Whiteside School District #115  
Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021  
7:00 pm  
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, and Nathan Rakers

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance  
   Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rod Euchner 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, Sean McKee (joined at 7:05), Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Jeff Tindall.

3.0) Public Comment  
   Vice President Rod Euchner welcomed visitors and thanked them for their attendance.
   Mr. Heuring shared two letters submitted to the Board regarding the Safe Return to Learn Plan. He also shared eight comments from the Safe Return to Learn Plan Survey.
   Mr. Harrell addressed the Board with his family’s views on the Safe Return to Learn Plan.

4.0) Board Secretary Correspondence  
   Mr. Heuring shared a Thank you card from Kathy DeFranco.

5.0) New Business  
   5.1) FY22 Safe Return to Learn Plan  
      Motion by Erkman, second by Bochantin to approve the FY 22 Safe Return to Learn Plan. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Closed Session  
   Motion by Erkman, 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 7:26 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to return to open session.
Board returned to open session at 8:04 pm.

7.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

7.1) FY22 Paraprofessional Wage Increase

Motion by Tindall, second by Erkman to approve the following rate increases for paraprofessionals: starting $13.50 per hour, 1-5 years $.75, 6-10 years $1.00, and 11+ years $1.50. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.2) FY22 Non-Certified Wage Increase

Motion by Tindall, second by Bochantin to approve a 3.2% salary increase for non-certified office staff and custodians. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.3) FY22 Administrative Wage Increase

Motion by Tindall, second by Bochantin to approve a 3.2% salary increase for administrative staff. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.4) Employment of Paraprofessionals Middle and Elementary

7.4)1. Motion to hire Inez Brock as MS Paraprofessional


7.4)2. Motion to hire Russell Smith as MS Paraprofessional


7.4)3. Motion to hire Lindsay Goldberg as ES Paraprofessional

Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to hire Lindsay Goldberg as an ES Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.4)4. Motion to hire Janice Hill as ES Paraprofessional

7.5) Employment of MS Physical Education Teacher


7.6) Employment of MS ELA Teacher

Motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to hire Nicole McDonnell as a MS ELA Teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.7) Employment of ES 1st Grade Teacher


7.8) Approval of Resignations

7.8)1. Paraprofessional Deanna Ward

Motion by Tindall, second by Bochantin to accept the resignation of Deanna Ward. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.8)2. Paraprofessional Dawn Andell


7.8)3. Teacher Dana Andrews

Motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to accept the resignation of Dana Andrews. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.8)4. Paraprofessional Miriam Gonzalez

Motion by Tindall, second by Erkman to accept the resignation of Miriam Gonzalez. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

7.9) Employment of Cross Country Coach

8.0) Adjournment
Having no further business motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Erkman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Rod Euchner, Vice President
Karma Falkenbury, Secretary