

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
November 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Whiteside Middle School

The meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Kia Gunter (arrived at agenda item 2.5),
Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Ty Sterthman

Absent: Frank Bennett

Administrators present: Peggy Burke, Kevin Johnson, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

Visitors: *see sign-in sheet*

1.0) Minutes

- 1.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that the minutes of the audit committee and regular board meeting held on October 19, 2017 be approved. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2.0) Business Management

- 2.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 2.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve per diem payments for Board Conference expenses for Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, and Ty Sterthman at \$250 each and Sean McKee at \$400. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Action on health insurance quote - TABLED
Ms. Gunter arrived.
- 2.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the bid documents for the elementary kitchen renovation and construction of security entrances. Discussion: Mr. Art Hayhurst, architect, presented plans for the security entrances at each building and elementary kitchen renovation. All are approved Health/Life/Safety projects. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 2.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the amended Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

3.0) Miscellaneous

- 3.1) Elementary Principal's Report – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Rakers.
- 3.2) Middle School Principal's Report – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Laurent. Mrs. Laurent also congratulated Dr. Jean Hasenstab and Mrs. Tiffany Flint for their recognition from ISBE with *Those Who Excel* awards.
- 3.3) Superintendent's Report – The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke and current homeroom enrollment.

- 3.4) Public Comments - Mr. McKee opened the floor for public comments. None were presented.
- 3.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to go into closed meeting to discuss employment & compensation of personnel, review student suspensions, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Gunter-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session with Mr. Dennis Weedman, attorney, at 7:45pm and returned to open session at 8:50pm.

- 3.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approved the closed meeting minutes of October 19, 2017. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

4.0) Personnel

- 4.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to accept the resignation of Terrie Stald as district secretary, effective November 3, 2017. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 4.2) Motion by Sterthman, second by Euchner, to reassign Amy Sterthman to full-time, district secretary effective November 6, 2017. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 4.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Bridget Conley as elementary secretary, effective November 15, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Gunter-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 4.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Michelle Cruise as an instructional aide in the elementary reading lab effective November 13, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Gunter-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 4.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Kenneth Kohler as a full-time custodian effective November 1, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Euchner-yes, Gunter-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 4.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to accept the FMLA leaves as requested by Ellen Harpstrite and Caroline Wells. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 4.7) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Stacey Geluck, Tracy Mentzer, and Kristy Schaaf. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- 5.0) Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adjourn. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

*REMINDER: Due to the holidays, the December board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7pm.

Sean McKee, President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary