

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)

MEETING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois (the “Board”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on or before the 3rd day of April, 2023, the regular meeting of the Board scheduled for the 18th day of May, 2023, was rescheduled to the 23rd day of May, 2023 (the “Meeting”), by the President or by three (3) members of the Board by giving notice thereof in writing, stating the time, place and purpose of the Meeting, and including the agenda for the Meeting (the “Board Notice”).

2. That the Board Notice was served upon all of the members of the Board by personal service or mail or by facsimile or electronic transmission not less than 96 hours before the Meeting.

3. That all of the news media that have filed a request for such notice were also given the Board Notice in the same manner as was given to said members of the Board.

4. That attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* is a true, correct and complete copy of the Board Notice.

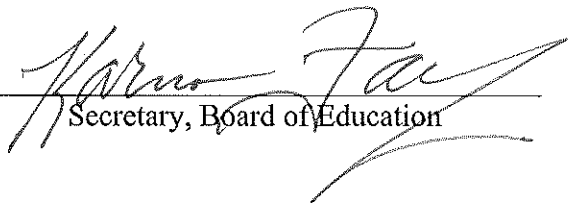
5. That on or before the 19th day of May, 2023, public notice of the Meeting, including the agenda for the Meeting, was posted at the District Office, 111 Warrior Way, Belleville, Illinois, the same being the principal office of the Board (the “Public Notice”), and that at least one copy of the Public Notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 96hour period preceding the Meeting.

6. That on said day the Public Notice was also supplied to the news media described in paragraph 3 hereof.

7. That attached hereto as *Exhibit 2* is a true, correct and complete copy of the Public Notice.

8. That the Meeting was duly called, noticed and held in strict compliance with all of the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the resolutions, rules, regulations and proceedings of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 23rd day of May, 2023.


Secretary, Board of Education

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

MINUTES of a rescheduled regular public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, held in the Board Room in the Whiteside Middle School Building, 111 Warrior Way, Belleville, Illinois, in said School District at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on the 18th day of April, 2023.

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, and Jaime Cotto (joined at 7:26 pm)

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

2.0) Roll Call of Members

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Rod Euchner, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Jeff Tindall

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

None

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever:

None

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors and the members from the WFT.

5.0) Consent Items

- 5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 21, 2023
Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting March 21, 2023. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.
- 5.2) Approval of Minutes from the Closed Session March 21, 2023
Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session March 21, 2023. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.
- 5.3) Approval of the Minutes from the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting March 21, 2023
Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting March 21, 2023. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.
- 5.4) Approval of Treasurers Report
Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.
- 5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable
Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

No Correspondence at this time

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 then reviewed his written report.
The reorganization meeting was set for May 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm followed by a special board meeting at 6:00 pm.

8.0) Committee Reports

- 8.1) Policy Committee
A Policy Committee meeting was set for May 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- 8.2) Buildings and Grounds

Jeremy Bochantin and Christine Mitchell-Endsley updated the board on the recent walk through of the Elementary Building with the Architects.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Smart Board Demonstration and Presentation

Kelly Brodzik demonstrated the ViewSonic Board. She showed the Board many of the features of the ViewSonic and how it can be implemented in the classrooms.

Motion tabled.

9.2) Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$4,500,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member Rod Euchner presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "Code"), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the "Fund") may be created and maintained in and for School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois (the "District"), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the "Bonds") for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$4,500,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1 Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2 Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3 Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Belleville News-Democrat*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4 Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

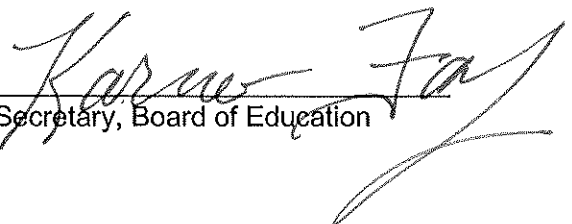
Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If and section, paragraph, clause of provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity of unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted April 18, 2023



President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Member Jeremy Bochantin moved and Member Jeff Tindall seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE:

Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Jeff Tindall.

The following members voted NAY:

None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at said meeting.

9.3) Review of Performance Contracting Terms, Conditions, and Projects Review

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the GRP/WEGMAN Performance Contract with lighting pending formal attorney review and the selling of

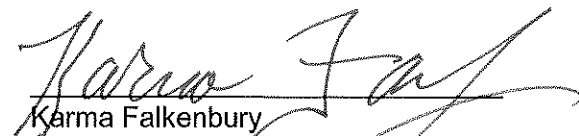
**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 115, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$4,500,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

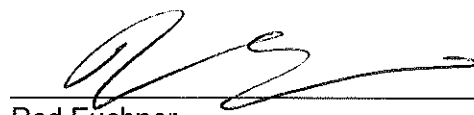
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of April, 2023, the Board of Education (the "*Board*") of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois (the "*District*"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, and signed by not less than 940 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to 10 percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2023.


