

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, 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, Derek Houston (joined at 7:08 pm), and Nancy Sanchez.

Members absent: Hamze Fares and Christine Mitchell-Endsley

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) Shout Outs

Mr. Heuring recognized Taryn Harwell and Katie McNeil for being the Shout Out recipients from January. He also recognized Taryn for being a recipient of the "Those Who Excel" award.

5.0) Public Comments

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

Ashley Morhardt spoke to the Board regarding special education staffing.

There were no other public comments.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, January 15, 2026

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 15, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, January 15, 2026

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on January 15, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the February 19, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve the February 19, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

One email was received from a gmail account. It is believed that the email was a sales tactic.

8.0) Administrative Reports

8.1) Elementary School Principal - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.

8.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent's report was available for review.

8.3) AP Enrollment Update - The enrollment report will be available for review each meeting. Mrs. Bossler or Mr. Cotto will update the Board if there are major changes.

8.4) MTSS Coordinator - Mrs. Connolly updated the Board on the MTSS status in the District.

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

Mr. Houston inquired about the Federal Tax Refund received from the Solar Project. The initial check received was over \$500,000 more than expected. The District is verifying that no errors were made before depositing the check.

Mr. Houston requested the status of parent participation for the 5 Essentials survey. Mr. Heuring reported that we are at about 5-6% on parent participation. Responses must get to 20% before this information is compiled in a report.

Suggestions were made to include QR codes and / or links in communication to make completing the survey as easy as possible. Mr. Houston inquired if we could make QR codes to hand out at pick up / drop off or at Parent / Teacher Conferences. Elementary teachers could also include the QR code in student

folders. An idea would also be to have chromebooks available for parents at conferences.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Building and Grounds

Committee meeting set for March 3, 2026. Meet at 5:30 for a walk through of the new building followed by the committee meeting.

A preview of the dedication plaque was presented for members to review. Rod Euchner proposed adding former members Sean McKee and Matt Erkman to the plaque. Members were in agreement.

9.2) Finance

Committee meeting set for March 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

10.0) New Business

10.1) FY 2027 Calendar Proposal

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the School Year 2026-2027 Calendar as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Graduation Date Proposal

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to set the 2025-2026 8th Grade Graduation as May 12, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.3) BOE Goals

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the District goals as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.0) 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, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:49 pm.

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin 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, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:14 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

12.1) Safety Form Review

No action needed.

12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

12.2.1) Motion by Houston, second Sanchez to approve tuition reimbursement for Allison Hemingway. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.2.2) Move the previous roll for Nicole Keys. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.2.3) Move the previous roll for Amanda Konradt. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3) Approval of District Employments

Custodian / Cafe

12.3.1) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Ratha Kong as custodian. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.3.2) Move the previous roll for Xavier Jones-Rowles - MS Cafe. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3.3) Move the previous roll for Victoria Benson - Custodian. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Paraprofessionals

12.3.4) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the employment of Dayzi Wilmsmeyer move to paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.3.5) Move the previous roll for Riley Shaver - Elementary Paraprofessional in the Math Lab. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Teachers

- 12.3.6) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Max DiPasquale -26-27 MS Band. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.3.7) Move the previous roll for JeNeva Geoppo - 26-27 6th Gr ELA. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Social Work Intern

- 12.3.8) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Kaliyah Manning - 26-27 SW Intern. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

ESP

- 12.3.9) Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez to employ Zahriaha Mosley - ESP worker. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.4) Employee Resignations

- 12.4.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the resignation of Tiffany Flint - MS Part-Time ELA. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.2) Move the previous roll for Sandra Barnes - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.3) Move the previous roll for Katie O'Malley - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.4) Move the previous roll for Quani Rudd - MS Boys Track Coach. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.5) Employee Retirement

- Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to approve the retirement of Deb Casole at the end of the 28-29 school year. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.6) Maternity Leave(s)

- 12.6.1) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the maternity leave request for Alyse Mazzola. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.6.2) Move the previous roll for Heather Ziats. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7) Approval of Stipend Positions

12.7.1) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve Camren Stacy as the Boys Track Coach. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.7.2) Tabled employment of Assistant Track Coach.

13.0) **Adjournment**

Having no further business motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to adjourn. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary