

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026
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 6:30 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) Closed Session

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:31 pm.

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

The Board returned to the Regular Session at 7:31 pm.

4.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

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

5.0) Public Comments

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

There were no public comments.

6.0) Consent Items

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, July 16, 2026

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 16, 2026. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session, July 16, 2026

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on July 16, 2026. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the August 20, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the August 20, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

Members were forwarded the email that was received.

8.0) Administrative Reports

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

8.2) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report. She also shared her presentation from the Teacher's Institute "Building a Cathedral".

8.3) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report. In addition, he let the Board know of the date for the Southwestern Division meeting. Please let him know if you will be attending.

Hamze asked if there was an update on the vandalism investigation. It is in the hands of the State's Attorney and the Juvenile Court.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Policy

Nothing to discuss

9.2) Building and Grounds

Christine Mitchell-Endsley shared that several items were discussed during their meeting including: Stage lift options, space for support staff offices, Skylight Safety Act, fencing for playgrounds, long term goals, improving other playgrounds, and blacktop sealing.

Derek Houston inquired about the cost for a lift. The lift would be around \$53,000. That does not include wiring work, general contractor, and additional expenses. Total cost could be closer to \$100,000. Chair lift doesn't fully meet ADA requirements. We are going to look at what other options are available, but the lift is not off the table.

Part of the Board Goal of a Maintenance Plan is to look at projects and prioritize them. We want to provide the best possible care for our buildings.

Mr. Heuring reported that we had the Middle School Marque Emblem vinyl redone. They reused the old vinyl so it is still a little yellow. The Elementary Sign is proving to be more of an issue. There is no longer power to the sign. In order to get power to the sign we would have to tunnel through the parking lot. GRP is looking at a Solar / Battery option.

10.0) New Business

10.1) Final Reading of PRESS 122

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the final reading of PRESS 122. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.2) Approval of 2026-27 Honor Criteria Letter

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to approve the 2026-2027 Honors Criteria Letter for the current school year. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.3) Approval of Preliminary Budget

Motion by Houston, second by Fares to approve the Preliminary Budget as presented with the final budget to be presented at the September 17, 2026 Budget Hearing. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

10.4) Approval of Cigna Health Insurance Renewal

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to approve the Cigna Health Insurance Renewal at 5% with no changes to the remainder of the plan. Roll call: Euchner

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

10.5) Discussion on Physical Security Update
Tabled - No Discussion

10.6) Discussion on Superintendent / Principal Monthly Updates
Tabled - No Discussion

10.7) Discussion on Special Education Program and Process Review.
Tabled - No Discussion

11.0) Closed Session (if needed)

Second Closed Session was not needed.

12.0) Action Items Following the Closed Session

12.1) District Safety Report
No new submissions

12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

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

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

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

12.2.4) Move the previous roll for Alexa Braswell. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

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

12.3) Accept District Resignation

12.3.1) Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez to accept the resignation of Vicky Benson - MS Custodian. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.3.2) Move the previous roll for Dale Carter - ES Para (Part-time). Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3.3) Move the previous roll for Liz Langley - ES Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3.4) Move the previous roll for Brian Blanson - Maternity Leave Sub. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 12.3.5) Move the previous roll for Gina Huitron - ES Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.6) Move the previous roll for Krystine Watts - MS Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.7) Move the previous roll for Dayzi Wilmsmeyer - MS Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3.8) Move the previous roll for Joy Schlagg - ES Cafe. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.4) Approval of District Employments
Coordinator

- 12.4.1) Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to employ Erin Connolly - District Curriculum / MTSS Coordinator. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Maternity Leave Sub

- 12.4.2) Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to employ Alexis Kimbrel - Maternity Leave Sub for 26/27 SY. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Custodial

- 12.4.3) Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to employ Grant McKee - Custodian (return to full time). Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Paraprofessional

- 12.4.4) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Kendra DeLisle - ES Para. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.5) Move the previous roll for Katie O'Malley - ES Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.6) Move the previous roll for Samuel Tucker - MS Para. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.7) Move the previous roll for Taylor Boxwell - MS Para. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Cafe

- 12.4.8) Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Cristina Ferrenbach - ES Cafe. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes,

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

- 12.4.9) Move the previous roll for Rachelle Madison - ES Cafe. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

ESP

- 12.4.10) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Sarah Beadle - ESP worker. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.11) Move the previous roll for Kennedy Reynolds - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.12) Move the previous roll for Redmond Jung - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.13) Move the previous roll for Riley Shaver - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.14) Move the previous roll for Cedric Byas - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.15) Move the previous roll for Delriell Davis - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.16) Move the previous roll for Ruby Frischkorn - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.17) Move the previous roll for Jaeli Aguilar - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 12.4.18) Move the previous roll for Peyton Berezansky - ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

BTHS Intern Students

- 12.4.19) Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to employ Trinity Smith-Ferrell - BTHS East Intern and ESP worker. Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4.20) Move the previous roll for Malia Joyner - BTHS East Intern. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.5) Approval of Stipend Positions

Motion by Houston, second by Fares to employ Walt Jackson - 7 / 8 Boys Basketball (reassignment). Roll call: Euchner - yes, Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

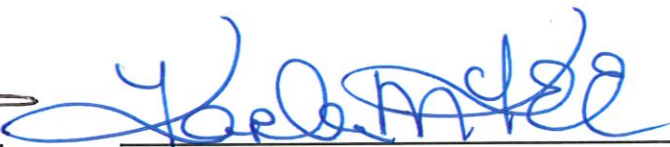
13.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary