

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Jaime Cotto (remote from home)

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 Vice-President Rod Euchner at 7:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman (remote from home), Rod Euchner, Sean McKee (remote from home), Terri McKee (remote from home), Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Jeff Tindall (remote from home).

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Hearing for the resolution to Levy Taxes

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to open the Public Hearing for the resolution to Levy Taxes. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

No comments regarding the Tax Levy.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to close the Public Hearing for the resolution to Levy Taxes. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.0) Public Comments

The public was able to submit comments via email or phone call until 4:00 pm December 17, 2020.

There were no emails for phone calls submitted for public comments.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 19, 2020

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 regular board meeting. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session November 19, 2020

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 Executive Session. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurers Report

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

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley 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.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

There was no board secretary business.

8.0) Administrative Reports

8.1) Elementary Report –Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report

Mr. Rakers added that he wanted to thank the staff for their flexibility over the last several week as we strived to keep our doors open. He especially wanted to recognize Jawanza Avant and Taukistia Mister. They have been subbing in different classrooms almost every day to help out.

8.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report

Mrs. Laurent wanted to also thank Christ Church for their generous donation to the Helping Hands fund.

8.3) District Superintendent Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report

9.0) Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10.0) New Business

10.1) Resolution to Levy Taxes

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Resolution to levy taxes as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Second Reading of Press – Issue 106, November

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to accept the second reading of Press – Issue 106, November. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.3) Review of Return to Learn In-Person Timelines

Mr. Heuring gave information regarding tentative schedules for moving us from the current schedule to longer days to five days a week.

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to continue with the Timeline for In-Person Learning to return on January 11, 2021 unless a longer pause is determined by the Superintendent. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Repayment of Short-Term Borrowing

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the repayment of the Short-Term Borrowing needed due to delayed tax payments. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.5) Emergency Day Options

Mr. Heuring went through the three options for Emergency Days and explained their effect on the school calendar.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the use of Emergency day options as presented by the Superintendent. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson 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.

Board went into closed session at 7:44 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to return to open session.

Board returned to open session at 8:23 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

12.1) Approval of Resignation of Kevin Johnson with regrets

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the resignation of Kevin Johnson with regrets. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.2) Approval of Resignation of Ulanda Branch

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the resignation of Ulanda Branch. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.3) Approval of Resignation of Barb Dryer

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the resignation of Barb Dryer. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.4) Employment of MS Paraprofessional

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Jennifer Fisher as a Middle School paraprofessional. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.5) Employment of ES Early Childhood Aide

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Ciara Carter as an Early Childhood paraprofessional. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.6) Employment of ES Paraprofessional

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Brianna Martinez-Burns as an ES Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.7) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the tuition reimbursement request of Niki Owens. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.8) Approval of adjusted salary for Nurse for BSN

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the salary adjustment of the MS nurse in January due to receiving her BSN. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary