

Whiteside School District #115  
Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 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 7:35 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) Public Comments**

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

Mr. Heuring announced the December and January Shout Out winners. Ellie Badgley and Michelle Glascock were the recipients from the Elementary School. Crystal Rakers and Dave Thompson were the recipients from the Middle School.

Ashley Morhardt spoke to the Board about special education staffing. She questioned why there are postings for SY 26-27 but the postings for this SY have not been updated.

Ava Houston spoke to the Board about changing the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade honors program so that students could choose honors classes and not be an all or nothing type program.

Mrs. Laurent shared that this idea has been discussed during Admin meetings. We may only be able to implement this for ELA and Math. Implementation may require additional staff.

Board members were interested in seeing how other schools have implemented this approach.

Mrs. Laurent feels we would be better able to meet the needs of Whiteside Students. More students will be able to take Honors ELA and not force all Honors students to take Honors Math.

**5.0) Consent Items**

- 5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, December 18, 2025  
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 18, 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 Tax Levy Hearing, December 18, 2025  
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Tax Levy Hearing on December 18, 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, December 18, 2025  
Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on December 18, 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 Fares, second by Houston to approve the January 15, 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.
- 5.5) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable  
Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to approve the January 15, 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.

**6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time.

**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. She also thanked the parents who helped make the Winter Dance a huge success.

7.3) AP Enrollment Update - Mrs. Bossler reviewed Elementary enrollment and truancy.

7.4) Special Services Coordinator - Mrs. Stinnett reviewed her written report.

7.5) District Superintendent - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

## 8.0) Committee Reports

### 8.1) Policy Meeting

The Policy committee met to review current policy updates. They are recommending that Policy 6:660 General Curriculum be updated to state we will teach voting requirements.

## 9.0) New Business

### 9.1) Final reading of Press 120

Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the final reading of Press 120 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

### 9.2) Appoint Superintendent to file for Federal Impact Aid.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to appoint the Superintendent to file for Federal Impact Aid. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

### 9.3) Six Month Closed Minute Review

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to keep the closed minutes closed after the six month review. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

### 9.4) FY 2026 ISBE Maintenance Grant

Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez to approve the FY 2026 ISBE Maintenance Grant for HVAC replacement at the middle school. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

### 9.5) GRP Performance Contract Addendum

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to approve the GRP Performance Contract Addendum for the Band Room HVAC replacement in correlation with the Maintenance Grant and local funds. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**10.0) Closed Session**

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston 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 8:22 pm.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston 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 9:27 pm.

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

11.1) District Safety Report  
No action needed.

11.2) Consider Approval of a settlement and release  
Motion by Sanchez, second by Houston to approve the settlement agreement and release between Whiteside School District and Julie Burns. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.3) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

11.3.1) Motion by Bochantin, second Sanchez to approve tuition reimbursement for Erin Connolly. 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 Heather Kypta. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4) Approval of District Employments

11.4.1) Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to employ Sarah Beadle as an elementary school 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 Emily Jatcko, elementary early childhood paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4.3) Move the previous roll for Jahlyn Wade, middle school paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4.4) Move the previous roll for Xavier Reynolds, ESP worker. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) Consideration of Termination

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to terminate Michael Leveling as a custodian in the Whiteside School District due to violations pertaining to Policy 2:265 in relationship to sexual harassment. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.6) Approval of Resignation(s)

Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the resignation of Asya Clark, elementary part-time paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.7) Employment of Retirements

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the retirement of Gena Hamilton, elementary school paraprofessional. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.8) Approval of Stipend Positions

Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve Riley Bishop as the Chess Sponsor. Roll call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

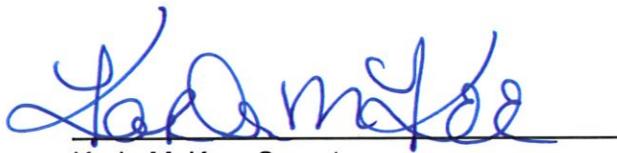
**12.0) Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary