

**Whiteside School District #115**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 21, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Mueller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Diane Allen, Frank Bennett, Matt Erkman, Kia Gunter, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Tim Mueller.

Administrators: Peggy Burke, Kevin Johnson, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Ron Trelow.

Visitors indicated on sign-in sheet.

**1.0) Minutes**

- 1.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 21, 2016 be approved. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**2.0) Business Management**

- 2.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 2.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) The Board discussed health insurance quotes provided by United Health Care and Cigna, and is awaiting a quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**3.0) Miscellaneous**

- 3.1) The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Rakers.
- 3.2) The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Trelow.
- 3.3) The Board reviewed by written report submitted by Mrs. Burke.
- 3.4) Public Comments - Mr. & Mrs. Laidley inquired about process followed regarding reports of bullying. Because Mr. & Mrs. Laidley's discussion referenced specific students, they were asked to address the Board during closed session.
- 3.5) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to go into closed session to for the purposing of holding a student disciplinary hearing, to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:56pm and returned to open session at 8:52pm.

3.6) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to expel Student A for the remainder of the school and to hold the expulsion in abeyance if Student A successfully attends Safe School.  
Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

3.7) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to approved the closed meeting minutes from December 17, 2015. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### 4.0) **Personnel**

##### 4.1) Staff Assignments:

4.1.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to hire Brian Egan as a Title I instructional aide at the middle school, effective January 4, 2016. Discussion: Mr. Egan will assist with the middle school study labs and mathematics labs through our Title I grant.  
Roll call: Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

4.1.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to assign instructional aide Samantha Mehrmann as a special education teacher for 0.25 time per day effective February 1, 2016.  
Discussion: Ms. Mehrmann is certified in special education and has been working as a 4th grade special education aide since last school year. This position is necessary as the class size for 4th grade special education in Language Arts will exceed legal limits with the anticipated addition of 2 more students next week. Roll call: S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, Mueller-yes.  
Motion carried.

4.1.3) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to appoint Monica Laurent as Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2016 upon the retirement of Ron Trelow.  
Roll call: T McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

4.2) RECOMMEND MOTION to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Steve Barr, Michelle Burton, Keith Jacob, Sarah Lindemann, and Emily Sackett.  
Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

5.0) Having no further business, motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

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Tim Mueller, President

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Peggy Burke, Acting Secretary