

Wesclin Board of Education  
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, April 15, 2024

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 15th day of April 2024, 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:   | _____ X _____          | _____                 |
| Tina Litteken, Treasurer: | _____ X _____          | _____                 |
| Connie Elmore:            | _____ X _____          | _____                 |
| Zach Peters:              | _____ _____            | _____ X _____         |
| Dustin Biggs:             | _____ X _____          | _____                 |
| Jared Poettker:           | _____ X _____          | _____                 |
| Krystal Schmitt:          | _____ 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:

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| 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 March 18, 2024 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

C. District Finances

Motion made by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$906,839.94 and bills in the amount of \$524,658.26.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Connie Elmore, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

E. Superintendent Report

Graduation- Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 19th.

Desktop Computers- Mrs. Filyaw stated that last school year the district replaced approximately 90 of our 270 desktops, as well as 5 of our 11 laptops. This year she stated we will again replace 90 additional desktops, as well as 2 laptops.

Handbooks/ Saturday Detention- Mrs. Filyaw will hand out the handbooks next month that will outline the proposed changes.

Textbook Adoption- Mrs. Filyaw discussed upcoming textbook adoptions and proposals for the upcoming textbook adoptions.

Camera Proposals- The building and grounds committee reviewed the 2 camera proposals that we received and they are recommending that we have further discussions with Security Alarm. Mrs. Filyaw is meeting with them on Monday.

ESSER III funds (Covid Money) - Mrs. Filyaw stated that it is anticipated that the computers, textbook adoption, and the majority of the costs for the cameras will be paid using ESSER III funds.

Highway 160/ Wesclin Road Turn Lanes- Mrs. Filyaw stated that due to unexpected issues, the work on Highway 160/Wesclin Road will not occur until the summer of 2025.

F. Principals' Report

The Principals shared their building Chromebook weekly usage reports:

Mr. Weathers- New Baden Elementary

Kindergarten: 90 minutes

1st Grade: 300 minutes

2nd Grade: 380 minutes

3rd Grade: 540 minutes

Mr. Rahm- High School

High School: 200-300 minutes

Mr. Huels- Wesclin Middle School

4th Grade: 365 minutes

5th Grade: 436 minutes

6th Grade: 632 minutes

7th Grade: 517 minutes

8th Grade: 492 minutes

Mrs. Woll- Trenton Elementary

1st Grade: 420 minutes  
2nd Grade: 480 minutes  
3rd Grade: 660 minutes

II. Public Comments:

Angie Evans was in attendance and she asked about the Chromebook usage. After hearing Administration state their weekly numbers, she asked how much 'non-educational' free time do the High School students have on their devices? She also states she wants to recommend that punishment be increased for students who are caught vaping at school.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Congratulations to Lexie Oster who has been named the Wesclin St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar- Athlete.
- B. Congratulations to our 2024 Prom King and Queen- Kaleb Monical and Delaney Fark, and our Wesclin 2024 Prom Court Runner Ups- Colby Buckles and Lexie Oster.
- C. Thank you Angie Timmermann and the Prom Committee for a wonderful prom.
- D. Thank you to those Educators who participated in our Spring Preschool Screening process: Jaime Bonsall, Kim Spanhook, Katie Wilke, Mackenzi Biggins, Courtney Athmer, Angie Klein, Megan Kehrer, Bizzy Grapperhaus, and Courtney Richardson.
- E. The Middle School Boys' Bowling Team and the Girls' Volleyball Team were in attendance and were honored for their third-place finishes at state.

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

- A. Amended Budget on Display and Hearing Date  
Mrs. Filyaw will have more information regarding amending our budget at the May board meeting. The budget hearing will be held on June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to set the budget hearing for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM and place the amended budget on display 30 days prior.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

- B. College and Career Readiness Program- School Links

School Links, a college and career readiness tool, was discussed in the February board meeting. This will allow the district to meet the requirements of the Illinois Postsecondary Workforce and Readiness Act as well as the Post-Secondary Goal and Transition Planning as required for students with a disability.

More importantly, this program will be beneficial for our students and parents. Each student will have a profile within School Links that allows for a career interest inventory and career exploration. It will

also manage college applications, transcripts, deadlines, and financial requirements. Parents will be able to access the information from the parents view portal and assist the students in planning. This has been a definite need that parents/students have been requesting.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the usage of School Links as a College and Career Readiness Program beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

C. Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance

Two bids were submitted for the Trenton Elementary Secure Entrance, with Unterbrink Construction being the lowest bid at \$354,484.00.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve Unterbrink Construction for the Secure Entrance and Interior Renovations at Trenton Elementary for \$354,484.00..

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

D. Middle School Gym Floor Refinishing

The district is recommending Steve Tanner and The Best Gym Floors Art to sand and refinish both gym floors at Wesclin Middle School. The total cost for both floors is \$40,591.00.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve Steve Tanner and The Best Gym Floors Art to sand and refinish both gym floors at Wesclin Middle School for \$40,591.00.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

E. Final Calendar

At the meeting Mrs. Filyaw attached the final calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar notates the emergency (snow days) that we observed this school year.

Motion by Connie Elmore, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the final 2023-2024 school year.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

F. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Rylie Johnson- We are recommending Ms. Johnson as the JV Girls' Volleyball Coach.
- ii. Julia Friederich- We are recommending Ms. Friederich as the Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach.

- b. Volunteer:
  - i. Rylie Pollman- We are recommending Ms. Pollman as a High School Volunteer Volleyball Coach.
  - ii. Courtney Huels- We are recommending Mrs. Huels as a High School Volunteer Volleyball Coach.
- c. Day Without Pay:
  - i. Jenni Nielsen- Mrs. Nielsen is requesting 5 days without pay to attend a cruise with her family.
- d. Resignation/Retirement:
  - i. Sara Barton- Mrs. Barton is requesting retiring as a teacher in the district at the conclusion of the 2027-2028 school year
  - ii. Dan Maue- Mr. Maue is requesting retirement effective October 4, 2024.
  - iii. Laura Ringler- Mrs. Ringler is resigning her position as the 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.
  - iv. Joanie Ranz- Mrs. Ranz is resigning her position as the High School National Honor Society Sponsor.
  - v. Deb Becker- Mrs. Becker is resigning her position as New Baden Elementary Care Team Coordinator.
- e. Position Change:
  - i. Brendan Bernhardt- Mr. Bernhardt will be moving to the 6th Grade Social Studies Position from 5th Grade.
  - ii. Tiffany Luis- Mrs. Luis will be moving to 5th Grade from 4th Grade.
  - iii. Courtney Richardson- Mrs. Richardson will be moving to full time special education from part time pre k/part time special education.

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

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

G. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing student discipline, personnel, and collective bargaining

Motion by Jared Poettker seconded by Connie Elmore to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing student discipline, personnel, and collective bargaining at 7:16 PM.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by \_Jared Poettker\_, seconded by \_Krystal Schmitt\_ that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting was adjourned at \_8:07 PM\_

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye,  
Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 6-0

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President

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Secretary