

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

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 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

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

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez 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 let the Board know that she will be stepping down as WFT Co-President. Brittany Laux will be replacing her at the start of the new contract year. Tricia thanked the Board for working with the WFT. She welcomed Brittany to her new roll.

President Rod Euchner thanked Tricia all the work she has done with the Board, Administration and the Teacher's Union.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approve minutes from Regular Session, June 16, 2025

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Regular Session on June 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approve minutes from Closed Session, June 15, 2025

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on June 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 5.3) Approve minutes from Public Hearing on June 16, 2025
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on June 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.4) Approve minutes from Special Meeting on June 20, 2025
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchea to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on June 20, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.5) Approve the Closed Minutes from the Special Meeting on June 20, 2025.
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the Closed Minutes from the Special Meeting on June 20, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.6) Approve the July 17, 2025 Treasurer's Report
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to approve the July 17, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 5.7) Approve the July 17, 2025 Claims / Bills Payable.
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to approve the July 17, 2025 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 6.0) **Board Secretary Coorespondence**
None at this time.
- 7.0) **Administrative Reports**
- 7.1) Elementary School Report - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report
- 7.2) Middle School Report - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report
In addition, Mrs. Laurent shared that former student Redmond Jung will be doing his Eagle Scout project in the Middle School Garden. She also reported that Maliki Smith will be holding his camp again this year at Belleville West and supplying school supplies to students.
- 7.3) Superintendent Report - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

Mr. Heuring added that SM Wilson will be doing a walk around of the Elementary School on Friday with the Site Supervisor. He also reminded the Board of the Special Meeting on July 28th for starting a Mission Statement.

8.0) Committee Items

- 8.1) Policy Meeting Date - Issue 119
Committee meeting set for August 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm

9.0) New Business

- 9.1) Final Reading of Press 118
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the final reading of Press 118 as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 9.2) Approve Acknowledgement form dealing with AI
Motion by Sanchez, second by Fares to approve the acknowledgement form dealing with AI. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - abstain, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 9.3) Approve 2025-2026 School Lunch Prices
Mr Heuring let the Board know that since we finished the 24-25 school year in the red we have to raise prices by \$0.10. The USDA is recommending a \$0.20 raise. In looking at Community Lunch Program it would still be a substantial cost to the district.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the lunch prices as presented in example 1. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 9.4) Approve Cardiac Information Plans
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the Cardiac Information Plans as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 9.5) Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Tort Expenditure Plan
Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the 2026 Tort Expenditure Plan as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 9.6) Approve Athletic / Extra Curricular Handbook
The Athletic / Extra Curricular Handbook was a collaborative effort by Mrs. Laurent, Mr. Heuring, Mr. Cotto, and Mr. Glynn. It includes information on tryouts, sports packet information.

Mr. Fares questioned why the Handbook states tryouts are closed to parents. According to Mr. Heuring and Mrs. Laurent that has always been the policy.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the Athletic / Extra Curricular Handbook after amendments. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell Endsley to enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), contract negotiations, and discussion of legal matters. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Board went into Closed session at 7:49 pm

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to leave closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), contract negotiations, and discussion of legal matters. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Board returned to Open session at 9:00 pm

11.0) Action Items (pertaining to closed session)

- 11.1) District Safety Report
No report at this time.

- 11.2) Tuition Reimbursement
None at this time

- 11.3) Approval of MOU
Motion by Bochantin, second by Fares to approve the MOU pertaining to Article VI, Section 6.1 of the teachers collective bargaining agreement pertaining to changes to the normal annual allotment of sick leave. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 11.4) Approval of District Resignations

- 11.4) 1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the resignation of Ryanne Waeckerle. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 2. Move the previous roll for Ashley Sdibold - MS 5th Grade Teacher. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 3. Move the previous roll for Danielle Wobbe - MS Special Education. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 4. Move the previous roll for Marilyn Tennett - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 5. Move the previous roll for Joe Glynn - MS PE. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 6. Move the previous roll for Lindsay Beaston - MS 5th Grade. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.4) 7. Move the previous roll for Mary Stratton - MS ELA. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 11.5) Teacher Employment
 - 11.5) 1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to employ Jacob Kahn - MS PE. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
 - 11.5) 2. Move the previous roll for Jasmine Edwards - ES Perm Sub / Teacher. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 11.5) 3. Move the previous roll for Porsche Hopson - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 11.5) 4. Move the previous roll for Edward McCabe - Custodian. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 11.5) 5. Move the previous roll for Jhayla McNamee - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 11.5) 6. Move the previous roll for Gabrielle Mokriakow - MS 5th Grade Teacher. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) 7. Move the previous roll for Emma Nowak - MS Cafe. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0.
Motion carried.

11.5) 8. Move the previous roll for Kayla Nowak - MS Cafe. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0.
Motion carried.

11.5) 9. Move the previous roll for Rachel Rist - District Secretary. Ayes - 7,
Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) 10. Move the previous roll for Tiffany Simon - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes -
7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) 11. Move the previous roll for Antoinette Winters - ES Paraprofessional.
Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.6) Approval of Stipend Postitions

11.6) 1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve Luke Ryterski as
the Middle School AD. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes,
Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes,
Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.


11.6) 2. Move the previous roll for Abby Gray - MS Softball. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0.
Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.


Rod Euchner, President


Karla McKee, Secretary