Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, and Kim Bossier

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance
Vice-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, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sear McKee (joined at 7:30), Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Jeff Tindall (joined at 7:05)

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda
Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Hearing for the resolution to Levy Taxes
Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to open the public hearing for comment on the District’s Resolution to Levy Taxes. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

No comments regarding the Tax Levy.


5.0) Public Comment
Vice-President Rod Euchner welcomed visitors and the WFT representatives.
Mr. Myles addressed the Board with questions regarding SB0818.
Mr. McNeese addressed the Board with concerns over a parking lot issue at the Middle School.

6.0) Consent Items
6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 15, 2021
Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session November 15, 2021
Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Executive Session. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurers Report
Motion by Bochantin, second by Erkman to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable
Motion by Tindall, second by Erkman to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence
Mr. Heuring read emails received from Lindsey DePew and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Remijan.

8.0) Administrative Reports
8.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
8.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report
8.3) District Superintendent Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report

9.0) Committee Reports
None at this time.

10.0) New Business
10.1) Resolution to Levy Taxes
Motion by Erkman, second by Bochantin to approve the Resolution to Levy Taxes as presented at 4.99%. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Repayment of Short-Term Borrowing
Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson to approve the repayment of the Short-Term line of credit to Regions needed due to gap between tax payments. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.3) Non-licensed COVID Supplement

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to approve a one-time Non-Licensed COVID Supplement as presented by the Superintendent. Employees hired and working in the district on or before 8/30/21 receiving $250, employees hired and working in the district after 8/30/21 receiving $100, with Karma Falkenbury and Karla McKee receiving $500. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Board Officer Restructuring

Motion by Erkman, second by Bochantin to accept Sean McKee’s request to step down as BOE President. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

10.5) Board Officer Elections

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to call for nominations to fill the office of the vice president due to policy 2:110 which fills the vacancy of the President’s position with the current Vice President.

Nominations of Jeremy Bochantin and Christine Mitchell-Endsley by Erkman.


Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall to nominate Jeremy Bochantin as Vice President. By a show of hand Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Tincall, 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. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:52 pm.

Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall 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 Reimbursements

Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to approve the tuition reimbursement request for Tricia Bleich. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.2) Approval of Resignation / Dismissal of District Personnel.
Motion by Tindall, second by Erkman to dismiss Matt Antonik as a MS Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

12.3) Employment of Art Teacher


12.4) Employment of ES Paraprofessional


13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Rod Euchner, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary