

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring

Visitors: None

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, Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

Board Members absent: Sean McKee

3.0) Public Comment

No Visitors

4.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

None at this time.

5.0) New Business

5.1) Recommend motion to approve the final reading of PRESS Policies which includes: 2:20, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 4:10, 4:30, 4:40, 4:60, 4:130, 4:160, 5:30, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:210, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:190, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290, 8:30, 8:70.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the final reading of PRESS policies 2:20, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 4:10, 4:30, 4:40, 4:60, 4:130, 4:160, 5:30, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:210, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:190, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290, 8:30, 8:70. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Recommend motion to approve the final reading of PRESS policy 6:230 as presented.

The board discussed different interpretations on managing our libraries if we do or do not adhere to the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*.

Mr. Houston interprets it that we can accept the *Library Bill of Rights* and also retain control over the books in our Library by having both a Procurement Policy and a Challenge Policy.

Mrs. Mitchell-Endsley interprets it to mean we cannot tailor a policy against the *Library Bill of Rights* in any form. She recommends waiting to see how other institutions handle being able to restrict certain types of books entering their libraries.

It was discussed that once we gather more information on how other institutions are handling the rules and get clarification from our attorneys on interpretations we can go back and accept the *Library Bill of Rights* at a later time if we so choose.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the final reading of PRESS policy 6:230 as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – no, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Closed Session

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of legal matters, and student concerns. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:39 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to return to open session. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 7:54 pm.

7.0) Action Items

7.1) Employment of Speech Language Pathologist

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to employ Hailey Fischer for the FY 25 school year as a Speech Language Pathologist in the Whiteside School District. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

7.2) Employment of Boys Track Coach

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Mya Dixon as the Boys Middle School Track Coach for the Spring 2024 school year. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

7.3) Employment of Middle School Math Teacher

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to employ Abigail Gray as a middle school math teacher for the FY 25 school year in the Whiteside School District. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

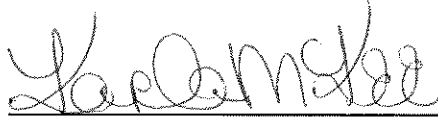
8.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn.
Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary