

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:00 pm
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Jaime Cotto

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

President Rod Euchner called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Derek Houston, Sean McKee, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

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

4.0) Public Comment

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

Tricia Bleich, WFT representative, read a letter to Mr. Heuring and the Board of Education from the Whiteside Federation of Teachers requesting that they consider hiring a Behavior Interventionist and making reflections rooms.

Derek Houston asked if this request was for just the Elementary School or for both? The request from the union is for a Behavior Interventionist and reflection rooms at both buildings.

Nancy Sanchez asked if we have to pick one building to start in which building would the union prefer? This is needed at both schools, but if we start at the elementary level maybe we can solve some the middle school issues as well.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 15, 2024

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting February 15, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approval of Minutes from Special Board Meeting February 26, 2024

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on February 26, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.3) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session February 15, 2024

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on February 15, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.4) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session Special Meeting February 26, 2024

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session Special Meeting on February 26, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.5) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

5.6) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

Mr. Heuring reminded the Board of two emails he had forwarded to them. One involving a student situation and the other from a current employee about a recent district opening.

7.0) Administrative Reports

7.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.

In addition, Mr. Rakers updated the Board on the Elementary service project. The students raised approximately \$750 to go towards summer camp for kids in foster care through the One Life organization out of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Mrs. Laurent also informed the board about the Black History Committee / M.O.S.A.I.C group and the assembly they provided to the Middle School. She also shared the itinerary for the 8th grade Washington DC trip that is happening in April.

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

Mr. Heuring started off his report by congratulating everyone and thanking them for their help on the referendum. He also gave an update on timelines from the Election Board as well as FGM.

Derek Houston inquired on what percentage is needed to obtain a parent report for the 5Essential Survey? We would need to have at least 20% of parents to participate to receive a report. More reminder emails will be going out in the coming weeks.

8.0) Committee Reports

8.1) Finance Committee

8.1)1. Six-month budget vs. actual

8.1)2. Working cash bonds budget

Rod Euchner gave an update of the most recent committee meeting.

8.2) Negotiations Committee

Committee members had their first meeting prior to this evening's board meeting.

9.0) New Business

9.1) Regular BOE Meeting Dates to Confirm (May, June, July)

Board members checked calendars to see if any summer meetings needed to be rescheduled due to not having a quorum. At this time, it looks like all meetings will have a quorum available.

No Action Taken

9.2) Securely Quote – Funding Dependent

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to accept the Securely Quote for 5 years. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

9.3) TheraKids Extension

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve TheraKids contract for one year with the price increase as noted. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Amend and Finalize the FY 23 Public Calendar

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the amended SY 23-24 school calendar. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.5) CompuType MIPs and Summer Projects

Mr. Heuring explained that these contracts are for our E-Rate monies.

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the quotes from CompuType for MIPs monitoring and summer equipment installation. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez 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 7:44 pm.

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

Board returned to open session at 8:11 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

11.1)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the tuition reimbursement for Joe Glynn. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.1)2. Move the previous roll for Dawn Vollmer. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.1)3. Move the previous roll for Steve Barr. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.1)4. Move the previous roll for April Nail. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.2) Non-Renewal of Non-tenured Teacher(s)

No Action taken.

11.3) Employment of Summer School Faculty and Staff

11.3)1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Stacey Geluck as a summer school teacher in the district. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.3)2. Move the previous roll for Cassie Downs. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)3. Move the previous roll for Dawn Vollmer. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)4. Move the previous roll for Sondra Kingsbury. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)5. Move the previous roll for Kaitlyn Geasley. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)6. Move the previous roll for Scott Way. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)7. Move the previous roll for Jingle Reeb. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)8. Move the previous roll for Sarah Cason. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)9. Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Sherry Hagood as a summer school paraprofessional in the district. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.3)10. Move the previous roll for Candice Pajda. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)11. Move the previous roll for Sarah Branson. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.3)12. Move the previous roll for Rachel Hopper. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4) District Resignation

11.4)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Houston to accept the letter of resignation from Brooke Burcham, MS Science Teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.4)2. Move the previous roll for Dawson Verhines, MS Permanent Sub PE. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)3. Move the previous roll for Kristy Kohler, Café Worker. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)4. Move the previous roll for Nicole Moore, Cheer Coach only. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)5. Move the previous roll for Jasmine Howard, MS Paraprofessional. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.4)6. Move the previous roll for Nicole McDonnell, MS Teacher. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

11.5) District Retirements

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to accept the retirement of Deborah Cobb. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to adjourn. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary