

**Whiteside School District # 115
Board of Education Meeting**

MINUTES

DATE: August 21, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tim Mueller, Vice President
Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Matt Erkman
Sean McKee
Kim Rist

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Scott Martin

STAFF: Peggy Burke, Superintendent
Ron Trelow, Principal
Nathan Rakers, Principal
Monica Laurent, Assistant Principal
Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Monday, August 18, 2014.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 17, 2014 be approved. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Claims

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist that payment of claims be approved. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Set Budget Hearing

A motion as made by Bennett seconded by Allen to request the finance manager prepare a tentative budget, set the public hearing for the FY15 budget for September 29, 2014 at 7:00pm and publish notice setting forth the date of the hearing and the availability of the budget at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Reschedule September Board Meeting

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to reschedule the September board meeting for September 29, 2014 immediately following the budget hearing. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Whiteside Federation of Teachers. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Annual Application for Recognition of School

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to approve the Annual Application for Recognition of Schools. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Sale of Buses

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist to accept the offer from Harmony District #175 to purchase our two small school buses for \$3500. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Approve Transportation Agreement

A motion was made by Bennett Seconded by Allen to approve the transportation agreement with Harmony District #175 for the 2014-2015 school year. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Elementary Principal's Report

The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Rakers. Mr. Rakers also reported that he, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Frank would be participating in the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Middle School Principal's Report

The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Trelow.

Superintendent's Report

The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mrs. Burke. The Board also reviewed the fund raising requests/dates presented for the 2014-2015 school year.

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Closed Meeting

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen that the Board go into closed meeting to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, to consider a fee waiver request for a specific student, and to review past closed meeting minutes. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:29pm with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, and Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:14pm.

Approve Closed Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist to approve the closed meeting minutes from July 17, 2014. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Resignation of Non-Certified Staff

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to accept the resignations of instructional aides Scott Poole and Tiffany Bernaix, and cafeteria worker Rosemary Dixon. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Resignation of Certified Staff

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to accept the resignation of Karen Keuss as Challenge Teacher effective upon the hire of a replacement. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Rescind Retirement Notice

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to rescind the retirement notification of Debby Wafer. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Leave of Absence Requests

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to approve the leaves of absence requested by Tiffany Flint and Ashley Brown. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

Employ Non-Certified School-Year Personnel

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to hire the following non-certified staff for the 2014-2015 school year: instructional aides - Blair Russell, Samantha Mehrmann, Nicole McDonnell, Kevin McKinney, Kara Taylor; cafeteria monitor - Sue Simunich; kitchen workers - Percynthia Lancaster and Katherine Porter; bus monitor - Diane Hicks; Secretary - Amy Sterthman; ESP workers - Sarah Sleeter, Caitlin Reisa, Jasmine Edwards, Kendall Montgomery and Allyson Jackson; and re-assign staff as follows: Sarah Peters as an instructional aide, Patricia Hall as cafeteria monitor, Kristy Frazer as ESP pm supervisor. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Employ Custodians

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to hire Jacob Mattern and Anthony Avendano as full-time custodians effective September 1, 2014. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Employ Certified Personnel

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Rist to hire the following certified employees: Emily Sackett, middle school language arts teacher; Amy Dehler, PreKindergarten teacher. The Vice President called for a roll call vote. Allen-aye, Bennett-aye, Erkman-aye, McKee-aye, Rist-aye, Mueller-aye. Motion carried.

Set Salaries/Rates of Pay for FY15

Tabled to September meeting.

Tuition Reimbursement Requests

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to approve the tuition reimbursements requested by Sheila Buch and Ellen Keefe. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Allen to adjourn this Board of Education meeting. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Tim Mueller, Vice President

Peggy Burke, Secretary Pro-tem