

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, November 18, 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 18th day of November 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 October 21, 2024 were approved on a motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

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 \$963,416.83 and bills in the amount of \$1,402,125.95

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

D. Agenda modification

Motion made by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

E. Superintendent Report

Senior Citizen Luncheon-

Mrs. Filyaw stated that Wesclin's Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 13th from 10:45 - 12:30/1:00.

Maintenance Projects-

Mrs. Filyaw presented the board a list of the necessary maintenance projects by building. She stated these items were discussed by the Building and Grounds Committee during their recent meeting.

Summative Designations-

The Illinois State Board of Education shared the annual summative ratings of each school Mrs. Filyaw shared that as a district, we are very proud of the work of our students and educators, and will always strive to set goals for continued improvement as a district.

Vehicles for Sale/Salvage-

On October 23rd the district received 3 bids to purchase 2 old school busses. One bus was sold for \$1,000 and the other for \$733.00.

F. Principals' Report

Mr. Weathers-

Mr. Weathers stated that New Baden Elementary had a very successful Red Ribbon Week. A big thank you to Officer Robinson and Officer Rapien of the New Baden Police Department for bringing in K-9 drug detection dogs for their demonstration! Mr. Weathers added NBE will be holding 'Family Reading Night' on November 21st from 6:00 - 7:30. He finished with a big kudos to all the bus drivers for going above and beyond to help where it is needed in the district!

Mrs. Woll-

Mrs. Woll stated that Trenton Elementary also had a very successful Red Ribbon Week. A big thank you to Mrs. Kim Flowers, Registered Pharmacist from CVS, who came and taught the students about Medicine Safety! She finished by also wanting to thank Officer Warren with Trenton Police Department for coming to speak to the students during Red Ribbon Week!

Mr. Huels-

Mr. Huels wanted to thank the Wesclin Middle School Honor Society and Mrs. Luis, as the blood drive was very successful with 25 units collected! He also added that Mrs. Timmermann and Mrs. Stempel (StuCo) hosted Red Ribbon Week, and a big thank you goes to them! Mr. Huels finished by wanting to thank Mr. Davis for all his hard work doing the Fall Band Concert.

Mr. Rahm-

Mr. Rahm stated that Wesclin High School held their Fall Play last weekend, and wanted to give Mrs. Page a big thank you for all of her hard work! He added that he wanted to thank Mr. Krumsieg and Mr. VanGorkom for the new touch screen TV located by the band room, that has all of the class composites on it along with sporting events. Mr. Rahm finished by stating that the Winter Sports are kicking in with bowling and basketball starting, and the Winter Sports Assembly is being held next Tuesday!

II. Public Comments:

IV. Celebration of Success

A. Parent/Teacher Conferences were a success. We continue to have over 95% participation in our elementary grades.

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- B. Huge thanks to Heather Hooks 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 Courtney and Harlyn Sims and New Baden 3rd graders Channing Edmundson and Isabelle Luessenheide for their readings.
 - RaeGhan Counsell for winning the Middle School Patriot Pen essay contest and reading his essay at the assembly.
 - Senior Master Sergeant Douglas Wells for an outstanding presentation to the students.
- C. Thank you to the Trenton PTG for planning such a terrific Fall Fest. The students had many different and creative events this year that kept them busy and having fun.
- D. Thank you to the New Baden Police Department for bringing their K9 unit out for a drug demonstration! Also, special thank you to Mr. Huels for graciously volunteering to be the test subject in the demonstration!
- E. Congratulations and thank you to John Groennert and Dan Maue for their many years of service. Both gentleman retired in October.
- F. Thank you to WMS support committee, Wesclin Athletic Boosters, and our middle school clubs for helping to fund our new sound system in the south gym.

V. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Audit Report

Mrs. Filyaw presented the audit report to the board, and stated that there were no major findings.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the audit as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

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

Mrs. Filyaw attached historical EAV increase data, as well as information about the possible levy recommendations. Included was information regarding a 5% and 10% increase. Mrs. Filyaw stated that last year, the districts EAV increased over 10%, as all homes in our district were reassessed. The finance committee is recommending a levy that removes the working cash levy and lowering the tort levy, with the goal being that the overall rate be less than \$4.00, which Mrs. Filyaw stated will occur if our EAV increases by at least 5%.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the tax levy estimate and notice of intent to adopt a tax levy over 105%.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

C. Tax Levy Hearing Date

Mrs. Filyaw stated that since the board is setting a levy that is at least 105% of the current levy, a truth in taxation meeting must be held.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to set the tax levy hearing for Monday, December 16 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

D. Liability Insurance

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the districts liability insurance is with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) and is recommending that that doesn't change. The premium increased about 15% (\$141,218 to \$163,458.) The Insurance is due to the districts overall property value as well as loss ratio. Mrs. Filyaw added that in the last 5 years, the insurance has paid out \$109,983 and there is \$81,788 outstanding. She finished by stating that the districts property value has increased by 10%.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve the renewal for Liability Insurance with ICRMT.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

E. ISBE School Maintenance Grant

The School Maintenance Grant is due on Friday, December 13, and is a \$50,000 matching grant. Mrs. Filyaw stated that the Building and Grounds committee discussed this on Wednesday evening and have decided to submit a proposal for a door/door hardware replacement project. This will improve the overall safety and security of the districts facility.

Currently, the following doors need to be replaced:

- Trenton Elementary- approximately 6 set of doors
- New Baden Elementary- approximately 5 exterior sets of doors, and 1 interior door
- Middle School- approximately 3 sets of doors and new hardware on all other exterior doors.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, 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, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

F. New Baden Walkway Replacement Project

The walkway leading from the parent drop off area to the front of New Baden Elementary needs to be replaced, as discussed at the meeting last month. The Building and Grounds Committee is recommending that the board approves Rooter's asphalt proposal to replace the walkway at NBE.

Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to approve Rooter Asphalt's bid of \$13,500 to replace the walkway at New Baden Elementary.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

G. Consent Agenda

- a. Employment:

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- i. Angela Hodges- We are recommending Ms. Hodges as a custodian in the district.
 - ii. Kaylen McDowell- We are recommending Mrs. McDowell as a teacher's aide in the district.
- b. Volunteer:
- i. Scott Rensing- We are recommending Mr. Rensing as a volunteer baseball coach at Wesclin High School.
 - ii. Mike Zotz- We are recommending Mr. Zotz as a volunteer bowling coach at Wesclin High School.
 - iii. Melanie Reinhardt- We are recommending Mrs. Reinhardt as a volunteer H.S Girls Basketball Coach
- c. Leave without pay:
- i. Mackenzi Biggins- Mrs. Biggins is requesting 2 days without pay to attend a trip with her family.
- d. Leave of Absence (FMLA):
- i. Laura Davis- Mrs. Davis is requesting Family Medical Leave for the birth of her first child.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

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 Tina Litteken seconded by Dustin Biggs to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (6:35 p.m.)

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (6:52 p.m.)

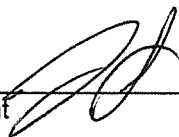
Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

VI. Adjournment:

It was moved by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye,, Jared Poettker-aye. Motion passes 4-0

President



Secretary