

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Board Meeting
Monday, July 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 Monday, the 20th day of July, 2026 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_____	_____
Zack Huels, Asst. Superintendent:	_____X_____	_____
Jamey Rahm:	_____X_____	_____
Angela Woll:	_____X_____	_____
Obie Farmer:	_____X_____	_____
Patrick Weathers:	_____X_____	_____
Jaime Bonsall:	_____X_____	_____

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of June 15, 2026 were approved on a motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Jared Poettker_.

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

C. District Finances

Motion made by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of _\$838,337.30_ and bills in the amount of _\$1,992,962.00_.

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

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Samantha Mohme_ to approve agenda as presented.

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

E. Superintendent Report

Financial Update-

Mrs. Filyaw shared the Revenues and Expenditures to the board in depth. The unaudited fund balances were also provided.

Committee Meeting Schedule-

Mrs Filyaw shared options regarding meeting schedules for the committees.

Elementary Class Size-

The Elementary class sizes/students were provided and class sizes were provided.

II. Discussion

Construction Update-

Trenton Elementary building is completed and looks great!

New Baden Elementary is about a week behind but does have 1 classroom that has had the carpet removed.

Mrs. Filyaw said the potential date for the football stadium/bathroom facility to be completed is Sept 4th.

Facility Report Update-

It is anticipated that the Facility Report should be finished some time during the month of August.

Welcome Assistant Superintendent Mr. Huels!

Mr. Huels is currently exploring the possibility of solar energy in the district.

He also stated he plans to meet with Aptegy regarding the district website, and making it more user friendly/a cleaner look!

III. Reception of Visitors

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. Grace Fuehne-Grace Fuehne joined us. She won Gold in the Special Olympics Pom event and Silver in the Hip Hop event.
- B. Thank you-Thank you to our summer school teachers and aides for providing our students with outstanding educational opportunities.
- C. Thank you-Thank you to our custodial team for working hard to make our buildings look great for the return to school.
- D. Thank you- Thank you to our PALS workers for your dedication to the students to provide them with a fun and engaging summer.

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Handbooks

The handbooks were provided to the board. The handbooks that are being approved are:

- Elementary Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook
- Middle School Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook
- High School Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook
- PreK Handbook

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the following 2026-2027 Handbooks: Elementary Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook, Middle School Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook, High School Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook, Athletic Handbook, PreK Handbook.

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

B. Section 125 Plan Service Provider

American Fidelity is the district's Section 125 Plan Service Provider. Mrs. Filyaw recommended to continue to use them to administer this program to our district.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve American Fidelity as our Section 125 Plan Service Provider for FY 2027.

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

C. Consolidated District Plan

Mrs. Filyaw shared that as part of the district's federal funding requirements, an annual approval of a Consolidated District Plan is needed. This plan is a federal requirement that outlines how the district meets the needs of students receiving services through federal funds, including at-risk, bilingual, and special education students.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the Consolidated District Plan.

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

D. Food Service (Sodexo) Renewal

The district is entering the third year of our partnership with Sodexo, our food service provider. Under the terms of our agreement, we are permitted to renew the contract up to four times before Initiating a new competitive bidding process.

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the districts full-time Food Service Director, Connor Edwards has done a great job and his on-site presence has been a valuable asset!

Additionally, Sodexo is requesting a 4.1% increase for the upcoming year.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the contract renewal with our food service provider, Sodexo, for a 4.1% increase for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

E. Residence Policy

As discussed last month, we are recommending updating the Residency Policy 7:60 to allow non-certified employees to send their dependents to Wesclin School District if they meet the following

criteria.

- Work for Wesclin School District for at least 5 years.
- Completed an approved, accredited program
- Passed a licensing exam
- Registered with a state board to work directly with students

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the Residency Policy 7:60 permitting non-certified employees who meet the following criteria: Work for Wesclin School District for at least 5 years, Completed an approved, accredited program, passed a licensing exam, registered with a state board to work directly with students.

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

F. O and M Fund- 2026 Bonds

Mrs. Filyaw shared that last month, the board approved a motion to move the 2026 Bond funds (and interest) to the Capital Projects Fund. Mrs. Filyaw stated the auditors did not support this move, therefore funds will remain in the O and M fund, but will be accounted for separately so it can be easily tracked. Additionally, the motion must be corrected.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Stephen Brown for the 2026 bond funds (and interest) to remain in the O and M fund rather than moved to the Capital Projects fund.

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

G. Consent Agenda

a. Employment:

- Justin Kollman- We are recommending Mr. Kollman as an assistant football coach. (He is currently a volunteer.)
- Brent Brede- We are recommending Mr. Brede as a co-sponsor of Time For Change at Wesclin High School.
- Kaylen Fuhler- We are recommending Mrs. Fuhler as a paraprofessional in the district.
- Nicole Schomaker- We are recommending Mrs. Schomaker as the Middle School Girls' Soccer Coach.
- Shawn Petroski- We are recommending Mr. Petroski as the Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach.

b. FMLA Leave

- Angela Schlimme- Mrs. Schlimme has requested the use of FMLA leave to assist in the care of her daughter and to help following the birth of her granddaughter.

c. Resignation:

- Angie Timmermann- Mrs. Timmermann has resigned her position as Varsity Softball Coach.
- Colin Detmer- Mr. Detmer has resigned his position as Varsity Baseball Coach.
- Kendyll Gerstner- Ms. Gerstner resigned her position as an Assistant Varsity Softball Coach.

d. Position Change

- Nick Hollenkamp- Mr. Hollenkamp will move from Wesclin Middle School to Wesclin High School to teach Drivers Education.
Christy Josias- Mrs. Josias will move from New Baden Elementary to Wesclin Middle School to be a 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher.

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Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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H. 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 Dustin Biggs seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:41 pm.)

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

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Jared Poettker to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:30 PM)

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

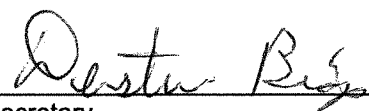
VI. Adjournment:

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

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



President



Secretary