

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Chris Stinnett

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, Derek Houston, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

Members absent: Hamze Fares and Nancy Sanchez

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors, members of the WFT, and Whiteside Staff.

Casey Taylor read a letter to the Board from Heather Kypta. Mrs. Taylor also provided a copy of the letter to each member.

Mr. Heuring recognized Shout Out recipients for August and September.
2025-2026 Retiree's: Amy Hartung and Gena Hamilton. Not able to attend were Tracy Mentzer and Jennifer Korak.

September Shout Out recipient winners: Mary Nowak and the Middle School Cafe Staff Emma Nowak and Kayla Nowak. Not able to attend were Middle School Cafe Staff Allyson Nowak and Cristina Ferrenbach and Elementary Shout Out winner, Cody Schmitz.

Mr. Heuring also recognized Monica Laurent for being awarded the Matoesian Gavel award from the Illinois Judges Association for her dedication and leadership at Whiteside.

Rod Euchner thanked all of the award winners on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0) Public Hearing FY 26 School Budget

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to open the public hearing on the FY 26 budget. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to close the public hearing on the FY 26 budget. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approve minutes from Special Meeting, August 18, 2025

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 18, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approve minutes from Regular Meeting, August 21, 2025

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 21, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approve minutes from Closed Meeting, August 21, 2025

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Closed Meeting on August 21, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approve the September 18, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the September 18, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.5) Approve the September 18, 2025 Claims / Bills Payable.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to approve the September 18, 2025 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Coorespondence

No correspondence at this time.

8.0) Administrative Reports

8.1) Elementary School Report - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report

- 8.2) Middle School Report - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report
In addition, Mrs. Laurent thanked the Whiteside Girl Scout troop #141 for helping with Weekend Warriors this school year. The troop also created Birthdays in a bag for Weekend Warrior recipients to take home when their birthday is coming up. The Weekend Warrior program also received a \$1000 anonymous donation.
- 8.3) AP Enrollment Update - Mrs. Bossler gave an enrollment and truancy update for both the Elementary and Middle Schools.
- 8.4) Special Education Coordinator - Mrs. Stinnett updated the Board on current status of Special Education enrollment in the district. Her report included information about the recent Pre-K screening and possible need of additional Early Childhood classes.

Derek Houston inquired as to the screening materials used for Pre-K. Chris report that we use the DIAL-4 for our Pre-K Screenings.

- 8.5) Superintendent Report - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.
In addition Mr. Heuring shared that the cameras for the construction site are now up and running. He also let the Board know that the date for the Safety Meeting was changed to September 30, 2025.

9.0) Committee Items

- 9.1) Policy Meeting
No updates
- 9.2) Finance Meeting
Rod Euchner updated the Board on the recent Finance Committee meeting.
- 9.3) Building and Grounds meeting
Christine Mitchell-Endsley updated the Board on the recent Building and Grounds meeting. The committee is very excited about the current projects. They are looking at ideas for safety projects for the future and possibly increasing our solar before credits are phased out.

10.0) New Business

- 10.1) Final reading of Press 119.
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the final reading of Press 119. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.
- 10.2) Approve FY 26 Budget

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the FY 26 Budget as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

10.3) Informational

The Board of Education has recently met with an IASB consultant to create a new mission statement and core values.

Mr. Heuring stated that if the Board is happy with the current verbage of the Mission statement, it is ready to shared with the Union representation.

The Board will continue to work on goals and sub-goals for the strategic plan.

11.0) Closed Session

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

Board went into Closed session at 7:50 pm

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

Board returned to Open session at 8:23 pm

12.0) Action Items (pertaining to closed session)

12.1) District Safety Report

No action needed

12.2) Tuition Reimbursement

12.2) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the tuition reimbursement for Casey Taylor. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.2) 2. Move the previous roll for Tricia Bleich. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3) Termination of District Employee

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to terminate Toni Stocker as a middle school custodian. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.4) Employment of Paraprofessionals

12.4) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the employment of Candice Pajda - ES Paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.4) 2. Move the previous roll for Georgina Huitron - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) 3. Move the previous roll for Kandice Travis - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) 4. Move the previous roll for Camren Stacy - MS Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) 5. Move the previous roll for Valerie Wilder - MS Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) 6. Move the previous roll for Jordyn Wells - MS Paraprofessional. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) 7. Move the previous roll for Jami Bailey - ES ICA. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.5) Approve District Resignations

12.5) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Euchner to accept the resignation of Amber Phillips for MS Drama Club Stipend Position. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.5) 2. Move the previous roll for Alex Dahm - 5 & 6 Gr Girls Volleyball Stipend. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.6) Employment of stipend positions and coaches

12.6) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Camren Stacy as $\frac{7}{8}$ Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.6) 2. Move the previous roll for Ashley Brown and Elizabeth Thurman - MS Cheer Co-Coaches. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7) Employment of ESP personnel

12.7) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Kaitlyn Geasley as an ESP (after school care) employee. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.7) 2. Move the previous roll for Kaylynn Welches - ESP Employee. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7) 3. Move the previous roll for Hailey Hernandez-Mejia - ESP Employee. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7) 4. Move the previous roll for Peyton Abernathy - ESP Employee. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7) 5. Move the previous roll for Stella Wilson - ESP Employee. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.8) Employment of Cafe / Custodians

12.8) 1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Allyson Nowak - MS Cafe. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.8) 2. Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Dayzi Wilmsmeyer - MS Cafe Supervisor. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

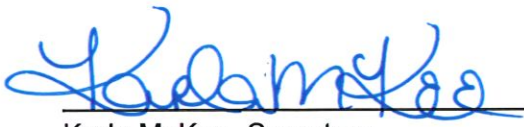
12.8) 3. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Cristina Ferrenbach as a part-time MS Custodian. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to adjourn. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.


Rod Euchner, President


Karla McKee, Secretary