

Wesclin Board of Education
 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
 Tuesday February 18, 2025

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 Tuesday, the 18th day of February 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_____	_____
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 January 25, 2025 were approved on a motion by Connie Elmore, 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 Dustin Biggs to approve The Treasurer's Report and payment of payroll in the amount of \$950,989.36 and bills in the amount of \$648,956.70.

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 amended 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

2025-2026 Calendar-

Mrs. Filyaw shared the proposed calendar at the meeting. The board requested that Mrs. Filyaw survey the staff to determine if there is any way to be finished prior to Memorial Day, should all snow days be used. In addition, the board discussed the possibility of year round school. Mrs. Filyaw will also ask a question regarding year round school on the survey. The calendar will be approved next month.

FCB Repurchase Agreement-

Recently, the district entered into a repurchase agreement with FCB that allows the bank to invest and dollars over \$100,000 from the district's checking account. Mrs. Filyaw shared that the district still has access to that money should we need to write a check or run payroll that is over \$100,000.

Maintenance Committee Meeting-

Mrs. Filyaw shared updates on the following:

- Outdoor bathroom facility
- School Maintenance Grant
- New Baden Gym floor

Agendas-

Agendas for the Administration Team Meeting and Faculty Meetings were shared at the meeting.

F. Principals' Report:

The principals provided updates on their buildings highlighting the many great activities that are occurring. Mrs. Bonsall discussed the upcoming annual reviews.

II. Public Comments:

Robert Brown attended the meeting and stated that he and his family have all been graduates of Wesclin School District. He is also a member of the United Methodist Church, and stated that there are options available in the community for religion to be taught to students. There are youth groups, bible study, etc. and he believes that should remain outside of school.

Angie Evans stated that due to the snow days that have been used this year, there are now exams being held after Memorial Day. She believes that e-learning should be reinvestigated.

Melanie Frederich stated that she is surprised that the district does not incorporate e-learning on snow days. She believes that after 3 snow days, e-learning should be an option. Melanie finished by stating she agreed with Mr. Brown on the religion course addition at the High School, and that a religion elective should not be in a public school.

Nick Hollenkamp addressed the board regarding entering into a cooperative agreement with Lebanon School District to offer football. He also stated that having to compete in 3A does not scare him. He was going to contact Lebanon to determine the interest.

III. Celebration of Success

- A. Trenton Elementary students showed DETERMINATION in January by collecting 387 boxes of cereal for the Green Bean Food Pantry!
- B. Congratulations to the following students that were named Illinois State Scholars:
- Michael Andrescavage
 - Lilly Biggs
 - Wyatt Brown
 - Melanie Gladden
 - Joaquin Gomez-Gonzalez
 - Caden Hartsburg
 - Alexis Hooks
 - Me-Li Hunt
 - Lauren Marks
 - Kolin Monical
 - Theo White

IV. Items Requiring Board Action

A. Spectrum Enterprise Contract Renewal

Every three years the district's contract with our internet provider gets renegotiated. Part of the bill is reimbursed through the E-rate grant from the federal government. Spectrum was the only provider that offered a quote.

Currently, all lines come into the Middle School and then get distributed to the other three buildings. Therefore, if the line coming into the Middle School goes down, all buildings are down.

The new proposal establishes separate lines for both elementary schools. Therefore, if the Middle School goes down, both elementary schools would not be impacted. The renegotiated price is actually \$15.90 less expensive per month after the E-rate discounts are applied.

Motion by Tina Litteken seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the contract extension with Spectrum Enterprise as our internet provider.

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. Health Insurance Assessment

Egyptian Trust, the district's health insurance carrier, is a self-funded insurance carrier. Mrs. Filyaw stated that unfortunately, as a cooperative school, the medical costs are exceeding the premiums that the trust is collecting. The trust anticipated a 9% increase for overall health insurance costs this year, and currently it is a 16% overall increase. Because of the loss ratio at the time of renewal, Mrs. Filyaw shared that the renewal rate was 7.2%.

Mrs. Filyaw stated that the district has 16 employees that access our health insurance and our loss ratio is at 131.2% (which is up from 99.43% loss ratio a year ago.) Therefore, as a district we are being charged a \$31,876.00 assessment (which is \$1,992 per employee.) Although the employees pay for their health insurance, Mrs. Filyaw is not recommending that this assessment be charged to

the employees as it is not being assessed on each employee directly. It is being assessed on the overall loss ratio but calculated per employee. It is not based on the plan that they access nor each individual employee's overall loss ratio.

