

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 Thursday, December 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Corie Biggs at 5:02 p.m.

Acting Secretary Tara Vennard called the roll with the following members answering present: Corie Biggs, Lori Elder, Tyler Inboden, Megan Pifer, Tara Vennard & Donald Wagoner. Absent: Damien Tingley. Administration present was Jessica Sisil, and Mr. Will. Others present were Megan & Owen Fuller, Tasha, Josh, & Anniah Cafin, Brandon Sisil, Ryan, Camry, & Kyla Woodward, Valerie Woodward, Brandon Smith, Nathan & Scarlett Brunnabend.

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

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

Presentation of 2024-2025 Annual Audit.

Presentation of Operational Funds Reserve Reduction.

Damien Tingley joined the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tyler Inboden to adopt the 2025 Tax Levy. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Inboden, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the following dates for graduation: Grade School Monday, May 18 at 6:00pm and High School Sunday, May 17 at 4:00pm. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Inboden, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

First reading of Policy updates.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Megan Pifer to adopt the resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Crawford, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Inboden, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Megan Pifer and seconded by Lori Elder to accept the lawn care and landscaping bid from Ace Lawn Care. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Abstain: Inboden. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Tyler Inboden to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Inboden, Pifer, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Corie Biggs, Acting President

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Tara Vennard, Acting Secretary