could be lowered or used to repay the bonds.

III. Discussion-

Facility Improvement Projects

Mrs. Filyaw said that the Building and Grounds Committee met with FGM, and reviewed the meeting notes and presentation that was shared.

Mr. Biggs asked if it was \$400,000-\$500,000 for installing the bathrooms at the field house. He asked if the Building and Grounds Committee looked at prefab construction for the bathroom/concession installation. He stated it could be cost saving.

Mr. Brown stated that the portable/prefab would not last as long in the long run, and they are harder to maintain.

Residence Policy 7:60

Mrs. Filyaw provided information regarding the policy, allowing certified employees children to attend Wesclin Schools free of charge. She said it will be added to next month's agenda to be voted on.

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. A HUGE thank you to our social workers Sydney Perez, Katie Wilke, and Katie Smith for organizing our annual Christmas gift giving campaign.
- 25 donors/organizations
 - 17 families (received Christmas gifts)
 - 46 students
- B. Congratulations to the students that were selected to perform at the SIU-Edwardsville Bi State Honor Band Festival:
- Daniel Bretz
 - Calvin Korte
 - Emma Page
 - Ava Sohnrey
- C. Congratulations to the following high school athletic teams for their accomplishments:
- Girls Basketball- 2nd Place Finish at the Christ Our Rock Winterfest
 - Amilli Dugans and Maura Wessel were named to the all-tournament team.
 - Boys Basketball- 3rd Place Finish at the Mater Dei Christmas Tournament
 - Gavin Rahm and Eli Wellen were named to the all-tournament team.
 - Cheerleading- Our cheerleading team qualified and participated at the ICCA State Cheerleading Competition.
 - Dance- Our dance team has been awarded 1st place at the two competitions they have competed in thus far this season.
 - Bowling- The girls' team is undefeated and the boys' team is 9-3. Lucas Harris bowled a 299 game recently.

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. District Wide Facility Assessment

Mrs. Filyaw provided the proposal from FGM Architects to complete a district-wide facilities assessment and develop a long-range planning tool. She shared that this work would include an evaluation of current building systems and building enclosures, and would develop a prioritized replacement plan outlining projected timelines and costs. The cost is \$56,900.00.

Mr. Poettker asked if any other quotes from architects were conducted, or was FGM the only company reached out to?

Mrs. Filyaw stated no because FGM is our architect of record and constructed the High School. In addition, they are familiar with all buildings.

Mr. Biggs raised concerns regarding the bond money that is going to be spent and the broader plan.

Mrs. Filyaw stated we can take this plan and combine it with a 10 year long range finance plan.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the proposal from FGM Architects in the amount of \$56,900.00 to conduct a district-wide facilities assessment and develop a long-range planning tool.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-no, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye Motion passes 7-0

B. Federal Impact Aid Submission

The Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for costs incurred due to "federally connected" students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military base. Mrs. Filyaw shared that the Impact Aid disburses roughly \$1.2 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts rather than state agencies.

Mrs. Filyaw shared that last year the district received about \$10,000.00, and we will send out the survey again with board approval.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the federal impact aide grant submission.

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

C. Small Passenger Bus

Mrs. Filyaw shared the proposal for the small bus purchase under consideration. The bus Mrs. Filyaw is recommending-an 18-passenger bus with capacity to transport up to two wheelchairs. She shared at this time the district does not require seating for two wheelchairs; therefore, adding seats to configure the bus as a 21-passenger vehicle with ability to transport one wheelchair.

In addition to the base bid, Mrs. Filyaw is recommending the inclusion of the following options:

- Base Price- \$105,055.00
- Cruise Control- \$217.00
- Electric Entrance Door- \$456.00
- Child Check System- \$456.00
- Additional Seat (21+1) -\$725.00

Mr. Poettker inquired about receiving 90% of this bus purchase back next year in Transportation Reimbursement.

Mrs. Filyaw stated this is correct but at this time the reimbursement is pro-rated between 70-75%.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the purchase of an 18 + 2 wheelchair passenger school bus for the price of \$106,909.00.

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

D. Child Development Books

Mrs. Filyaw stated as discussed in November, our high school child development class is offered as a dual credit course through Kaskaskia College, and it is necessary to adopt a new textbook for the Course. The textbook that is being proposed has been reviewed and approved by the Kaskaskia College specifically for this class.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the purchase of Child Development Course textbooks from the Goodheart-Willcox Publisher.

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

E. School Board Planning Retreat Special Meeting

A School Board Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Monday, February 2 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Samantha Mohme to set a school board planning retreat special meeting for Monday, February 2 at 6:00 pm.

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

F. Consent Agenda

- a. Hire:
 - i. Dana Wolfslau- We are recommending Mrs. Wolfslau as the secretary of New Baden Elementary.
 - ii. Kavali Tanuvasa-Lole- We are recommending Ms. Tanuvasa-Lole as an assistant track coach at Wesclin Middle School.
 - iii. Brandon Baird- We are recommending Mr. Baird as the assistant bus mechanic.
- b. Leave Without Pay:
 - i. Danielle Schmitt- Mrs. Schmitt is requesting a day without pay for a family trip.
 - ii. Kayla Brocaille- Mrs. Brocaille is requesting leave for the birth of her first child.
 - iii. Caitlyn Grayling- Mrs. Grayling is requesting leave for the birth of her child.
- c. Resignation:
 - i. Jordan Hunter- Ms. Hunter has requested her position as a lunchroom supervisor at Trenton Elementary.

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

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

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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 Zach Peters to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:53 pm.)

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

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to keep the executive session minutes from January 2025 to December 2025 closed.

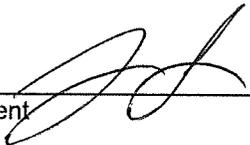
Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Samantha Mohme-aye Motion passes 7-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Zach Peters, seconded by Stephen Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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

President



Secretary

