

Wesclin Board of Education  
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, January 16, 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 16th day of January 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>
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:

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 18, 2023 were approved on a motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

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 \$880,544.40 and bills in the amount of \$615,813.42.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Connie Elmore, seconded by Zach Peters to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

E. Superintendent Report

February Board Meeting -The February board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20 due to Presidents Day.

Bullying Presentation

Mrs. Filyaw went over and provided an update on the following:

- Anonymous Alerts Application
- Bus Cameras
- Building Cameras
- SEL Curriculum/ Wellness Wednesdays

Graduation Date- Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at 2pm.

High School Gym Floor- The gym floor has flattened out and is able to be used, and this summer it need to be repaired. The majority of the costs (if not all) associated with the repair will be covered by our Insurance.

Substitute Teacher Rate- Mrs. Filyaw discussed increasing our substitute teacher rate, as we have had the same amount for 5-8 years.

Illinois Department of Transportation Appraisal, Land Purchase and Easement- Mrs. Filyaw provided an update regarding the IDOT proposal to purchase the land and easement. There is a meeting with the appraiser the day after the board meeting.

Chromebook Usage- Mrs. Filyaw discussed gathering data to determine the amount the chrome books are being used in the classrooms. The plan is to collect data a week in February, and a week in March. Administration will then tabulate this information and report to the board in April.

Health/Life/Safety Audits

Mrs. Filyaw attached documents at the meeting from the Health/Life/Safety audits that were completed in the district earlier this school year by ROE and the Fire Marshal. As discussed, there are a few items that will need to be fixed/replaced this summer.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Huels stated that there was fantastic growth from the Fall to Winter benchmarking on AIMSweb, and iReady. 356 students earned candy for making progress on their AIMSweb benchmark test, which is 73% of our total student population. 298 students earned a soda for meeting their growth goal on their iReady diagnostic test, which is 61% of our student population. Also, Mr. Huels wants to send a 'Thank you' to Mr. Brokering and coaches for a successful turnout to the Cancer Basketball Game, which raised over \$1,000.

Mr. Weathers wants to Congratulate the 83 Winter Challenge winners, who received an Ice Cream party. He adds that the Vending Book Machine at New Baden Elementary earned 100 books in 3 months. Also, Mr. Weathers wants to thank the custodial staff for cleaning the buildings over Christmas break, and after all of the Little Warrior games.

Mr. Rahm wants to thank Kevin Brinkeman, who donated \$2,000 to the Vocational class for tools. He adds that he wants to thank the custodial staff for cleaning after the MLK tournament held at the High School. A big Congratulations to Luke Davis- who was nominated for the National Society Scholars award.

Mrs. Woll wants to congratulate Mrs. Barton's 3rd Grade class for their success with the dollar days program. There is a charity chosen to donate to, along with a donation to Clinton County Cancer Organization and a donation to the food pantry.

## II. Public Comments:

- Jackie VanGorkam was in attendance and wants to inform the board about the GoGuardian Beacon program. She states that it does not collect data from the chromebooks- only the search engine, and during school hours only. She also stated that the school can set to parent notification only as a default setting, should there be an worries about the tracking or data that is being reviewed.

## III. Celebration of Success

- A HUGE thank you to our social workers Sydney Perez, Katie Wilke, Katie Smith, and Cathy Powers for organizing our annual Christmas gift giving campaign. There were 42 donors, 28 families who received Christmas gifts, and 65 students.
- Thanks to Andre Irizarry from the Swing for Sydney, who donated \$1,200 towards the WHS LifeSavers.
- Congratulations to Zack Huels for being awarded the Middle School Principal of the Year by the IPA Kaskaskia Division.
- Congratulations to Daryl Brokering for being awarded the Athletic Director of the Year by the IPA Kaskaskia Division.
- In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, which was January 9th, thank you to all Law Enforcement Officers who spend time helping our students and protecting our schools.
- Congratulations to Julie Boeckman for receiving an Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom Project Grant.

## IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

- Trenton Tax Increment Financing District Extension

The City of Trentons proposal was discussed. The proposal gave 28% of the property taxes to the district.

Motion by Connie Elmore, seconded by Dustin Biggs to table action on the Trenton Tax Increment Financing District Extension until February 20, 2024.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-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. Unlike most other forms of educational assistance, Impact Aid disburses roughly \$1.2 billion annually in the unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts rather than through state agencies.

Last year the district submitted for impact aid, and will be receiving about \$10,000.00. We are surveying the parents and anticipate that the district will again meet the 4% threshold and can apply for assistance. The district is completing the application and the board must approve the submission.

Motion by Zach Peters, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the federal impact aide grant submission.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

C. Part Time Student

Tommy Gravitt, a Senior at Wesclin High School has requested to take a college class at SWIC again this semester. He has completed all the math classes that we offer, and will now take an advanced math class at Southwestern Illinois College.

To request approval to become a part time student from the Board of Education, the student must meet the following criteria:

- A senior
- Possess a GPA of 3.0 or higher through 6 semesters
- After 6 semesters, be on track for graduation and have 17 credits
- After 7 semesters, be on track for graduation and have 19 credits
- Enrolled in an in-person college class during the school day

Tommy meets all of these criterias.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the request to become a part time student by Tommy Gravitt.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

D. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

i. Myleigh Jones- We are recommending Ms. Jones as a PALS worker at Trenton Elementary.

b. FMLA Leave

i. Lydia Banker- Mrs. Banker is requesting FMLA for the birth of her child.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

E. Closed Session for the purposes of discussing student discipline and personnel.

Motion by Zach Peters seconded by Connie Elmore to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing student discipline and personnel at 6:30 PM.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Tina Litteken that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. \_\_\_

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye. Motion passes 7-0

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President

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Secretary