

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Jaime Cotto

Visitors are indicated on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee at 7:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Jeff Tindall (arrived at 7:03).

Board Members absent: Matt Erkman, Terri McKee

3.0) Accept or Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Heuring introduced Jamie Wolfe as the candidate to be voted on for the District Office Administrative Assistant position.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting December 19, 2019

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular board meeting. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session December 19, 2019

Motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 executive session. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

5.3) Approval of the Treasurers Report

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

5.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

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

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

The Superintendent updated the Board that we received a Thank You card from the McKee family for the flowers that were sent for Terri McKee's mother's funeral.

7.0) Administrative Reports

7.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report. In addition, Mr. Rakers reported that the Fire Marshall did his yearly walk through on January 16 at both the Elementary and Middle School. He also let everyone know that this was the last day to sign up for the Elementary Math / Science Night. All signups are online. Maura Brueggeman is again heading up this event.

7.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report. Mrs. Laurent added that the Belleville News Democrat is going to run a story regarding the Weekend Warrior program and that Nate Smith and Eugene Williams were both honored by the St. Louis Blues for their role in the program.

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

8.0) Committee Reports

8.1) Policy committee – Mr. Heuring gave an update on the Customization and Policy Review process. Mr. Heuring met with our representative for a one on one meeting last week. There will be three additional meetings in the future for the customization process. The board will need to decide if they want our representative to meet with only Mr. Heuring, two board members, committee of board members, or the entire board.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Approval to appoint Superintendent to file for Federal Impact Aid.

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to appoint Mr. Heuring, Superintendent, to represent the district to file for Federal Impact Aid.

9.2) Approval to submit Maintenance Construction Grant to ISBE.

Motion by Tindall, second by Euchner to approve the Maintenance Construction Grant submission to ISBE. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Middle School Wrestling Program

Mr. Heuring provided the data from the sports survey. Results are similar to the golf program. It was suggested that a review of the building usage be completed after the 19-20 winter sports season is completed. This will enable the board to

review what impact a Wrestling Program may have on other Whiteside sports or building usage. Recommendation to table until the requested information is available in March or April.

9.4) Board of Education Economic Interest Statement

Mr. Heuring reminded the Board that each year they must submit an Economic Interest Statement. When Mr. Heuring has more information he will send it out via email.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Tindall, second by Euchner 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 – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:38 pm.

Motion by Tindall, second by Euchner to return to open session. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 7:57 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Middle School Maternity Leave

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the maternity leave of Katherine Mertens.

11.2) Approval of District Office Administrative Assistant

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the employment of Jamie Wolfe as the District Office Administrative Assistant. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business, motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to adjourn. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary