

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2024
7:30 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

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

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 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Derek Houston, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

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

5.0) Public Hearing

- 5.1) Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to open the public hearing concerning the 2024 Tax Levy. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Heuring explained the Truth in Taxation information.

Mr. Euchner stated that it is important to remember we are not raising the taxes, we are only capturing what is available.

There were no public comments or questions.

- 5.2) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to close the public hearing concerning the 2024 Tax Levy. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Consent Items

- 6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 18, 2024

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session November 18, 2024

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on November 18, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

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

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

The only correspondence was the information previously shared with the board via email.

8.0) Administrative Reports

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

In addition, Mr. Rakers informed the Board that we were able to support 69 students with presents for Christmas this year. Supporters this year included Towerview Baptist Church, First Church of the Nazarene, Project Spirit, Knights of Columbus, and former and current Whiteside Staff. East Side Fire Department supported the program by helping to deliver some of the gifts.

8.2) Middle School Report –Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report with the help of 8th Grade students Amaron Prudhomme and Derrick Williams.

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

Mr. Heuring also spoke about Vision 2020 and Vision 2030. Vision 2030 will be asking for support from local Boards. More information will be available after the first of the year.

Mr. Euchner thanked each of the administrators for all they do and wished them and their teams a Happy Holidays.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Policy Committee

The committee reviewed PRESS 117 and will be recommending the board to approve it.

9.2) Elementary Addition Committee

Christine Mitchell-Endsley gave a report from the last meeting. The committee focused on the playgrounds, materials, look for the outside and inside of the building. The main goal is for a cohesive look for the buildings. The committee is trying to be fiscally responsible with their decisions.

10.0) New Business

10.1) Final Reading of PRESS 117

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the final reading of PRESS 117. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Resolution to Approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the resolution providing publication that the district followed steps for a Truth in Taxation Notice. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

10.3) Resolution to Levy Taxes

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the resolution that the district approve the 2024 Tax Levy as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

10.4) ISBE Discipline Plan

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the 25/26 Discipline Improvement plan as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.5) Behavioral Interventionist Job Posting

Mr. Heuring presented the job posting to the Board along with a flow chart of how this position will impact behavior issues.

Discussion was had pertaining to the expectations for working with teachers, staff, and students; salary; and qualifications.

Motion by Euchner, second by Bochantin to approve the posting for a Behavior Specialist / Interventionist. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.6) Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to select the Cigna Health Insurance renewal at the 4% increase proposed. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

10.7) Athletic Tryout Policy

The proposed Tryout policy was worked on by Joe Glynn, Athletic Director; Monica Laurent, Principal; Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal; and Mark Heuring, Superintendent.

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the Athletic Tryout Policy as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin 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 8:23 pm.

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to return to open session. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 9:22 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

12.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

12.1)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve the tuition reimbursement for Sondra Kingsbury. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.1)2. Move the previous roll for Heather Kypta. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.2) Approval of Stipend Positions

12.2)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve Amy Jung as sponsor for Book Club. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.2)2. Move the previous roll for Anna Campbell – Scholar Bowl. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.2)3. Move the previous roll for Anna Campbell – Chess Club. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.2)4. Move the previous roll for Alex Dahm – 5/6 Girls Volleyball. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.2)5. Move the previous roll for Amber Phillips / Danielle Wobbe – Drama Crew Co-sponsors. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.2)6. Bowling – tabled

12.2)7. Boys Track – tabled

12.3) Employment of District Staff

- 12.3)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve moving Nicole Tetter from Para to F/T Sub. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.3)2. Move the previous roll for Alexis Williams – MS Paraprofessional. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3)3. Move the previous roll for Jonathon Kloepper - Custodian. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried
- 12.3)4. Move the previous roll for Brynne Walsh – ESP worker. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4) Coaching non-renewal
- 12.4)1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the non-renewal of Edward Brown – 5/6 Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.5) District Resignations
- 12.5)1. Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the resignation for Stephanie McDaniel – ES Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.
- 12.5)2. Move the previous roll for Dontaniesha McClatchery – ES Paraprofessional. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.6) Approval of Middle School Secretarial Request
- Tabled for further review in January.
- Request was made and approved to be put on the Closed Agenda for January.
- 12.7) Approval of Maternity Leave
- Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the maternity leave request for Sarah Pugh beginning on March 19, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – no, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

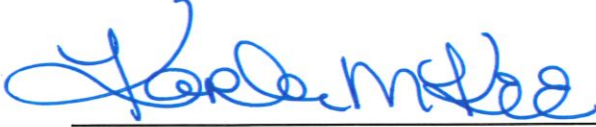
13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary