

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023
6:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

MINUTES of a special 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 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 1st day of May, 2023.

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Administrators: Mark Heuring

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, Derek Houston, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

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) Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4.0) Public BINA Hearing

At 6:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the

purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District (the "Bonds") and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to Open the Public BINA Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following:

Point of Order by Derek Houston inquiring about the maximum the District could elect to Bond for Working Cash Bonds.

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*.

None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

None

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Member Jeremy Bochantin moved and Member Christine Mitchell-Endsley seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Derek Houston, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez

The following members voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

5.0) New Business

5.1) Smart Board Proposal

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to purchase the ViewSonic smart boards as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) ELA Curriculum Selection

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to adopt HMH as the district's ELA curriculum for grades 3 – 8 along with supplemental supplies for grades K – 2 which will be based on OG reading strategies. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Closed Session

Motion by Houston, 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 6:23 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 7:07 pm.

7.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session.

7.1) Employment of Elementary Speech Pathologist

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Allison Hemingway as a Speech Pathologist at the elementary School. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – abstain, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

7.2) Employment of Middle School Art Teacher

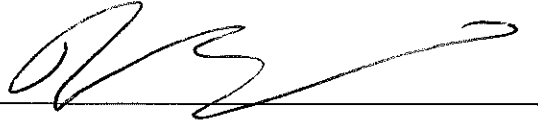
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to employ Kathryn McGehee as an Art Teacher at the middle school. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – abstain, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

7.3) Resignation of District Employee(s)

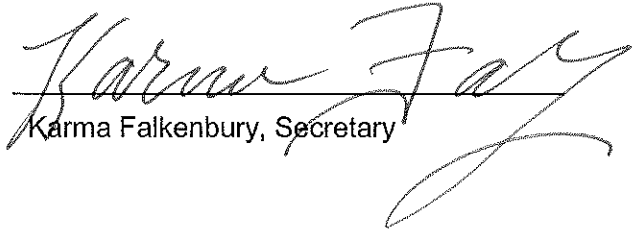
Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the resignation of Katherine Mertens as middle school social studies teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

8.0) Recommend Motion to adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Nancy Sanchez, seconded by Derek Houston and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karma Falkenbury, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

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 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 1st day of May, 2023, insofar as the same relates to a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board at said meeting were conducted openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 72 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 72-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, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

I do further certify that notice of said public hearing was posted at least 72 hours before said public hearing at the principal office of the Board, that at least one copy of said notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said public hearing and that attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is a true, correct and complete copy of said notice as so posted.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 1st day of May, 2023.



Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
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By order of the President of the Board of Education of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois.

DATED the 19th day of April, 2023.

Karma Falkenbury
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