

Whiteside School District #115  
Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 19, 2026  
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: Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Derek Houston, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

Members absent: Jeremy Bochantin, Hamze Fares, and Nancy Sanchez

**3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda**

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**4.0) Shout Outs**

Mr. Heuring recognized Beth Schabbing, Allison Hemingway, and Cam Stacy for being the Shout Out recipients from February. Cam has also been nominated for Illinois Basketball Coach of the year.

Rod Euchner, Board President, recognized the Whiteside Boys Basketball team and congratulated them on their State Championship.

**5.0) Public Comments**

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

There were no other public comments.

**6.0) Consent Items**

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

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

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

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

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the March 19, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Dickerson, second by Euchner to approve the March 19, 2026 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

7.0) **Board Secretary Correspondence**

One letter was received from Dr. & Mr. Morehardt and shared with the Board.

8.0) **Administrative Reports**

8.1) AP Enrollment Update - Mr. Heuring shared the enrollment report.

The Board discussed why 504 students were not included in the numbers that are being reported.

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

8.3) Middle School Principal - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.

In addition Mrs. Laurent recognized Camren Stacy for being nominated for the Illinois Basketball Coach of the Year, Paul Pickens for being awarded the Racial Harmony Award, and Ashley Brown and Amber Phillips for a wonderful Excellence Awards ceremony. Mrs. Laurent also shared that Malachi Smith has signed with the Brooklyn Nets.

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

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

9.0) **Committee Reports**

9.1) Building and Grounds

Christine Mitchell-Endsley updated the Board from the committee's walk through of the buildings in March. Items the committee is looking at for the future include such items as ES Gym repainting, Bleachers, refinishing the floor, ES Nurses office flooring, MS Stage ADA accessibility, MS Gym Floor resurfacing, MS Computer Lab remodel, ES ADA accessible playground for older students. The goal is to keep our buildings updated.

Emily Spindler, with FGM, feels the computer lab remodel is doable and will starting looking into informaiton for that. She will also source vendors for an ADA lift for the Middle School stage and vinyl flooring for the ES nurses' office as well as Chris Stinnett's office area..

Mr. Heuring shared the Google Doc he has been working on to track the improvements the committee would like to see.

Derek Houston made a suggestion for ADA doors for the front doors at both buildings. Rod Euchner suggested a much needed refresh on the Middle School Marque.

9.2) Handbook

Derek Houston and Angela Dickerson volunteered to be on the Handbook committee. Mr. Heuring will work to enlist the other members of the committee and a meeting date will be set in the future.

9.3) Finance

The meeting is set for March 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

**10.0) New Business**

10.1) Amend and Finalize the FY 26 Public Calendar

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to amend and finalize the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

10.2) FY 27 School Fees Proposal

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the school fees as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

10.3) Middle School Honors Discussion

The Board reviewed the Honors Survey results. All members present were in agreement that the school should look into offering Honors for selected subjects, not an all or nothing.

Mrs. Laurent stated it may be difficult to schedule Honors Science and Social Studies if the group is not kept in a cohort.

Ashley Brown, WFT member from the audience, encouraged the Board and Administration to try and keep Honors Science and Social Studies. Mrs. Laurent shared that the high school is pushing to have more students in challenging classes.

Suggestions for a committee to work out how to transition to selected honors were: Chris Stinnett, Monica, Laurent, Mark Heuring, Ashley Brown, Alexis Braswell, Amber Phillips, Derek Houston, Erin Connolly, and an ELA teacher.

No Action taken.

**11.0) Closed Session**

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:01 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, 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: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 pm.

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

12.1) Safety Form Review

No action needed.

12.2) Approval of Tuition Reimbursement(s)

12.2.1) Motion by Houston, second Dickerson to approve tuition reimbursement for April Nail. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.2.2) Move the previous roll for Casey Taylor. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.3) Superintendent Sick Days

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to add the language to the superintendent's contract allowing for the accrual of sick days as noted in the teacher's contract and all administrative contracts. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.4) GRP Agreement

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the agreement between GRP and Whiteside School Board. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.5) District Resignations

12.5.1) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the resignation of Ashley Harris - ES Paraprofessional. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.5.2) Move the previous roll for Riley Bishop - MS PE Teacher. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.5.3) Move the previous roll for Gabrielle Mokriakow - MS 5th Gr Teacher. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.6) District Retirement

Motion by Houston, second by Euchner to approve the retirement of Susan Karraker - ES Pre-K Teacher at the end of the 28-29 school year. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.7) District Terminations

12.7.1) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the termination of Zahriaha Mosley. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.8) Approval of Non-renewal of Probationary Teacher(s)

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the resolution authorizing the dismissal and non-renewal of Alana Kolbe, 2nd year teacher, effective the last teacher workday of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.9) Approval of District Employments  
Teachers

12.9.1) MS Peer Coach - Tabled

12.9.2) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Markel Wade - MS ELA 8th Grade. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.9.3) Move the previous roll for Sarah Castiller - MS Special Education 5th Grade. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.9.4) Move the previous roll for Paige Hunt - MS 5th Grade. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.9.5) Move the previous roll for Emily Strickland - 3rd / 4th Self Contained Special Education. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Paraprofessionals

12.9.6) Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Cameron Gove as an ES Paraprofessional. Roll call: Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.

12.10) Approval of Stipend Positions  
Tabled

**13.0) Adjournment**

Having no further business motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to adjourn. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

  
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Rod Euchner, President

  
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Karla McKee, Secretary