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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine High School, 102 N. Main St., Palestine, Illinois on Monday, March 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order by acting Board President Damien Tingley at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary Erin Reinbold called the roll with the following members answering present: Corie Biggs (via phone), Lori Elder, Damien Tingley, Tara Vennard & Donald Wagoner. Absent: Susan Hawkins, and Tyler Inboden. Administration present was Jessica Sisil and Caleb Will. Others present were Brant, Sierra, and Taylor Fuller, Trace and Keyleigh Sisil, Michelle Wagoner, Jana Bayne, Kristen, Zayne, and Charlotte Walker.

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

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

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the renewal of the IHSA and IESA Memberships for fiscal year 2025. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tara Vennard and seconded by Lori Elder to accept the firm price fuel bid from Wabash Valley Service Company for the 25-26 SY as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Don Wagoner to accept the trash bid from Republic Services for the 25-26 SY as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tara Vennard and seconded by Lori Elder to enter into Closed Session at 6:35 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, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

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It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to accept the resignation of Lauren Keesling as the volunteer color guard coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Don Wagoner to suspend Cale McCord without pay for five days. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Damien Tingley, Acting President
Erin Reinbold, Secretary