

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Chris Stinnett

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, and Hamze Fares.

Members absent: Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

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

4.0) Public Comments

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors, members of the WFT, and Whiteside Staff.

President Rod Euchner also welcomed the State Championship Baseball Team. Each team member was greeted by the Board of Education and a standing ovation was given. He also thanked Coach Griffith for being a man of his word and letting the boys shave his beard and hair when they won the State Championship.

Mr. Heuring thanked Coach Griffith and all the parents for supporting our baseball team. We appreciate all you do. This experience will stay with these boys for a very long time.

Alexandra Lockridge thanked the Board for moving away from one group movement for 7th and 8th grade student schedules. Mrs. Lockridge encouraged the Board to also look at this for our Honors program. An all or none program like we have is excluding students who may be Honors in one subject but not another.

Rod Euchner thanked Mrs. Lockridge for her comments and let her know that this is one item the Board is looking at in our strategic planning.

October Shout Out recipient winners were recognized: Rachel Rist from the District Office and Deann Doolittle from the Elementary School.

5.0) Consent Items

- 5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, September 18, 2025
Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.2) Approval of Minutes from Public Hearing, September 18, 2025
Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on September 18, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.3) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, September 18, 2025
Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on September 18, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.4) Approval of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the October 16, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable
Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the October 16, 2025 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

The only Board Correspondence was the email received letting the Board know that the Baseball team had won the State Championship and should be recognized at a Board meeting.

7.0) Administrative Reports

- 7.1) Elementary School Principal - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report
- 7.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.
Mrs. Laurent also let the Board know that the Basketball Season is starting tomorrow.
- 7.3) Enrollment / Truancy - Mrs. Bossler gave an enrollment and truancy report for the Elementary School.

7.4) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

8.0) Committee Reports

No reports at this time.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Fiscal Year 26 Levy Information

Mr. Heuring went through a presentation on the Levy, how it is figured, and Truth in Taxation. The Levy will be presented at the November Meeting for approval.

No Action Taken.

9.2) MTSS Process Review

Erin Connolly reviewed what MTSS has been doing since the first of the year, progress monitoring, and upcoming professional development.

No Action Taken.

9.3) Approval of Mission / Vision Statement

Over the last several months the Board of Education has been working on a Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. The Board has narrowed it down to two options. A straw pole was conducted for which option is preferred. Mr. Rakers - Option 1 as it is more concise, Mrs. Laurent - Option 2 she likes the "cultural responsive teaching", Mrs. Stinnett - Option 1, Bochantin - Option 2, Dickerson - Option 2, Euchner - Option 2, Fares - Option 1.

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to adopt Option 2 ("Partnering with families, educators, and community members to lay the foundation for every learner's future, where inspired teaching and empowered learning thrive in a culturally responsive environment that values every student and supports every teacher to reach their highest potential.") as the District's new mission statement. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 AFR

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 AFR as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Elementary Solar Timeline

Mr. Heuring reviewed the information and options for the Elementary Solar project as presented by GRP.

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to move forward with GRP regarding Option 1 with the upcoming solar timeline. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of legal matters, negotiations, and student discipline. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 8:23 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to leave closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of legal matters, negotiations, and student discipline. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

Board returned to Open Session at 10:21 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

11.1) District Safety Report
No action needed.

11.2) Employment of District Personnel

11.2.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the employment of Krystine Watts - MS Paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

11.2.2) Move the previous roll for Trachelle Marks - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.2.3) Move the previous roll for Sandra Barnes - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.2.4) Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the employment of Antoinette Hych - ESP Worker. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

11.2.5) Move the previous roll for Becky Sexton - ESP Worker. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.2.6) Move the previous roll for Dayzi Wilmsmeyer - ESP Worker. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.3) Approval of Resignations

11.3.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Fares to accept the resignation of Tiffany Simon - ES Paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

11.3.2) Move the previous roll for Jami Bailey - ES Paraprofessional (No Show). Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.3.3) Move the previous roll for Ed McCabe - Custodian. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4) Approval of Coaches / Sponsors

11.4.1) Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to employ Walter Jackson - 7th / 8th Gr Girls Basketball Coach. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

11.4.2) Move the previous roll for Javis Taylor - 5th / 6th Gr Girls Basketball Coach. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) Student Discipline Review

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to uphold the suspension and follow the direction of the hearing officer pertaining to student #202501. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes. Motion carried.

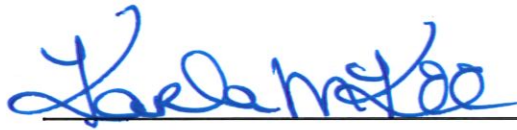
12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Fares, second by Dickerson to adjourn. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary