

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, December 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 December 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:	_____	_ (arrived late)_
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. Public Hearing (Truth in Taxation)

1. Mrs. Filyaw stated the information has not changed since the last meeting.
2. Public Comments
3. Adjournment

Motion made by _Tina Litteken_, seconded by _Connie Elmore_ to adjourn the truth in taxation hearing.

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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Jeff Stroot, President:	X_____	_____
Tina Litteken, Treasurer:	X_____	_____

E. Principals' Report:

The Principal's shared their building's new curriculum and the improvements they are seeing.

II. Public Comments:

Angie Evans shared that she would like to see the extra pay be implemented for the experienced substitute teachers, as it was for the retired substitutes. She stated that experience is also needed for these substitute teachers, and that the pay scale should be the same.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Congratulations to Angie Wegman, Angie Schlimme, and Meg Billhartz for being awarded the Touchstone Energy Grant. Each Teacher will be given \$500 to implement a project. The projects are:
- Angie Wegman- Growing plants using a hydroponic plant system. She is planning on growing vegetables and herbs.
 - Angie Schlimme- Purchasing electric circuits and magnets to incorporate into an electricity unit.
 - Meg Billhartz- Purchasing Math Stackers, which is an interactive, hands-on math learning system.
- B. The Senior Citizen Luncheon was a success and it held the greatest attendance to date. Everyone enjoyed the event, and a special shout-out goes out to Danielle Schmitt for her organization of the event. Great job Mrs. Schmitt!
- C. Congratulations to our music department, under the direction of Amy Page, Luke Davis, and Megan Washburn for their outstanding Christmas performances.
- D. Special thank you to the parent organizations at Trenton Elementary and New Baden Elementary for a successful Santa's Cottage!
- E. Thank you to Ms. Luis and the National Junior Honor Society for hosting turkey week. The Middle School collected over 200 items of laundry detergent and paper towels as well as over 100 rolls of toilet paper and hats/gloves. They were also able to donate more than 100 food items and \$1,177.00
- F. Congratulations to Kellie Kunz, who was awarded High School Teacher of the Year for the Kaskaskia Region of the Illinois Principal Association. Mrs. Kunz was nominated by Caroline Reymond, a student that graduated in 2022.
- G. Every year, students from Wesclin have the option to audition for a chance to participate in the Illinois Music Education Association's annual music festival. We are part of District 6 which includes the metro east and all of southern Illinois. The audition material is very challenging and only the best musicians in our district are chosen to participate in the festival. This year we had the following students chosen:
- Jr. Vocal Jazz- Aubrey Page
 - Sr. Vocal Jazz- Emma Page
 - Jr Chorus- Joe Humphreys, Aubrey Page, Ella Ranz, Vinny Rehkemper, Ella Rosen, Maliah Strawbridge, Jeremiah Willis
 - Jr. Band- John Baird
 - Sr. Band- Emma Page, Callie Ferguson

IV. Items Requiring Board of Education Action

A. Adopt the 2024 Certificate of Tax Levy

Mrs. Filyaw shared that the district is requesting a tax levy with an overall increase of 10% in the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) as compared to last year. She finished by saying that the district will only receive money that is entitled to us, and that the increase is used to protect the district from any unforeseen increases in the EAV.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the adoption of the 2024 Certificate of Tax Levy.

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

B. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Gretchen Rakers- We are recommending Mrs. Rakers as a Co-Coach for the middle school bowling team.
- ii. Nicole Wernle- We are recommending Mrs. Wernle as a Co-Coach for the middle school bowling team.
- iii. Hailey Rakers- We are recommending Ms. Rakers as a 7th Grade Volleyball Coach.
- iv. Ashley Becker- We are recommending Ms. Becker as a 5th/6th Grade Volleyball Coach.

b. Volunteer:

- i. Michael Zotz- We are recommending Mr. Zotz as a middle school volunteer bowling coach.

c. Leave Without Pay:

- i. Jon Heier- Mr. Heier is requesting 2 days without pay.

d. Resignation:

- i. Kaylin McDowell- Mrs. McDowell is resigning as an Aide in the district.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore 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

C. 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 2②(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Dustin Biggs seconded by Tina Litteken to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. 6:55 p.m.)

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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Motion by Dustin Biggs, seconded by Tina Litteken to return from closed session into the regular meeting.
(7:16 p.m.)

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 7:17 p.m.

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

President



Secretary