Mrs. Filyaw stated that she does anticipate a significant percentage increase at renewal which is at the start of the school year.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Zach Peters to approve the district paying the Health Insurance Assessment of \$31,876.00.

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. Middle School Gym Floor Refinishing

The south gym floor was not redone this past summer and the wax is peeling. Mrs. Filyaw shared the quotes at the meeting, comparing the costs to the previous quotes, for the refinishing of the south gym floor.

<u>Company:</u>	<u>10/2/2023</u>	<u>2/27/2024</u>	<u>1/22/2025</u>
Steve Tanner	\$22,588	\$21,011	\$25,415
Stalker	\$36,780		\$38,200

We are recommending Steve Tanner and The Best Gym Floors Art to sand and refinish the south gym floor for \$25,415.00. Prior to signing the contract, it will be specified that the price will not increase and once the job is started, it must be completed.

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve Steve Tanner and The Best Gym Floors Art to sand and refinish the south gym floor at Wesclin Middle School for \$25,415.00.

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. Biblical Elective Course Addition- High School

At the meeting, Mrs. Filyaw shared the district's attorney's legal opinion regarding the addition of the biblical elective course. Mr. Biggs shared that he was not attempting to force it through the board. He feels that the class would offer a good connection between literature, civics and US History and wanted it to be investigated further. Mrs. Litteken shared that there are other electives that could be considered. In addition, she stated that this is a public school and not in our best interest.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Connie Elmore to table the study of the biblical course pending student interest on an end of the year survey.

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. Wesclin/Lebanon Cooperative Agreement

As discussed last month, we are recommending continuing the Wesclin/Lebanon Athletic Cooperative agreement for Girls' Soccer, Girls' Basketball, and Softball throughout the school year 2026-2027.

Motion by Tina Litteken, seconded by Dustin Biggs to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cooperative Team Sponsorship between Wesclin School District and Lebanon School District throughout the school year 2026-2027.

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

F. Overnight Field Trip

Grace Wilson qualified for State Bowling in Rockford. She will be rooming with another student from another school (and the student's parents.)

Motion by Connie Elmore, seconded by Jared Poettker to approve the overnight trip request for the girls' bowling state tournament.

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

G. Consent Agenda

a. Hire:

- i. Tiffany Luis- We are recommending Ms. Luis as the assistant middle school track coach.
- ii. Sherry Deien- We are recommending Ms. Deien as a part-time lunchroom supervisor at TE.
- iii. Dustin Emig- We are recommending Mr. Emig as a substitute bus driver.
(At this time, he is only planning on completing trips.)
- iv. Ted Crail- We are recommending Mr. Crail as a substitute bus driver.
(At this time, he is only planning on completing trips.)
- v. Timothy Brunker- We are recommending Mr. Brunker as the assistant bus mechanic.
- vi. Nick Hollenkamp- We are recommending Mr. Hollenkamp as the Spring Weight Training position. He will be sharing this position.
- vii. Brent Brede- We are recommending Mr. Brede as the Spring Weight Training position. He will be sharing this position.
- viii. Madison Deimeke- We are recommending Ms. Deimeke move from a recess and lunchroom supervisor to a full time teacher aide at Trenton Elementary.
- ix. Brian Berberich-We are recommending Mr. Berberich as the JV baseball coach. (Mr. Berberich previously resigned from this position, but we were unable to find anyone to fill it.)
- x. Brendan Bernhardt- We are recommending Mr. Bernhardt as the middle school golf coach.

b. Resignation:

- i. Sydney Perez- Mrs. Perez is resigning her position as High School Cheerleading Coach.
(There are 2 other coaches that we believe will continue.)

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Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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H. 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 Connie Elmore to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and student discipline. (7:45 p.m.)

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

Motion by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore to return from closed session into the regular meeting. (8:05 p.m.)

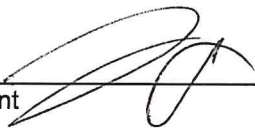
Vote: Dustin Biggs-aye, Connie Elmore-aye, Tina Litteken-aye, Zach Peters-aye, Jared Poettker-aye, Jeff Stroot-aye, Krystal Schmitt-aye. Motion passes 7-0

V. Adjournment:

It was moved by Jared Poettker, seconded by Connie Elmore that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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

President



Secretary