Karma Falkenbury
Secretary, Board of Education
School District Number 115
St. Clair County, Illinois


Rod Euchner
President, Board of Education
School District Number 115
St. Clair County, Illinois

the Working Cash Bonds. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Approve the first reading of Press 111

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the first reading of Press 111. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.5) IXL – Student Achievement Program and Contract

Motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to enter into a three year contract for the student achievement program IXL for \$44,179. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.6) Resolution to Accept Lowest Bid for the Summer Paving Project Located at the Middle School.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept Rooters American as the responsible lowest bidder per the recommendation of the district's architect FGM for the Base bid of \$131,000.00. The district also elects to select the following alternative bids in addition to the base:

Alternative No. 1 Parking lot: \$26,100.00

Alternative No. 2 Drive: \$15,300.00

Alternative No. 3 Track: \$31,825.00

Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall – yes. Motion carried.

9.7) Set the Date for a Public Hearing to Amend the FY 23 Budget

Motion by Tindall, second by Mitchell-Endsley to set the date of June 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm for a Public Hearing to Amend the school year 2022-2023 budget. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.8) Amend and Finalize the FY 23 Public Calendar

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Euchner to approve the amended FY 23 (current) school calendar as presented. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Bochantin, 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 8:28 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to return to open session. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 8:49 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

11.1)1. Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to approve the tuition reimbursement request for Ellen Harpstrite. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall - yes. Motion carried.

11.1)2. Move previous roll for Todd Harpstrite. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

11.2) Approval of Resignations

11.2)1. Motion by Bochantin, second by Tindall to accept the resignation of Allison Baldwin – Speech Pathologist. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall - yes. Motion carried.

11.2)2. Move the previous roll for Danielle Gonzalez – Middle School Science Teacher. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

11.2)3. Tabled the motion for Katherine Mertens

11.2)4. Move the previous roll for Erin Stanley – Middle School Paraprofessional. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

11.3) Employment of District Teacher(s)

Motion by Tindall, second by Bochantin to employ Alexis Loos as a 3rd grade teacher in the district. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall - yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Employment of Summer Custodians

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Matt Story as a summer custodian. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall - yes. Motion carried.

11.4)1. Move the previous roll for Dottie Spiller. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)2. Move the previous roll for Joy Schlag. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)3. Move the previous roll for Joan Klopfer. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)4. Move the previous roll for Cole Thompson. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)5. Move the previous roll for Candice Pajda. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)6. Move the previous roll for Letitia Fuller. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)7. Move the previous roll for Kristy Kohler. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)8. Move the previous roll for Tristan Melvin. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)9. Move the previous roll for Mary Nowak. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

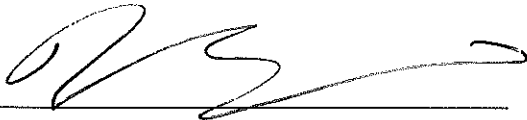
11.5) Dismissal / Release of Employee(s)

Motion by Tindall, second by Dickerson to dismiss Jerome Lewis, Middle School Custodian, due to absences. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Erkman – yes, Euchner – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Tindall - yes. Motion carried.

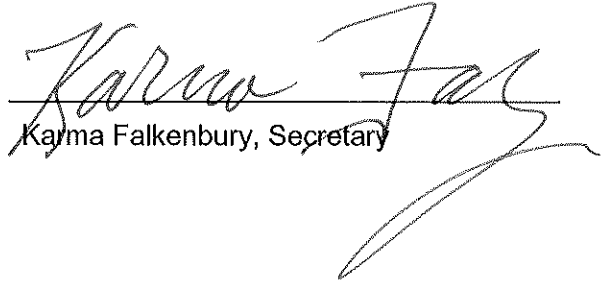
12.0) Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Matt Erkman, seconded by Jeff Tindall and carried, the meeting was adjourned. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karma Falkenbury, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois (the "Board"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

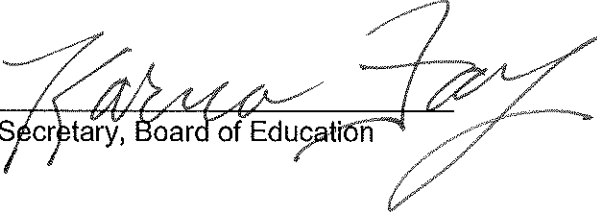
I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 18th day of April, 2023, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that the said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held at the principal office of the Board at least 96 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 96 hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as Exhibit A, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting and in the adoption of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 18th day of April, 2023.


Secretary, Board of Education