

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine Grade School, 205 S. Washington St., Palestine, Illinois on Monday, August 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Corie Biggs at 6:03 p.m.

Secretary Erin Reinbold called the roll with the following members answering present: Corie Biggs, Lori Elder, Megan Pifer, Tara Vennard, and Donald Wagoner. Absent: Damien Tingley and Tyler Inboden. Administration present was Jessica Sisil and Caleb Will. Others present were Jana Bayne.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve the agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Megan Pifer and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tara Vennard and seconded by Lori Elder to authorize the superintendent to display the tentative budget. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve amendments to the following policies: 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:80, 2:130, 2:240, 2:260, 2:265, 3:30, 4:15, 4:50, 4:55, 4:80, 4:120, 4:180, 5:10, 5:20, 5:60, 5:100, 5:330, 6:150, 6:235, 6:310, 7:10, 7:20, 7:40, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:250, 7:255, 7:270, 7:300, 7:310, 7:315, 7:325, 7:340, 8:30, and 8:80. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by Megan Pifer to approve the transfer of funds from the Working Cash to Operations and Maintenance for Roof and Parking Lot Repair/Replacement. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to enter into Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. for the purpose of employment, appointment, resignation, and evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student, and negotiations. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Damien Tingley arrived at 7:27 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

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It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve the Closed Session minutes of the July 21, 2025 board meeting. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Megan Pifer to employ Bradley Fulling as Volunteer Cross Country Coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to employ Vidalia Kuhl as High School Drama Club Sponsor. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tara Vennard and seconded by Don Wagoner to employ Tim Riley as a Sub Bus Driver. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by Tara Vennard to employ Ritchie Griffin as Assistant Football Coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Megan Pifer to accept the resignation of Kurtis Plew as Jr. High Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach and post the position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to accept the resignation of Ronelle Linneweber as Special Education Teacher and post the position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Corie Biggs, Acting President

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Erin Reinbold, Secretary