

Whiteside School District #115

Board of Education

April 30, 2019

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Jeff Tindall

Members absent: Frank Bennett, Terri McKee

Administrators: Peggy Burke, Kevin Johnson, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

Visitors are indicated on sign-in sheet.

1.0) Minutes

- 1.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 21, 2019 and special board meeting held on March 29, 2019 be approved. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.0) Business Management

- 2.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 2.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to renew the contract with Embrace for our fee-for-service claims. Discussion: Embrace (formerly Brecht's) submits our Medicaid fee-for-service claims for health-related special education services. We also use Embrace for our IEP system. The two modules are linked to better track claimable IEP services. Embrace fee is 5% based on our net reimbursements from HFS. This is the same fee rate as previously. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to approve the following maintenance purchases: Shiloh Valley equipment for mower with trade-in for \$9,400; Virco for classroom replacement tables and chairs for \$12,417; and New System for floor scrubbers and tools for \$12,443.86. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.5) Purchase of technology was tabled pending further review of needs/goals. A special meeting was scheduled for May 8, 2019 at 6:00pm for the purpose of determining technology needs.
- 2.6) Mrs. Vicki Wormald, 4th grade teacher, presented a proposal to the board regarding pay rate for Whiteside retirees who agree to substitute in the district. Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman, to set substitute rate of pay for 2019-2020 at \$130 per day for Whiteside retirees. Discussion: Districts throughout Illinois have an extremely difficult time finding substitutes - particularly effective substitutes. Our current rate of pay for substitutes in general is consistent with surrounding districts. This increased rate would only apply to Whiteside retirees. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.7) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to hold a public hearing on the amended budget on June 20, 2019 at 7:00pm and provide public notice as required. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 2.8) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to approve the amended 2018-2019 and tentative 2019-2020 calendar. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

3.0) Miscellaneous

- 3.1) Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
- 3.2) Middle School Principal's Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report. Additional items: Drama production was outstanding! Two Special Olympic events are forthcoming. Three students and a relay team qualified for the state track meet. The band received a 1st Superior rating at the 6-Flags contest.
- 3.3) Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Burke reviewed her written report.

3.4) Public Comments - The president opened the floor for public comments. None were presented.

3.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to go into closed meeting to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, conduct an employee hearing, review student discipline and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:36pm and returned to open session at 10:18pm.

3.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to approve closed meeting minutes of March 21, 2019.

Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Personnel

4.1) Motion by Euchner, second by Tindall, to terminate the employment of Tracy Norwood effective May 1, 2019. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-abstains, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

4.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Dickerson, to accept the resignations of Samantha Schappaugh as a speech-language pathologist and Amy Lane as an elementary teacher effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to employ Alison Baldwin (SLP), Taylor Barton (SLP), Michelle Essert (elem teacher), Daniela Green (elem teacher), Heather Jarvis (elem teacher), Jennifer Rea (elem music), Kelsey Schultz (ms ELA teacher), Sarah Wagner (elem teacher) as licensed personnel for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

4.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to employ temporary, summer custodians as presented. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

4.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to employ SOAR workers as presented. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

4.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Ashley Brown and Susan Karraker. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.7) Motion by Erkman, second by Tindall, to approve the accompanying sponsor/coach stipend assignments for 2019-2020. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.8) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to issue notices of honorable dismissal to first year paraprofessionals, as presented, at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call: Dickerson-yes, Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Tindall-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

5.0) Board of Education Reorganization

5.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, that this Board adjourns *sine die*. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

5.2) Recognition of Board service. Mr. Frank Bennett is concluding 12 years as a Board Member. Our sympathy to the Bennett family on the recent death of Mr. Bennett's step-mother. Mr. Bennett's service to the District will be recognized at the May board meeting.

5.3) Oath of Office and seating of newly elected Board members. Mr. Erkman and Mr. Euchner, both having been elected to serve 4-year terms, signed the Oath of Office and were seated.

5.4) Appointments to fill vacant Board seats and Oath of Office. Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman, to appoint Angela Dickerson and Jeff Tindall to serve 2-year, unexpired terms. Mrs. Dickerson and Mr. Tindall signed the Oath of Office and were seated.

5.5) Election of President and Vice President. Mr. Sean McKee was nominated as President and Mr. Rod Euchner was nominated as Vice-President. Both were unanimously elected by acclamation.

6.0) Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to adjourn. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.