

Wesclin Board of Education  
 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting  
 Monday, November 17 , 2025

I. General Business

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 17th day of November 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:	_____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 October 20, 2025 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs.

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

C. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$1,017,972.98 and bills in the amount of \$1,238,437.37.

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

D. Agenda modification

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

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

E. Superintendent Report

Senior Citizen Luncheon

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the annual senior citizen luncheon will be held on Friday, December 12 from 10:45- 12:30/1:00.

Updated Floor Plans

Mrs. Filyaw shared that Cloudpoint Geospatial conducted advanced indoor mapping of our district and shared the completed maps to the board.

Summative Designations

The Illinois State Board of Education shared the annual summative ratings of each school. Mrs. Filyaw provided the results to the board.

Child Development Textbook

Mrs. Filyaw shared that since the high school Child Development class is offered as a dual credit through Kaskaskia College, the district is required to use a textbook that has been formally approved by the college. Mrs. Filyaw stated that it is necessary to adopt a new textbook for the course.

Warriors Wipe Out Hunger

Wesclin School District is currently collecting both financial and food donations for our community. Mrs. Filyaw also shared that on Sunday, November 23rd the district will have a "shopping" day for families in need to come select various items.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Rahm wanted to give a special shout out to Mrs. Page for a wonderful turnout to the Fall Play! He also wanted to congratulate Mrs. Lisa Brede for for being named the Illinois Athletic Directors Association - Class 1A and 2A State Division Athletic Director of the Year.

Mr. Huels stated that he wanted to give a thank you to Mrs. Timmermann and Mrs. Stempel for organizing Red Ribbon Week at the Middle School! He also wanted to shout out Mrs. Page for a Successful fall/band chorus concert.

Mr. Weathers shared that New Baden Elementary is now accepting canned food, toiletry, and general household items now until Friday, November 21st to help families in need. He shared that Family Fun Night will be held on November 20th with an "Out of this world" theme!

Mrs. Woll shared that Trenton Elementary is also gearing up for Warriors Wipe Out Hunger donations!

Mrs. Bonsall shared that the high school's Life Skills students attended Carlyle dance and had a wonderful time!

II. Reception of Visitors

None

III. Discussion

Working Cash Bonds

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the Working Cash Bond sale occurred on November 2 and was successful. The district secured a 4.48% interest rate which was lower than expected. Mrs. Filyaw presented the document that was shared at the September meeting to the board again for review/discussion.

Building and Grounds Committee

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the Building and Grounds Committee met Thursday evening to begin discussing the details of each project, with the turf project to begin first. Mrs. Filyaw shared the design at the meeting along with the cost from GeoSurfaces. It will be presented next month for board approval.

Mr. Biggs asked how long GeoSurfaces has been in business and if there is a warranty on the turf.

Mrs. Filyaw explained the warranty.

Second Grade Class

Mrs. Filyaw provided an update regarding the 2nd grade class at New Baden Elementary. This included teachers' thoughts, learning, and behavior. It was determined that the class will remain as 2 sections for the remainder of the school year. Beginning next school year, all classes will be 3 sections.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Parent/Teacher Conferences were a success! We continue to have over 95% participation in our elementary grades.
- B. Huge thanks to Laura Ringler for organizing a wonderful Veteran's Day assembly. Special thanks to the following for their participation in the assembly:
  - Middle School and High School Choruses for their outstanding performances.
  - Trenton 3rd Graders Jordan Sloan Winters and Timothy Cassie and New Baden 3rd Graders Logan Guthrie and Owen Kline for their readings.
  - Tripp Gentz and Channing Edmundson for winning the art/coloring contest.
  - Emma Mueller for winning the Middle School Patriot Pen essay contest and reading his essay at the assembly.
  - Retired Master Sergeant Brent Trame for an outstanding presentation to the students.
- C. Thank you to Carlyle School District for inviting our High School Life Skills students from Deb Johnson's class to a "Chance to Dance Zombie Ball."
- D. Thanks to Mrs. Washburn and the Trenton Elementary students for an excellent production of Arf!

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Audit Report

Mrs. Filyaw shared the audit at the meeting.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the audit 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

B. Tax Levy Estimate and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Tax Levy over 105%

Mrs. Filyaw stated in December we adopt our tax levy, and provided historical EAV increase data as well as information about the possible levy recommendations at the meeting. She shared that last year our EAC increased 6.72% and that the Trenton TIF is ending, so the EAV will increase at least 3% because of this.

The Finance Committee will meet in December to review these recommendations, and the final levy will be adopted in December.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Stephen Brown to approve the tax levy estimate and note of intent to adopt a tax levy over 105%.

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. Tax Levy Hearing Date

As discussed above, setting a levy that is at least 105% of the current levy, the district is required to set a truth in taxation hearing.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to set the tax levy hearing date for Monday, December 15, 2025 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

D. Property and Liability Insurance

Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) is the districts current liability insurance and Mrs. Filyaw recommends continuing to use them. The premium increased about 6.7% due to our overall property value as well as our loss ratio.

Mrs. Filyaw was asked to research other options for Property and Liability Insurance. Due to the districts loss ratio, recent claims, and loss deductible, there are no other carriers that will bid on our insurance (or at least without a substantial increase.)

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the renewal for property and liability insurance with ICRMT.

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. ISBE School Maintenance Grant

The School Maintenance Grant is due on Friday, January 30, but Mrs. Filyaw recommends submitting prior to Christmas Break. This grant will potentially be used to complete the door replacement project within the district, which will enhance the overall safety and security of the facilities.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the submission of the ISBE school maintenance grant for a door/door hardware replacement project.

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. Snow Removal Bids

The district received snow removal bids for the 2025-2026 winter season. Mrs. Filyaw stated there was only one bid from the same company that the district has utilized in the past. Mrs.

Filyaw shared the bid proposal with the board, along with stating that the proposal includes a 48% increase in cost and covers a two-year period.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve Ultimate Detail and Landscape for the 2025 and 2026 snow removal winter seasons.

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. Consent Agenda

A. Volunteer:

i. Eric Gentz- We are recommending Eric Gentz as a volunteer baseball coach.

B. FMLA:

i. Megan Washburn- Mrs. Washburn is asking for leave for the birth of her first child.

C. Resignation/Retirement:

i. Traci Jahnke- Mrs. Jahnke is resigning effective January 30, 2026 as a secretary of New Baden Elementary.

ii. Melodi Arentsen- Mrs. Arentsen is requesting retirement at the end of December 2025. (She has been on leave for the last year.)

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Stephen Brown 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 2©(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, student discipline, and collective bargaining. (6:47 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 Jared Poettker, seconded by Dustin Biggs to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (7:25 PM)

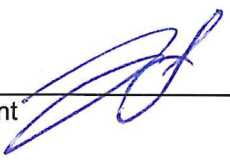
Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Stephen Brown-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Samantha Mohme, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 7-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Zach Peters that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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

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