

**Whiteside School District #115**  
**Board of Education**  
**Monday, May 22, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Tim Mueller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: Frank Bennett, Matt Erkman, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Ty Sterthman, Tim Mueller. Kia Gunter was seated with item 1.3.

Administrators: Peggy Burke, Jaime Cotto, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

Visitors: *See sign-in sheet*

**1.0) Board Reorganization**

- 1.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman to go into closed session to review Board candidates. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:03pm and returned to open session at 7:49pm.

- 1.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Bennett, to appoint Kia Gunter as a member of the Board of Education, to serve until the spring 2019 election. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.3) Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Sterthman (having been elected but not in attendance at previous meeting) and Ms. Gunter. Ms. Gunter assumed her seat on the Board.
- 1.4) Election of President. Tim Mueller was nominated to fill the office of President. Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to elect Mr. Mueller as President by acclamation. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.5) Election of Vice President. Sean McKee was nominated to fill the office of Vice-President. Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to elect Mr. McKee as Vice-President by acclamation. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.6) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to appoint Donna Odem as Treasurer. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.7) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to appoint Karma Falkenbury as Board Secretary. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.8) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to hold regular board meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Whiteside Middle School. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 1.9) Motion by Bennett, second by Sterthman, to appoint Sean McKee to serve as the District's representative on the BASSC Governing Board. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**2.0) Minutes**

- 2.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Sterthman, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 27, 2017 be approved. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**3.0) Business Management**

- 3.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Sterthman, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 3.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Sterthman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 3.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the accompanying Health/Life/Safety

Amendments. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

- 3.4) Motion by Sterthman, second by Bennett, to set 2017-2018 student meal rates as follows:  
full price lunch: \$2.15      reduced price lunch: 40¢  
full price breakfast: \$1.25      reduced price breakfast: 30¢

Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 3.5) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to set 2017-2018 adult meal rates as follows:  
lunch: \$ 2.75      breakfast: \$1.85

Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 3.6) Motion by Sterthman, second by Erkman, to approve the accompanying property/casualty/legal liability renewal quote from PSIC at a cost of \$42,924. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

#### **4.0) District Business**

- 4.1) Motion by Sterthman, second by Gunter, to approve the final school calendar for 2016-2017. DISCUSSION: The "final calendar" indicates emergency days used and deletes any unused emergency days from the end of the calendar. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 4.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to approve the District Title I Plan. Ayes-7. Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 4.3) Motion by Bennett, second by Sterthman, to approve the updated Elementary Title I Schoolwide Plan. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 4.4) Motion by Sterthman, second by Erkman, to approve the Title I Schoolwide Plan for the Middle School. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 4.5) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to adopt Policy 8:80 - Gifts to the District as amended. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### **5.0) Miscellaneous**

- 5.1) Elementary Principal - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Nathan Rakers.

- 5.2) Middle School Principal - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Monica Laurent.

- 5.3) Superintendent - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Peggy Burke.

- 5.4) Mr. Mueller opened the floor for public comments. None were presented.

- 5.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to go into closed meeting to discuss items related to collective bargaining negotiations, to review student discipline, and to review previous closed session minutes. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:28pm and returned to open session at 9:52pm.

- 5.6) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to approve closed meeting minutes of April 27, 2017. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### **6.0) Personnel**

- 6.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to hire Grant McKee and Logan Williams as temporary summer custodians. Discussion: Gavin Strieker and Grant Strieker - on prior list - will not be available this summer. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

- 6.2) Motion by Sterthman, second by Bennett, to hire Linda Reidel, Amy Hawk, Taylor Vollmer, Peyton Kaercher, Sondra Kingsbury, Tammy Whited, and Claire Foster as 2017 summer SOAR employees.

Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

- 6.3) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to hire Jamie England, Dawn Vollmer, Jayne Watkins, and Noah Willis as teachers; and Brian Egan, Sherry Hagood, Taylor Martin, and Kristin Runyan as instructional aides, for the Title I Summer Tutoring Program. Discussion: The Title I summer program will be held Mondays-Thursday, June 5-29, from 9:00-11:30am at the elementary school. The program will target reading and math skills. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 6.4a) Motion by Sterthman, second by Erkman, to accept the retirement notice of KayDeane Rodriguez, effective at the close of the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 6.4b) Motion by Sterthman, second by Erkman, to accept the retirement notices, per section 11.3 of the current collective bargaining agreement, submitted by teachers Kim Brush, Becca Combs, Vicki Eschman, Mary Hesdra, Keith Jacob, Anne Lampe, and Debbie Penrod with intents to retire at the close of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 6.4c) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, to accept the notice of Peggy Burke to retire at the conclusion of her current contract. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 6.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Lindsay Beaston, Kim Bossler, Kim Brush, Michelle Burton, and Marie Stamm. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 7.0) Having no further business, motion by Sterthman, second by Erkman, to adjourn. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm.

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Tim Mueller, President

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Karma Falkenbury, Secretary



