

Wesclin Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 16 , 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 16th day of June 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> |
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| 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></u> | <u>X</u> |
| Samantha Mohme: | <u></u> | <u>X</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:

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| 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. Public Hearing 6:00 pm (Amendment of 24/25 Budget)

1. Presentation of the Amended Budget. Superintendent Filyaw explained the changes of the budget. An amended budget is necessary when there are areas that we have overspent. These changes are attached. We are still spending less in the Education Fund.

2. Public Comments

3. Adjournment of Hearing

It was moved by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Jared Poettker_ that the hearing be adjourned. Hearing was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

C. Call to Order

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| 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> |
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Stephen Brown: X

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| Zack Huels: | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Patrick Weathers: | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Jaime Bonsall: | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

D. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the executive session of May 19, 2025 were approved on a motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

E. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$889,324.71 and bills in the amount of \$740,523.60 .

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

F. Agenda modification

Motion made by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

G. Superintendent Report

Tax Levy/Equalized Assessed Value-

Mrs. Filyaw provided the board with the district's Tax Levy and Extension documents.

Highway 160/Wesclin Construction-

Construction along Highway 160/Wesclin Road began and is processing well. Mrs. Filyaw provided An update regarding the construction timeline and its impact on the parking lots.

Traditional Snow Days/E-Learning Days-

A hearing will be held next month discussing the next steps.

Building and Grounds Committee Update-

The Building and Grounds Committee met on Friday, June 13th. They discussed the following:

- High School Project- Outdoor bathrooms, Turf Football/Softball Field, and Bleachers
- New Baden Elementary-Gym floor and carpet removal
- Trenton Elementary- carpet replacement

H. Principals' Report:

The Principals' did not have a report.

II. Discussion

Parent/Student Handbooks- The Principals' brought copies and presented their handbooks at the meeting. These potential changes will be approved at the July board meeting.

III. Reception of Visitors

IV. Celebration of Success

- A. Thank you to the Administrators of Wesclin School District for an outstanding school year. Under their leadership, the school buildings and the Special Education Department had a successful school year.
- a. Zack Huels
 - b. Angi Woll
 - c. Patrick Weathers
 - d. Jamey Rahm
 - e. Jaime Bonsall

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Amended Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year

Mrs. Filyaw provided the amended budget changes. Mrs. Filyaw stated that overall, the districts expenditures are in line with expectations, and the district has not exceeded the total budgeted amount in any of our funds.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to adopt the amended budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

B. Go Guardian

Mrs. Filyaw stated that GoGuardian is the software company that the district uses to manage our fleet of chromebooks. It allows Chromebook monitoring and teacher facilitator application that helps students learn safely, stay focused, and get engaged. In addition, it notifies the principals when questionable content is being searched for or hit on, and is only filtering on the chromebooks.

The board asked Mrs. Filyaw to inquire about a multi-year contract. She will report back next month.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the purchase of GoGuardian for the 2025-2026 school year for the cost of \$18,760.00.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

C. Resolution to Approve Financial Depositories and Employees Designated to Authorize Financial Transactions

Mrs. Filyaw provided a list of institutions that meet the requirements of the state for school Depositories. The district must approve this list annually.

Motion by _Stephen Brown_, seconded by _Jared Poettker_ to adopt the resolution approving the financial institutions for the depositories of school funds for the 2025-2026 school year and to name Jennifer Filyaw, Superintendent and Tina Litteken, Treasurer, as employees that are authorized to make financial transactions.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-abstain, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

D. High School Activity Account Addition

The incoming Freshman class needs an account within the High School Activity Account.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to approve the Class of 2029 as a High School Activity Account.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

E. Catastrophic Accident Insurance

The District is required to carry catastrophic accident insurance for High School Athletes. Mrs Filyaw stated it is cost effective to carry this insurance on all High School students, and recommends the district continues this coverage this school year.

Motion by _Dustin Biggs_, seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to approve Gerber Life Insurance as our provider for Catastrophic Accident Insurance.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

F. Student Accident Insurance

This is provided as an option for parents to purchase student accident insurance for their child. The information is given to parents at registration.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Dustin Biggs_ to approve the Gerber Life Insurance Company as our provider for optional Student Accident Insurance.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

G. Fees and Chromebook Protection Plan

Mrs. Filyaw is not recommending any increase to our student fees.

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Mrs. Filyaw stated she recommends a \$10.00 increase (from \$20.00 to \$30.00) to the Chromebook Protection Plan as the repair costs are increasing.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to approve the fee structured as outlined.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to increase the Chromebook protection plan to \$30.00.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-no, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-1

H. Field Trip over 150 Miles

On July 24th, the Football team is driving to Eureka College for a summer workout with three schools of our size.

Motion by _Jared Poettker_ seconded by _Tina Litteken_ to approve the trip for the football team to Eureka College on July 24, 2025.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

I. Bus Purchase

Mrs. Filyaw stated she recommended purchasing a 2021 Blue Bird Bus from Southern Bus and Mobility. She stated that this bus will predominantly be used as an activity bus for the district.

Motion by _Tina Litteken_ seconded by _Stephen Brown_ to approve the purchase of a 2021 Blue Bird Bus from Southern Bus and Mobility for \$86,410.00.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

J. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Hillary Kurtz- We are recommending Mrs. Kurtz as a first-grade teacher at Trenton Elementary
- ii. Brianne Kuhn- We are recommending Mrs. Kuhn as a Special Education Teacher at New Baden Elementary. (She is replacing Meg Billhartz.)
- iii. Ricky Scherby- We are recommending Mr. Scherby as a teachers aide in the district. (This is a change as Mr. Scherby was a lunchroom supervisor.)
- iv. Destiny Wuebbels- We are recommending Ms. Wuebbels as the color guard sponsor.
- v. Doug Davis- We are recommending Mr. Davis as the 7th grade boy's baseball coach.
- vi. Rachel Arentsen- We are recommending Ms. Arentsen as a 5th grade girls' basketball coach.
- vii. Megan Campos- We are recommending Ms. Campos as a substitute custodian.

b. Resignation:

- i. Emily Argo- Mrs. Argo has resigned as the CARE team coordinator for New Baden Elementary.
- ii. Sheila Klutho- Mrs. Klutho has resigned as the CARE team coordinator for Trenton Elementary.

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iii. Catherine Kinsman- Mrs. Kinsman has resigned her position as a teachers aide in the district.

c. Leave of Absence:

i. Melodi Arentsen- Mrs. Arentsen is requesting a leave of absence for the first semester due to medical issues.

Motion by __, seconded by __ to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

K. 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 Tina Litteken seconded by Jared Poettker to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (7:03 p.m.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 5-0

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:20 PM)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

V. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 6-0

President



Secretary

