

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 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. In person visitors were: Maura Brueggeman, WFT representative; Mark Poettgen, WFT representative; and Jeremy Bochantin, incoming board member.

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee at 7:00 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 Euchner second by Dickerson 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 April 15, 2021.

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

5.0) Consent Items

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

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the March 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 March 18, 2021

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the minutes from the March 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 Minutes from Special Board Meeting March 29, 2021

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting March 29, 2021. 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 the Minutes from the Executive Session of the Special Board Meeting March 29, 2021

Motion by Erkman, second by T. McKee to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Executive Session. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

5.5) 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.

5.6) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall 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**

Mail that had been received at the District Office for the Boards members was distributed. Each member received a letter from Genetex, a company marketing / selling COVID testing items. Rod Euchner also received his IASB Certificate of Honor.

7.0) **Administrative Reports**

- 7.1) Elementary Report –Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
- 7.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report
- 7.3) District Superintendent Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report

8.0) **Committee Reports**

8.1) Negotiation Committee

The Board negotiation committee will be comprised of Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner and Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

9.0) **New Business**

9.1) Approve Graduation Ceremony Procedures

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve a Drive-Thru Style Graduation Ceremony for May 18 and / or May 19. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.2) Amend FY 21 Budget

Motion by Euchner, second by Mitchell-Endsley to allow the superintendent to begin amending the FY 21 Budget. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Amend FY 21 Calendar

Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the FY 21 Amended Calendar. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Amend Policy 6:135 Kindergarten cut-off

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to amend policy 6:135 Kindergarten cut-off as discussed. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Online Registration and Traditional Registration Dates

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to approve the FY 22 Registration dates with online registration opening on June 28th. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.6) Embrace / Power IEP Renewal

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Embrace / Power IEP contract for the FY 22 school year. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.7) Summer Maintenance Planning

Work will need to be done on the shed roofs this summer. Mr. Haas and Mr. Thompson are starting to look for part-time summer custodians to help with cleaning the buildings. No action taken.

9.8) Forensic Proposal

Tabled at this time.

9.9) Organizational BOE Board Meeting

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to set the date of Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm as the Organization BOE meeting. 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 Dickerson 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 7:45 pm.

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to return to open session.

Board returned to open session at 10:32 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Tuition Reimbursements

Motion by Euchner, second by Tindall to approve the tuition reimbursement request for Taryn Harwell. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.2) Approval of ES Rti Coordinator

Tabled at this time.

11.3) Accept Retirement Letters requesting contract increase

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Tindall to accept the letters of retirement from Brenda Pruett and Sue Schleipman-Burke. Both letters refer to the retirement incentive language found in the current contract. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Accept letter of resignation

Motion by Euchner, second by Tindall to accept the letter of resignation of Deanna Ward as AM ESP Supervisor. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

11.5) Approval of Middle School Math Teacher

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Alexa Braswell as the Middle School Math teacher. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

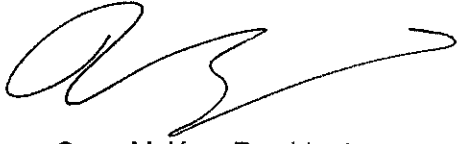
11.6) Approval of Track Assistant Coaches

Motion by Euchner, second by Tindall to employ Emily Nelson and Amy Mannino as assistant track coaches for the current FY 21 season. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

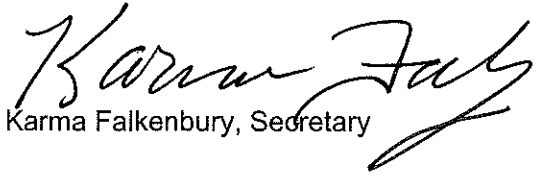
12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 pm.

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Sean McKee, President

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Karma Falkenbury, Secretary