

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

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

Visitors: Scott Koller from Baker Law (remote from home), Dennis Weedman from Robbins Schwartz (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 (remote from home – joined at 7:15)

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. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comments

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

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

5.0) Closed Session

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman 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 7:06 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 7:54 pm.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting January 21, 2021

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve the minutes from the January 21, 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.

6.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session January 21, 2021

Motion by Euchner, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2021 Executive Session. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman 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.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson 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.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

7.1) BOE Correspondence #1 – A letter was received from Phyllis Moore, a community member, not in support of the Culturally Responsive Teaching Standards recently approved by ISBE. She states she feels the District should be more concerned with teaching ELA and Math.

7.2) BOE Correspondence #2 – A letter was received from Jan Bolding noting the helpfulness of Kristin Runyan with technology items for Scholar Bowl.

8.0) Administrative Reports

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

In addition to his report Mr. Rakers thanked the custodial staff for all they have done this week to clear our lots and keep our buildings ready for students.

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

In addition to her report Mrs. Laurent thanked the Elementary School for supporting the Weekend Warrior project. She also thanked Casey Fares, a parent, who set up a Go Fund Me page for the Weekend Warrior project and raised \$1500 in less than a week.

Mrs. Laurent also thanked the Board for giving the students the opportunity to participate in some sports this spring. It is nice for both students and staff to have some extracurricular activities in the building again.

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

9.0) Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10.0) New Business

10.1) FY 22 Calendar Proposal

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve the FY 22 Calendar Proposal. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.2) TIFF 3 Extension

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to support the Taxing Bodies in the TIFF 3 Extension process. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.3) TRS Supplemental Savings Plan

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan at no cost to the district. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Extra-Curricular Activities

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to begin to introduce more extracurricular activities through mitigation plans created by the sponsor and then approved by district administration. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman 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 8:31 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 8:47 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

12.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to approve the tuition reimbursement requests from Emily Nelson and Kelsy Schultz. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.2) Approval of Amendment to Superintendent Employment Agreement – (Extension only)

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve the Amendment to the Superintendent Employment Agreement (Extension only). Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Erkman to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary