

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent (joined at 7:37 pm), Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

President Rod Euchner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Jeff Tindall (left at 8:04 pm).

Members absent: Matt Erkman

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors and the members from the WFT.

Sydney Euchner spoke to the Board regarding her Belleville CEO Group and invited members to the CEO Glow Night that they are hosting.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting December 15, 2022

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting December 15, 2022. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of Minutes from the Closed Session December 15, 2022

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session December 15, 2022. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.3) Approval of the Minutes from the Levy Hearing December 15, 2022

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Levy Hearing December 15, 2022. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.4) Approval of Treasurers Report

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

5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

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

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

A Thank you note to the Board of Education from Mrs. Schott was shared with Board Members.

7.0) Administrative Reports

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

In addition Mr. Rakers informed the board about the STEAM night at the Elementary School on February 2, 2023.

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

7.3) District Superintendent Report –

Fred Weber and Eric Merker from GRP spoke to the Board regarding information for a solar project and possible roof project. They shared next steps in starting the project.

Tom Crabtree from Stifel spoke to the Board regarding the district's ability to seek bonds for different projects including the solar, roof and possible building project. Mr. Crabtree explained a little bit about different bond options.

Mr. Heuring then reviewed his written report.

8.0) Committee Reports

A Policy Committee meeting was set for February 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm

9.0) New Business

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

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Superintendent to file for Federal Impact Aid. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Board of Education Economic Interest Statement

Reminder to the BOE to be on the lookout for notification from the county to log into their account in February to file their economic interest statement. All current members must complete the form even if they are not seeking reelection.

9.3) Review of closed minutes

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Tindall to keep the closed minutes June 2022 to November 2022 closed to the public. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Approval of RFP for performance contractor

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to find a performance contractor for the Whiteside School District. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Approval to seek preliminary architectural input for future primary center

Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to allow the superintendent to begin initial discussion for plans for a primary center located at the elementary school. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.6) Approval of 2023 – 2024 BOE meeting dates and times

Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to approve proposal 2 for the 2023-2024 Board of Education dates. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Proposal 2 has all BOE meetings held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm except November and December. Those dates are set as Monday, November 13, 2023 and Thursday, December 14, 2023

9.7) Public hearing for health life safety project

Motion by Tindall, second by Bochantin to set the public hearing to use health life safety funds for the upcoming paving project located at the middle school on February 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.0) 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. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 8:04 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to return to open session. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 8:40 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the tuition reimbursement request for Ashley Brown. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

Move previous roll for Emily Nelson. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Move previous roll for Emily Sackett. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Move previous roll for Jenni Wolford. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

11.2) Approval of Resignations

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the resignation for Sarah Ratcliff – ES Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.3) Approval of Employment

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to employ Rachel Hopper as an ES paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

Move the previous roll for Letitia Fuller, MS Paraprofessional. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

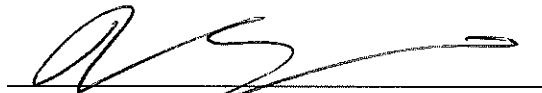
11.4) Approval of MS Secretary Maternity Leave Substitute

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to June Jones as the substitute for the MS secretary's maternity leave as a temporary employee. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

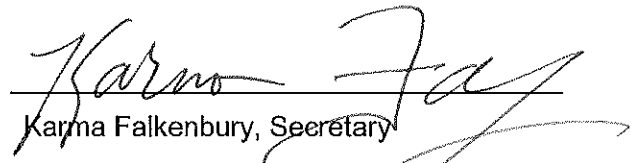
12.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karma Falkenbury, Secretary