

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
December 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Sean McKee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors indicated on the sign-in sheet.

Board Members Present: Frank Bennett, Kia Gunter, Sean McKee, Terri McKee.

Members Absent: Diane Allen, Matt Erkman, Tim Mueller.

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

1.0) Minutes

1.1) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 17, 2015 be approved. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2.0) Business Management

2.1) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2.2.) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Gunter-yes, T. McKee-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.

2.3) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to adopt the accompanying resolution to levy taxes for the lease of educational facilities or computer technology in the amount of \$117,423. Roll call: Gunter-yes, T. McKee-yes, Bennett-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.

2.4) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to adopt the accompanying resolution to levy taxes for the year 2015 and authorize the secretary to file the Certificate of Tax Levy with the St. Clair County Clerk for the 2015 tax year. Discussion: Levy Proposal represents a 4.7480% increase over the 2014 levy. The Certificate of Levy will be filed at the court house tomorrow (Dec. 18). Roll call: T. McKee-yes, Bennett-yes, Gunter-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.

2.5) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to authorize the superintendent to send notice of withdrawal from Egyptian Trust, effective March 1, 2016, and payment of the required fee if the district receives an acceptable bid for health insurance coverage. Discussion: Egyptian Trust requires a 60 day notice, along with payment of the fee to cover the district's liability for incurred but not reported claims, prior to withdrawal. December 31 notice is required for a withdrawal date of March 1. Mrs. Burke provided 7 year claim history of the District's participation in the Trust. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Gunter-yes, T.McKee-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.

3.0) Miscellaneous

- 3.1) The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Elementary Principal Nathan Rakers.
- 3.2) The board reviewed the written report submitted by Middle School Principal Ron Trelow. Mr. Trelow explained the potential change in basketball and volleyball season if the Belle-Fair conference moves to accommodate participation in IESA.
- 3.3) The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Superintendent Peggy Burke.
- 3.4) Mr. McKee opened the floor for public comments. None were received.
- 3.5) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to go into closed session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Gunter-yes, T.McKee-yes, Bennett-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session with Mrs. Burke at 7:37pm. The Board returned to open session at 8:18pm.

- 3.6) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to approved the closed meeting minutes from November 17, 2015. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

4.0) Personnel

- 4.1) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to accept the resignation of Katelyn Morton as a cafeteria worker, effective November 24, 2015. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - 4.2) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to accept the resignation of Allison Frank as SOAR co-director. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - 4.3) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to employ Misti Judkins as a cafeteria worker effective November 30, 2015. Discussion: Ms. Judkins will fill the position vacated by Katelyn Morton. Roll call: T.McKee-yes, Bennett-yes, Gunter-yes, S.McKee-yes. Motion carried.
 - 4.4) Motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to approve the tuition reimbursement request submitted by Ben Thessing. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 5.0) Having no further business, motion by Bennett, second by T. McKee, to adjourn. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Sean McKee, Vice President

Peggy Burke, Acting Secretary