

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2024
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Kim Bossler

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Jeremy Bochantin 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, Derek Houston, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley

Board Members absent: Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, and Nancy Sanchez

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

Vice-President Jeremy Bochantin welcomed the visitors and members of the WFT.

There were no public comments.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting April 18, 2024

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

5.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session April 18, 2024

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

5.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

5.4) 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, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

No correspondence at this time.

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.

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

Mr. Heuring informed the board of Skyward blasts that will be sent out in the next few weeks regarding On-line Registration and Sacks of Summer.

It was discussed moving the BOE meetings to more paperless by using Chromebooks to review the packets instead of paper copies. Motion sheets would still remain in paper.

8.0) Committee Reports

8.1) Policy Committee Meeting

Policy committee met in April and recommends accepting PRESS 114 as presented.

8.2) Building and Grounds

Next step is to look at selecting a Construction Management Firm.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Final reading of PRESS 114 Policies: 2:270, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:140, 2:260, 2:265, 4:20, 4:110, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:100, 5:35, 5:40, 5:300, 6:40, 7:10, 7:20, 7:180, 7:10-E

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the Final reading of PRESS 114 Policies: 2:270, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:140, 2:260, 2:265, 4:20, 4:110, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:100, 5:35, 5:40, 5:300, 6:40, 7:10, 7:20, 7:180, 7:10-E as noted in the packet. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Consolidated District Plan

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the Consolidated District Plan. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Belleville118 Food Service Agreement

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the Food Service Inter-School agreement between Whiteside and Belleville 118. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) FY24 PSIC Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the PSIC Property and Casualty renewal included in the packet for the FY 25 School Year. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Resolution to purchase SAVVAS Science for Grades 3-8 for the upcoming 8 years.

Amber Phillips shared with the Board how the committee came to choosing SAVVAS for their recommendation, what they liked about SAVVAS and what they didn't like about some of the other options.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to enter into an 8-year agreement with SAVVAS Science for grades 3-8 including a student consumable text and teacher editions. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.6) Resolution to purchase SAVVAS Social Studies for Grades 3-5 for the upcoming 6 years.

Troy Griffith shared with the Board the decisions for choosing the Social Studies curriculum and why the differences in textbook type and companies.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to enter into a 6-year agreement with SAVVAS Social Studies for grades 3-5 including a student consumable text and teacher editions. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.7) Resolution to purchase the Social Studies textbook from SAVVAS for Grade 6

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to purchase a 6th grade Social Studies classroom set of textbooks from SAVVAS. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.8) Resolution to purchase the Social Studies textbooks from McGraw Hill for Grades 7 and 8

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to a classroom set of textbooks from McGraw Hill for both 7th and 8th Grades. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

Derek Houston thanked the Science and Social Studies committee for all the work they put into researching and selecting new curriculum.

9.9) Construction Management Interview Dates

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the outline proposed for construction management selection on a date to be determined. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.10) FY24 Amended Preliminary Budget

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the FY 24 Amended Preliminary Budget. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. 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 – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:48 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to return to open session. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 8:19 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

11.1)1. Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the tuition reimbursement for Ashley Brown. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.1)2. Move the previous roll for Sondra Kingsbury. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.1)3. Move the previous roll for Amanda Dermody. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.1)4. Move the previous roll for Heather Kypta. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.2) Employment of District Personnel

11.2)1. Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Larry Williams as a paid permanent sub as a special education teacher at the middle school due to being accepted into the Golden Apple Program. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.2)2. Move the previous roll for Antwanysa Byrd as a custodian in the district. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.2)3. Move the previous roll for Kim Nelson as an elementary school paraprofessional in the district for the 2024-25 school year. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.2)4. Move the previous roll for Caroline Brown as a permanent science substitute teacher in the district for the 2024-25 school year. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3) Employment of Sponsor / Coaches

No action taken.

11.4) District Resignation

11.4)1. Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to accept the resignation of Devin Chambers, paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – abstain, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.4)2. Move the previous roll for Chautiana Houston, ES Special Education Teacher. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.5) District Retirements

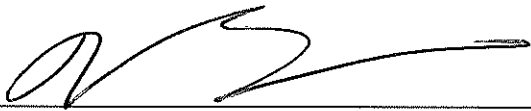
11.5)1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to accept the retirement letter for Tracy Mentzer. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – abstain, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.5)2. Move the previous roll for Jennifer Korak. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



Jeremy Bochantin, Vice-President



Karla McKee, Secretary

R Euchner President