

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent (remote from home), Jaime Cotto (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 7:09 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 (remote from home), Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

Board Members absent: Jeff Tindall

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Erkman, 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. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comments

The public was able to submit comments via email or phone call until 4:00 pm November 19, 2020.

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

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting October 15, 2020

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 regular board meeting. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of the Minutes from the Executive Session October 15, 2020

Motion by Euchner, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Executive Session. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

5.3) 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. Motion carried.

5.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Erkman, 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. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

There was no board secretary business.

7.0) Administrative Reports

7.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed Mr. Rakers' written report

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

Mrs. Laurent wanted to congratulate Taryn Harwell, who received the Early Career Educator award from ISBE.

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

8.0) Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Approval of Preliminary FY 20 Tax Levy

Mr. Heuring gave a short presentation regarding our past levy's and data for the preliminary FY 20 Tax Levy

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the preliminary FY 20 Tax Levy. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.2) First Reading of Press – Issue 106, November

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to accept the first reading of Press – Issue 106, November. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Covid-19 Dashboard

Mr. Heuring gave information on the collection of Covid-19 data and how he would like to present it to stakeholders.

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to accept the Covid-19 Dashboard as presented. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Return to Learn Options

Mr. Heuring went through some pros and cons of staying open as long as we can or going into an adaptive pause. The Board spent time in discussion of the options.

It was determined by the Board to try and continue with our current plan of In-person learning with the option of remote learning.

9.5) Approval of HVAC Server Room Project

Not all information was available at the time of the meeting. Motion tabled until more information is available.

9.6) Confirm December BOE Meeting date

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to confirm the December BOE meeting date of December 17, 2020. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.7) Approval of Part-Time Office and Custodial Winter Break Assistance

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the hire of a part-time office employee and a winter break custodial assistant. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

9.8) Review of the Illinois School Report Card

Due to Covid-19 there is no data on the 2019-2020 Illinois School Report Card.

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to approve the 2019-2020 Illinois School Report card. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Erkman, 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.

Board went into closed session at 8:26 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 8:59 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Tuition Reimbursement requests

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

11.2) Employment of Volunteer Custodian

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Euchner to employ Clark McKee as a volunteer Elementary School custodian. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.3) Employment of Part-time Winter Break Office Assistant

Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner to employ Meredith Heuring as a part-time winter break office assistant. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Employment of Winter Break Custodial Assistant

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to employ Seth McKee as a winter break custodial assistant. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.5) Employment of Middle School Custodian

Motion by Erkman, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Russell Smith as a Middle School custodian. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.6) Employment of Part-time Elementary School Custodian

Motion by Euchner, second by Erkman to employ Tiffany Harris-Boyd as a part-time Elementary School custodian. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.7) Employment of Cheer Coach

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Ashley Brown as the Cheer Coach dependent on decisions based on the season. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.8) Approval of Maternity Leave

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Euchner to approve the maternity leave of Dana Andrews for the dates indicated on the request. Roll Call: Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, S McKee – yes, T McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary