

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2026
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, 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, Hamze Fares, Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

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

4.0) Shout Outs

Due to a timing issue, April Shout Out awards will be presented to Kelly Suhl and Stacy Korba from the elementary and Amber Phillips and Ashley Brown from the middle school at the May Board meeting.

5.0) Public Comments

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

Ashley Morhardt spoke to the Board regarding special education staffing.

Rod Euchner informed Mrs. Morhardt two special education teachers were hired for the upcoming school year at the March meeting.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, March 19, 2026

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 19, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, March 19, 2026

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on March 19, 2026. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to approve the April 16, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the April 16, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) **Board Secretary Correspondence**

None at this time.

8.0) **Administrative Reports**

8.1) Enrollment Update - report presented for review.

8.2) Elementary School Principal - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report. In addition Mr. Rakers shared that Jaime Burch presented the PD yesterday for all staff. She will be back in May for the second half of her presentation.

8.3) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent's written report was included for review.

8.4) Special Services Coordinator - Mrs. Stinnett reviewed her written report. She also shared that Whiteside will have a school psychologist intern a couple of days a week next school year. The intern will split time between Whiteside and O'Fallon.

8.5) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report. Mr. Heuring shared that some of the building contingency may be used for a facelift on the older parts of the elementary building. Two possibilities include painting the vertical tin and the light areas on the 3rd and 4th grade sections of the building and fencing around the 3rd and 4th grade playground.

Hamze Fares inquired where the additional money is coming from and if this is outside the scope of the referendum. Christine Mitchell-Endsley reported that a facelift to other portions of the building and fencing was always talked about if

there was contingency money left over. The funds were contingencies built into the budget to cover building overages.

After reports were completed, Derek Houston commented on Mrs. Laurent's report and congratulated Camren Stacy on his selection as the Junior High Basketball Coach of the Year.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Honors

Mr. Heuring is working with the committee to set a meeting date.

9.2) Handbook

Mr. Heuring will follow up with the committee to set a date.

9.3) Finance

Committee meeting is rescheduled for April 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm

9.4) Policy

Committee meeting is set for April 29, 2026 at 6:15 pm

10.0) New Business

10.1) PRESS 121 - Policy 1st Reading

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the first reading of PRESS 121. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.2) Public Hearing Date to Amend the FY 26 budget - June 18th

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to set the amended budget hearing for June 18, 2026. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.3) Permission to construct the FY 27 District Budget

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to allow Mark Heuring and Karma Falkenbury to begin construction on the fiscal year 2026-2027 school budget. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.4) Long-term Sub Rate Consideration

Mark Heuring presented the recommendation to move long term subs to \$175 a day after 10 days in the position.

Hamze Fares asked if a trend assessment had been completed on what this would do to the budget. We have not completed an analysis.

Derek Houston requested a conservative look at what a 30% cut in Federal Funds would look like to our budget. This will be discussed at the Finance committee meeting. We won't know what our Federal Dollars will be until ISBE

releases the numbers hopefully in early June. Hamze questioned why we don't have those numbers now since the Federal Budget has been released. It was explained that the Federal Budget may have been released, but then it is up to the state to tell us what we will be given.

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to set the long term sub rate as presented. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez 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.

The Board went into closed session at 7:37 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez 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.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:09 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

12.1) Safety Form Review

No new entries since February.
No action taken.

12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

12.2.1) Motion by Sanchez, second Bochantin to approve tuition reimbursement for Amy Jung. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.2.2) Move the previous roll for Erin Connolly. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.2.3) Move the previous roll for Chelsea Kilzer. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3) Employment of District Personnel

Teachers

- 12.3.1) Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to employ Elisabeth Wilson - ES EC Teacher. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.3.2) Move the previous roll for Lexi Easter - MS Physical Education. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.3) MS ELA - Tabled
- 12.3.4) MS Speech - Tabled
- 12.3.5) ES Music - Tabled

Paraprofessionals

- 12.3.6) Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to employ Dale Carter - ES Part-time Para. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

ESP

- 12.3.7) Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Cameron Gove - ESP worker. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.4) Employment of Summer Custodians

- 12.4.1) Motion by Bochantin, second by Fares to employ Mary Nowak for the summer employment from May 26th through August 7th as part-time temporary summer custodian. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.2) Move the previous roll for Joan Kloepper. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.3) Move the previous roll for Kayla Nowak. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.4) Move the previous roll for Emma Nowak. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 12.4.5) Move the previous roll for Cole Thompson. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.6) Move the previous roll for Megan Thompson. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.7) Move the previous roll for Allyson Nowak. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.8) Move the previous roll for Matt Story. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.9) Move the previous roll for Candice Pajda. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.10) Move the previous roll for Emily Jatcko. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.11) Move the previous roll for Kristy Kohler. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.5) District Resignations
 - 12.5.1) Motion by Dickerson, second by Bochantin to approve the resignation of Allison Lohman - MS Speech. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
 - 12.5.2) Move the previous roll for Xavier Jones-Rowles - MS Cafe. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 12.5.3) Move the previous roll for Nicole Keys - ES Music. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
 - 12.5.4) Move the previous roll for April Nail - Pre-K. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.6) Employment of Stipend Positions
 - Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to employ Luke Ryterski as MS Track Assistant. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes; Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.7) Summer School Teachers
 - 12.7.1) Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to employ Stacey Geluck as a summer school teacher from June 1 through June 25th. Roll call:

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

12.7.2) Move the previous roll for Caroline Brown. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.3) Move the previous roll for Sondra Kingsbury. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.4) Move the previous roll for Dennis Martinez. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.5) Move the previous roll for Markel Wade. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.6) Move the previous roll for Scott Way. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.7) Move the previous roll for Larry Williams. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.7.8) Move the previous roll for Russell Smith. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.8) Summer School Aides

12.8.1) Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to employ Kai Ellis as a summer school paraprofessional from June 1 through June 25th. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.8.2) Move the previous roll for Alexis Williams. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.8.3) Move the previous roll for Sherry Hagood. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.8.4) Move the previous roll for Candice Pajda. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

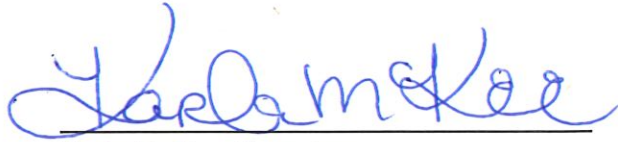
13.0) **Adjournment**

Having no further business motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary