

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2024
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, 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 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0) Roll Call of Members

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

Members absent: Jeremy Bochantin and Nancy Sanchez

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting Hearing December 14, 2023

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from Special Meeting for Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 14, 2023. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting January 18, 2024

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

5.3) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session January 18, 2024

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

5.4) Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

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

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7.0) Administrative Reports

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

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

In addition, Mrs. Laurent recognized Ashley Brown for being selected for the Illinois Those Who Excel Award and told the board about the Middle School participation in National Read Aloud Day.

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

8.0) Committee Reports

8.1) Building and Grounds Meeting Date –

No date set as some members were not present.

8.2) Policy Committee Selection of Members and Meeting Date

Sean McKee is not able to continue to serve on the Policy Committee due to outside commitments. Rod Euchner will take his place on the committee with Angela Dickerson.

Meeting set for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm

8.3) Personnel Committee Formation (New)

Tabled

8.4) Finance Committee Date

Not date set as some members were not present.

8.5) Negotiations Committee Formation and Selection of Members

Committee Members were selected as Jeremy Bochantin, Rod Euchner, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley. A date will be set to meet after Spring Break.

9.0) New Business

9.1) FY25 Calendar Proposal

Mr. Heuring went through the differences in the two proposed calendar options. The main difference is Option 1 has a week-long Spring Break and Option 2 has the traditional Thursday – Monday Spring Break.

After discussion around the two calendars, Mr. Heuring let the board know that Nancy Sanchez had voiced her favor in Option 1. Jeremy Bochantin did not have a preference.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to approve Option 2 as the FY25 proposed calendar. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Discipline Plan Improvement Template

Mr. Heuring explained to the Board why we needed to complete the Discipline Improvement Plan and reviewed it with the members. Angela Dickerson inquired if "all staff" under CPI training included paraprofessionals. Mr. Heuring informed them that we train all staff, to the best of our ability, in the verbal de-escalation techniques. We only train the Special Education staff in the physical restraint portion.

Derek Houston requested more information about question 3. Mr. Heuring let him know that we assign the required mandated training to all staff at the beginning of each year. We can not speak to whether the staff feels the training is effective or not.

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve to approve the Discipline Plan Improvement Template as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) District FY 25 Fees Review and Proposal

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the District's FY25 Fees as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Graduation Date Proposed

Motion by Houston, second by Euchner to approve Tuesday, May 14, 2024 as the 8th Grade Graduation Date. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley 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 8:05 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 9:58 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the tuition reimbursement for Heather Kypta. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.2) Student Discipline

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to uphold Student Discipline issue #24003. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.3) Approval of District Resignations

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the resignation of Alexandra Owens as ES Special Education Teacher. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.3)1. Move the previous roll for Alexis Kinsey as MS Custodian. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)2. Move the previous roll for Tory Griffith as Boys MS Track Coach. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4) Accept the Letter to Bargain

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the Whiteside Federation of Teachers Letter to Bargain. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.5) Custodian Employment

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to approve the employment of Toni Stocker as a custodian in the district. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.5)1. Move the previous roll for John Everett. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.6) Paraprofessional Employment

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the employment of Megan Glascock as Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

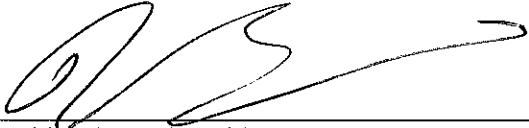
11.6)1. Move the previous roll for Devin Chambers – MS Paraprofessional. Ayes – 4, Abstain – Houston, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.6)2. Move the previous roll for Jovana Cardiel – ES Paraprofessional. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

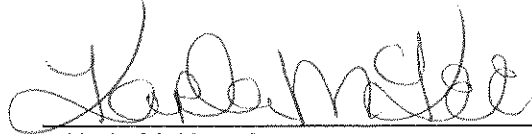
12.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.

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Rod Euchner, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karla McKee' in a cursive, flowing script.

Karla McKee, Secretary