A special meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine High School, 100 S. Main St., Palestine, Illinois on Thursday, August 27+, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Damien Tingley at 6:01 p.m.

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

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

After discussion of the PHS front entrance steps the Board decided to table this action item.

It was moved by Megan Pifer and seconded by Lori Elder to enter into Closed Session at 6:15 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, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 7:29 p.m.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Megan Pifer to approve the Closed Session minutes of the July 20, 2026 board meeting as amended. 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 approve to hire Larry Berry as Volunteer Assistant Jr. High Baseball Coach. 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 Corie Biggs and seconded by Megan Pifer to accept the resignation of Austin Rodgers as Jr. High Assistant Scholastic Bowl 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.

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It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Lori Elder to accept the resignation of Philip Blank as 5/6th Boys' Head 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 Corie Biggs and seconded by Megan Pifer to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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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Damien Tingley, President

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Erin Reinbold, Secretary