

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2020
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School
Hosted via Google Meets**

Administrators: Mark Heuring

Visitors were able to attend via Facebook Live on the Whiteside School District #115 Facebook page.

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Jeff Tindall (joined at 7:05 pm).

3.0) Accept or Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comments

The public was able to send in comments via email up until 4:00 pm April 16, 2020. Mr. Heuring checked at 6:00 pm and there were no public comments submitted via email.

Mr. Rakers received an email earlier in the week from an elementary parent requesting information on the Board Meeting. Mr. Heuring reached out with the information on how to submit a comment and the Facebook Live information. Nothing further was heard from the parent.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 19, 2020

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 regular board meeting. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of the Minutes from Executive Session March 19, 2020

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 executive session. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

5.3) Approval of the Treasurers Report

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

5.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

There was no board secretary business.

7.0) Administrative Reports

7.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed Mr. Rakers' written report

7.2) Middle School Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed Mrs. Laurent's written report

7.3) District Superintendent Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report. Mr. Heuring added that he sent out an email blast and phone call alerting parents to our next packet pick up dates of April 20th and 21st. The blast included information on the beginning process of how grades will be figured for the school year.

Mr. Heuring informed the Board our tax payments from the county will be delayed 4-6 months. This information comes from a statement from the County Treasurer. This will be a concern of the District.

Mr. Heuring reminded the Board that their Economic Interest Statements must be on file by May 1st or there is a penalty for the district. They can go online to complete the statement.

A question was asked about the survey sent out to parents in regards to internet access. Mr. Heuring advised that we had less than 50% participation in the survey so the answers are not a fair sampling of our district.

It was also asked how many of our students are participating in eLearning via online methods. At this time we do not have those numbers.

8.0) Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Mr. Heuring informed the Board that he has not heard from the ISBA regarding the status of our Policy Manual.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Set date of June 18, 2020 for Public Hearing to Amend Budget

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to set the date of June 18, 2020 for the public hearing on the amended FY 20 budget and to provide public notice as required. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Amend FY20 Calendar

Mr. Heuring informed the Board that at this time with the COVID-19 school closure we are unable to amend the FY20 calendar at this time. We will receive direction from ISBE and the ROE in the coming months on how to amend our calendar.

No action was taken.

9.3) Summer Maintenance Planning

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to proceed with the summer maintenance plan as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.4) FY 21 Funding Options

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to allow the superintendent to explore different funding options for FY21. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of district legal matters/pending litigation and student discipline matters. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:29 pm.

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to return to open session. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 7:43 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

11.1) Honorable Dismissal of Paraprofessionals

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to issue notices of honorable dismissal to the following first-year and second-year paraprofessionals at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Elle Badgley, Tracy Bozarth, Jenna Bennett, Jennifer Campbell, Deann Doolittle, Taukistia Mister, Montira Mosby, Carolyn Normansell, Ashley Reichert, Cody Watts, Dawn Andell, Reem Deriyah, Tabitha Harris, Margie Jenkins, Johnathan Marchbanks, Yvonne Morrison, and Cassidy Van Ness. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.2) Tuition Reimbursements

There were no tuition reimbursements for consideration.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to adjourn. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary