

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Jaime Cotto (remote from home)

Visitors were able to attend via Facebook Live on the Whiteside School District #115 Facebook page.

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee at 7:04 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Jeff Tindall.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comments

The public was able to submit comments via email or phone call until 4:00 pm March 18, 2021.

There were no emails or phone calls submitted for public comments.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 18, 2021

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session February 18, 2021

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021 Executive Session. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman –

yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.3) Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Euchner, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) **Board Secretary Correspondence**

There was no Board Secretary Correspondence at this time.

7.0) **Administrative Reports**

7.1) Elementary Report –Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.

Mr. Rakers reported that the Elementary School currently has 519 In-Person learners, 141 Remote learners. Approximately 21% of our elementary students are remote as of today.

7.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report

Mrs. Laurent shared that a Walk-n-Talk group has been started on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. This group allows 5th and 6th grade students to join in an afterschool activity since they are not able to participate in sports at this time.

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

8.0) **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

9.0) **New Business**

9.1) FY 22 Staffing Updates

Mr. Heuring gave an update on open positions within the District for the FY22 School year.

No action taken.

9.2) Insurance Broker Recommendation

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to make Cornerstone the district insurance broker. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) FY 21 Graduation Date

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to set Tuesday, May 18 as graduation and May 19 as an additional day if needed. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Euchner, second by Mitchell-Endsley 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.

Board went into closed session at 7:42 pm.

Motion by Euchner, second by Mitchell-Endsley to return to open session.

Board returned to open session at 8:47 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Recommendation ES Social Work Intern

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Maria Reinhard for the FY22 school year as the elementary social worker intern. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.2) Letter of Resignation

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to accept the letter of resignation from Kayce Morse, the Middle School Nurse. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.3) Letter of Resignation

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to accept the letter of resignation from Dorothy Simpson, the Elementary School RTI Coordinator. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Recommendation MS Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to employ Allison Moennig as a Speech and Language Pathologist in the district. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary