

Whiteside School District #115  
Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 21, 2026  
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Jaime Cotto, 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, Hamze Fares, Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

**3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda**

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**4.0) Shout Outs**

Mr. Heuring recognized the April and May Shout Out recipients. April recipients were Kelly Suhl and Stacy Korba from the elementary school and Amber Phillips and Ashley Brown from the middle school.

May recipients were Candice Pajada from the elementary school and Jessica Spiller and Kacey Selliers from the Middle School.

Mr. Heuring also presented BOE members Rod Euchner, Angela Dickerson, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley with their IASB pins.

He also shared that Whiteside has been selected to present at the Chicago IASB Joint Conference.

**5.0) Public Comments**

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

There were no public comments.

**6.0) Consent Items**

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, April 16, 2026

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, April 16, 2026

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on April 16, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the May 21, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Fares, second by Houston to approve the May 21, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence**

None at this time.

**8.0) Administrative Reports**

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

In addition Mr. Rakers thanked Mrs. Laurent for welcoming the 4th graders to the middle school for a tour last week. He also announced that the 2026 recipient of the Judy Plassmeyer award was presented to Steve Barr at the End of Year assembly.

8.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.

She also shared that Malachi Smith presented his Brooklyn Nets Jersey to Whiteside School.

MTSS Report - Mrs. Connoily reported on scheduled summer training for OG and Innovamat.

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

Mr. Heuring invited Mrs. Laurent, Mr. Rakers, and Mrs. Stinnett to attend the IASB Convention with the Board in November.

Rod Euchner inquired on the timeline for removal of the trailers at the elementary school. They are all scheduled to be removed this summer, starting with the Early Childhood trailers.

**9.0) Committee Reports**

9.1) Honors

The Honors committee met on May 6, 2026. Discussion revolved around changing the schedule to accommodate returning to teachers having 6 sessions of class. This would require the hiring of 4 additional staff members. Other topics that were discussed: better way to identify honor students, curriculum / rigor of programs, setting clear guidelines for getting into, staying in, and getting removed from the program. Members feel there should be a behavior component included in the guidelines for removal from the program.

9.2) Handbook

Meeting scheduled for May 28, 2026 at 1:30pm.  
Everyone is in agreement to approve going forward with the Handbook on the recommendation of the committee.

9.3) Policy

Meeting scheduled for May 28, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

**10.0) New Business**

10.1) Approval of preliminary FY 26 Amended Budget

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the preliminary FY 26 Amended Budget as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Elementary Painting and Fencing Project

After discussion about the contingency funds and possible parking lot and canopy issues the motion to allow the superintendent to approve the use of contingency funds, if available, for exterior painting at the elementary school and fencing the playground was tabled.

10.3) Belleville 118 Food Service Agreement

Motion by Houston, second by Fares to approve the Belleville 118 Food Service Agreement. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Belleville 201 Transportation Agreement

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the Belleville 201 Transportation Agreement. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner -

yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.5) FY27 Psych Inter Agreement (District 203 / Whiteside 115)

Motion by Fares, second by Houston to enter into the FY 27 Psych Internship Agreement between O'Fallon Township High School District 203 and Whiteside School District 115. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - abstain, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.6) PSIC Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the PSIC Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.7) Stepping Stones Renewal (OT PT)

Motion by Fares, second by Houston to approve the Stepping Stones OT and PT Renewal. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.8) 2026-2027 Whiteside Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Motion by Houston, second by Fares to approve the 2026-2027 Whiteside Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented to include Closed meeting from 6:30pm - 7:30pm and Regular meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**11.0) Closed Session**

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares 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, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:22 pm.

Motion by Fares, second by Houston 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, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:52 pm.

**12.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session**

- 12.1) District Safety Report  
No action taken.
- 12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)
- 12.2.1) Motion by Houston, second Fares to approve tuition reimbursement for Kate Sorg. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.2.2) Move the previous roll for Dawn Vollmer. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3) Approval of Resignations
- 12.3.1) Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the resignation of Crystal Rakes - MS Nurse. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.3.2) Move the previous roll for Alexis Williams - MS Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.3) Move the previous roll for Antionette Hych - ESP. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.4) Move the previous roll for Anthony Hych - ESP. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4) Employment of District Personnel
- Teachers
- 12.4.1) Motion by Houston, second by Fares to employ Arianna Boven - MS Speech. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.2) Move the previous roll for Erin Webb - 8th Gr ELA. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.3) Move the previous roll for Laura Dismer - ES Music. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.4) Move the previous roll for Nicole Teeter - Early Childhood. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Temporary Summer Custodians

- 12.4.5) Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to employ Javis Taylor for the summer employment from May 26 through August 7 as part-time temporary summer custodian. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.6) Move the previous roll for Jahlyn Wade. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.7) Move the previous roll for Matthew Glascok. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Psychology Intern (1 year placement)

- 12.4.8) Motion by Houston, second by Fares to approve Alexis Belfiore for 2026-2027 school year psychology internship with O'Fallon Township High School. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - abstain, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Middle School Secretary (Year Round)

- 12.4.9) Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to change Ashley McErlain from school year only to year round middle school building secretary. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Middle School Nurse


- 12.4.10) Motion by Fares, second by Dickerson to employ Morgan Hartung as Middle School Nurse. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**13.0) Adjournment**

Having no further business motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.

  
Rod Euchner, President

  
Karla McKee, Secretary