

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

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Jaime Cotto, 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, Hamze Fares, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

Members Present via Google Meets: Derek Houston

**3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda**

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

**4.0) Public Comments**

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

**5.0) Consent Items**

**5.1) Approval of Minutes from Special AFR Meeting, October 16, 2025**

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Special meeting on October 16, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**5.2) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, October 16, 2025**

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

**5.3) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, October 16, 2025**

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on October 16, 2025. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson -

yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**5.4) Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve the November 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.

**5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable**

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the November 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 Correspondence**

The only Board Correspondence was the memo from the Union that was previously forwarded to all board members.

**7.0) Administrative Reports**

7.1) Elementary School Principal - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report

7.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report. Mrs. Laurent also congratulated Ashley Brown, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, for winning the Emerson Excellence Award.

7.3) Enrollment / Truancy - Mrs. Bossler and Mr. Cotto gave enrollment and truancy updates for their respective buildings.

7.4) Special Education Coordinator - Mrs. Stinnett reviewed her written report. Rod Euchner asked Mrs. Stinnett, what kind of support does she need from the Board to help our special education students? Chris said really what is most needed is staffing, teachers and paras, and materials. She stated that when she has asked for staffing the principals do their best to find what is needed and the district has purchased the items needed for supporting our students.

In her time at Whiteside, Chris has not had to send this many students out to other programs. We also have students on waiting lists for outside programs. To assist these kids, BASSC is supervising on a regular basis and the Behavior Interventionist is working with the staff to assist until programs open up.

Rod reminded Chris that the Board wants to have a two way conversation with her. Please make sure the Board knows if things are needed.

- 7.5) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report. During his report he also shared the proposed playground drawings. The committee did decide to go with lighter slides to help combat the slides getting hot.

Mr. Heuring also recognized the November Shout Out winners, Troy Griffith and Pam Kaercher.

**8.0) Committee Reports**

8.1) Policy Meeting

A policy committee meeting was set for December 10, 2025 at 5 pm.

**9.0) New Business**

9.1) Approval of First Reading of PRESS 120

Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to approve the first reading of PRESS Policy 120. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Approval of Preliminary SY 25-26 Tax Levy

Mr. Heuring talked about the proposed 25-26 Levy. We will proceed with the Black Box requirements. Mark reminded the Board that we are not setting the taxes at 15%, we are simply capturing what the county allows.

Motion by Euchner, second by Bochantin to approve the Preliminary School Year 2025-2026 Tax Levy. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Approval of 2025 School Report Card

Motion by Bochantin, second by Fares to accept the 2025 School Report Card. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

9.4) Approval of District Health Insurance

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the 2026 Insurance (Health, Vision, Dental, and Cobra) Renewal through Assured as presented in your packets. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Approval of Elementary Solar Project

Fred Weber, from GRP Wegman, presented the proposed scope change for the Elementary Solar Project.

For clarification the proposal is called a change due to the original scope (proposal) being for the Middle School Solar Project. The change is now amending that scope to add the Elementary Building.

Derek Houston asked if we could get the Elementary School to 100% offset. Per Fred Weber and Mr. Heuring that would not be possible without replacing current roofs at the Elementary School. GRP has laid out the project to get maximum offset with our new roof structures.

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to approve the Scope Change Request #2 to Performance Contract #PC22-0066 for the Elementary Solar Project at a cost of \$819,854.00. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.6) Playground Equipment Purchase

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to accept the presented invoice for the K-1 and Pre-K playgrounds for equipment and construction through Hutchinson for a total of \$571,259.00. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.7) Score Keepers Wages

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to set the score keepers and clock operators wages to \$20.00 per event and make this retroactive for this school year. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.8) Middle School Health Life Safety Amendment

To answer Hamze Fares' question, we are proposing only replacing the fixtures on the current poles. Currently about 50% of our lights are not working. Hamze followed up asking how do we know that will be enough? Do we need to pause and do a lumen study?

Christine Mitchell-Endsley inquired about the cost of a lumen study? We do not know the cost, but could inquire from GRP Wegman.

Mr. Heuring shared that we considered having our custodial staff replace the broken bulbs, but over concerns of employee safety made the decision to call in an outside company. Lowery Electric came out to replace the bulbs but ultimately suggested replacing the fixtures. The proposal is for comparable fixtures.

Hamze Fares wondered if anyone had a recollection of how well the lot was lit when the lights were fully operational. There really isn't anyone on staff that might have that knowledge.

Hamze Fares said he supports replacing the fixtures but would like a lumen study or confirmation from GRP that the lighting will be sufficient.

After additional discussion both Hamze Fares and Christine Mitchell-Endsley were ok with moving forward without a lumen study.

Motion by Fares, second by Euchner to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for the replacement of 16 lights in the middle school parking lot. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.9) Middle School Lighting Proposal

Motion by Fares, second by Dickerson to approve the bid from Lowery Electric (GRP) to replace and install the 16 parking lights at the middle school for a total of \$11,574.00. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Note that the Board agreed to move forward without requiring a lumen study.

**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), discussion of legal matters, negotiations, and student discipline. 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 7:57 pm.

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson 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, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Board returned to Open Session at 10:03 pm.

**11.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session**

11.1) District Safety Report  
No action needed.

11.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement

11.2.1) Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve the tuition reimbursement for April Nail. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes,

Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 11.2.2) Move the previous roll for Allison Hemingway. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

### 11.3) Approval of Stipend Positions

- 11.3.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to employ Dawn Vollmer as the 7 / 8 Grade A and B Girls Volleyball Coach. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 11.3.2) Move the previous roll for Jarrah Lindley as the 5 / 6 Grade C Girls Volleyball Coach. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 11.3.3) Move the previous roll for Camron Stacy as the Boys Volleyball Coach. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 11.3.4) Move the previous roll for Anna Campbell - Drama. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 11.3.5) Move the previous roll for Nicole Keys. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

### 11.4) Employment of District Staff

- 11.4.1) Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to employ Clayton Hughes as a MS Paraprofessional. 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 Harris - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 11.4.3) Move the previous roll for Aysa Clark - Part time ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 11.4.4) Move the previous roll for Kayelee Tisdale - Elementary School Custodian. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

### 11.5) District Resignations

- 11.5.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to accept the resignation of Kelsey Smith - MS Boys Volleyball Coach. 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 Kai Ellis - Bowling Coach. 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 10:07 pm.

  
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Rod Euchner, President  
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Karla McKee, Secretary