

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2026
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

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 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Hamze Fares, Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

Board Members absent: Rod Euchner

3.0) Closed Session

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:32 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to return to open session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), contract negotiations, and discussion of legal matters. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to the Regular Session at 7:32 pm.

4.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

5.0) Public Comments

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

There were no public comments.

6.0) Consent Items

- 6.1) Approval of Minutes from Public Hearing, June 18, 2026
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on June 18, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 6.2) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, June 18, 2026
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 6.3) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, June 18, 2026
Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on June 18, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 6.4) Approval of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the July 16, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 6.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the July 16, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

Members were reminded to review the email and response in their folders.

8.0) Administrative Reports

- 8.1) Elementary School Principal - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
- 8.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report. In addition she shared about a donation made by Mr. Courtney Logan to the Softball team and that Whiteside Student Orlando Ford has been named President of the Society of Black Engineers. He also has received a scholarship and is recruiting other Whiteside students to join the Society of Black Engineers
- 8.3) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

The 21st will now not work for the ribbon cutting. We will need to set a date at a later time.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Policy

Tentative Date of August 3rd at 10 am. Would like to coordinate the meeting with the Honors meeting.

9.2) Building and Grounds

The committee will meet and walk the grounds at 5:00 pm on August 20th before the monthly Board of Education meeting.

10.0) New Business

10.1) First Reading of PRESS 122

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to approve the first reading of PRESS 122. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Approval of FY 27 Tort Expenditure Plan

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to approve the FY 27 Tort Expenditure Plan. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.3) Approval of Arbiter Contract

Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez to approve the one year contract with Arbiter. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Approval of Maintenance Shed

Fred Weber from GRP was available to answer any questions the Board had regarding the Maintenance Shed.

Derek Houston inquired if there was any concern about the Solar inverters being in a non-insulated building. Fred let the Board know that most inverters are actually on the roof under the panels.

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the construction of the maintenance shed package A at \$390,620.00. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.5) Approval of Curriculum / MTSS Job Description

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the Curriculum / MTSS Job Description as presented. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session (if needed)

Second Closed Session was not needed.

12.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

12.1) District Safety Report

Due to being July, there were no new submissions.

12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

Motion by Fares, second Sanchez to approve tuition reimbursement for Alexa Braswell. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.3) Accept District Resignation

None at this time.

12.4) Approval of District Employments

12.4.1) Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to employ Brian Blanson as a maternity leave sub at the elementary school from August 11, 2026 to December 18, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.4.2) Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to employ Elisabeth Osborne - ES SE Teacher. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.4.3) Move the previous roll for Audrey Kern - ES SE Teacher. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried

12.4.4) Move the previous roll for Nick Klein - MS Math Teacher. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4.5) Move the previous roll for Cheyann Hamilton - ES Aide. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4.6) Move the previous roll for Krystle Spier - MS Aide. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4.7) Move the previous roll for Freda Oregon - ES ICA. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4.8) Move the previous roll for Robert Morse - MS Para. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.5) Approval of Stipend Positions

12.5.1) Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to employ Matt Fritsche - MS Baseball Coach. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 12.5.2) Move the previous roll for Kacey Selliers and Jessica Spiller as Student Council Co-Sponsors. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

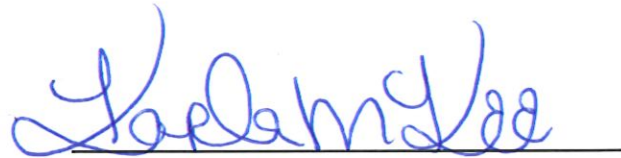
13.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary