

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
Whiteside Middle School
August 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members present:

Diane Allen
Matt Erkman
Scott Martin
Sean McKee
Terri McKee
Tim Mueller

Administrators:

Peggy Burke
Kevin Johnson
Monica Laurent
Nathan Rakers
Ron Trelow

Absent: Frank Bennett

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Martin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors are shown on the sign-in sheet.

Public Hearing on the Waiver of Administrative Costs Limitation for FY15

Administrative expenditures on the FY14 budget were over-estimated. Administrative costs shown in the FY15 budget were based on a percent increase over the budgeted FY14 amount. Because actual FY14 costs were less than budgeted, the FY15 budget amounts exceeded the 5% limit. Whiteside School District falls in the bottom quartile (371/374) of all elementary districts for administrative costs. Therefore, the Board may waive the 5% limitation.

Mr. Martin asked for questions/comments. None were made. The hearing was closed.

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1.0) **Minutes**

1.1) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 16, 2015 be approved. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.0) **Business Management**

2.1) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.2.) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 2.3) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the accompanying resolution for the waiver of administrative costs limitation for FY15. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to schedule the FY16 budget hearing for 7:00pm on September 30, 2015.
- 2.5) RECOMMEND MOTION to schedule the regular September board meeting for September 30, 2015, immediately following the budget hearing. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 2.6) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the accompanying resolution for the preparation of the tentative budget for FY16. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.7) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the purchase of a lawn mower from Extreme Power for a cost of \$11,679. Discussion: This is for the elementary building. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.8) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the contract with Harmony-Emge Dist 175 to provide bus services for special education students. Discussion: Harmony will charge a flat rate of \$42 per hour. We utilize two buses to provide special education transportation as IEPs require for our own programs and to Pathways. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.9) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the accompanying resolution to approve the withdrawal of O'Fallon Township High School Dist 203 from the Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

3.0) District Management

- 3.1) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to adopt Policy 7:185 - Teen Dating Violence Prohibited. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 3.2) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve Student Council's request for a districtwide fundraiser through Great American. Discussion: Student Council uses proceeds from this fundraiser to provide a variety of programs and services districtwide. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.0) **Miscellaneous**

- 4.1) Elementary Principal – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Rakers.
- 4.2) Middle School Principal – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Trelow.
- 4.3) Superintendent’s Report – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke.

- 4.4) Public Comments - President invited public comments. None presented.

- 4.5) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to go into closed meeting to discuss employment and compensation of personnel and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 4.6) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approved the closed meeting minutes from July 18, 2015. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

5.0) **Personnel**

- 5.1) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Caroline Wells as a teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Discussion: Mrs. Wells will fill the first grade position previously held by Mrs. Kosydor. Mrs. Wells will be on Masters, Step 3 of the salary schedule. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 5.2) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Cindy Doder as instructional technology coach for the 2015-2016 school year for 140 days. Discussion: Ms. Doder will provide technology support and professional development as previously provided by Mrs. Pirmann. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 5.3) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to accept the retirement notice provided by Colleen Smith, Title I reading aide, effective August 3, 2015. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 5.4) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Jamie Horcher, Sarah Klosterman, Katie Canale, and Jennie Fowler-Williams as elementary Title I aides for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 5.5) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to re-employ Samantha Mehrmann as a full-time special education aide and Tammy Whited as a part-time special education aide for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 5.6) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Suzanne Cade as a special education bus aide for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.

- 5.7) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Calie Simunich and Brittney Parish as ESP workers for 2015-2016 through the Cooperative Education program at Belleville East High School. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.8) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to employ Darrien Parker-Williams as a full-time custodian effective September 1, 2015. Discussion: This position has been vacant since February. Darrien has been subbing in this position. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.9) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to provide \$10,000 in Group Life Insurance to full-time, school year employees effective September 1, 2015. Roll call: Allen-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes, Martin-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.10) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to approve the FMLA leave requested by Sarah Lindemann. Discussion: Mrs. Lindemann anticipates her leave to be Sept 24-Oct 23, 2015 depending upon the her delivery date. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 5.11) Motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to appoint Karma Falkenbury as Director of Finance. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 5.12) Mr. Martin announced his resignation from the Board at the conclusion of this meeting. He is moving out of the district. Mr. Barr thanked Mr. Martin on behalf of the teachers' union. The Board appreciates Mrs. Martin's service to the Board over the past 8 years.
- 6.0) Being no further business, motion by Allen, second by Erkman, to adjourn. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Tim Mueller, Vice President

Peggy Burke, Secretary