

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
October 19, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sean McKee.

Board Members present: Matt Erkman, Rod Euchner, Terri McKee, Sean McKee, Ty Sterthman

Members absent: Frank Bennett, Kia Gunter

Administrators: Peggy Burke, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers

Visitors indicated on sign-in sheet.

1.0) Seating of New Board Member - Mr. Rod Euchner, having been appointed to fill the seat vacated by Tim Mueller, was sworn in and seated.

2.0) Minutes

- 2.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that the minutes of the public hearing and regular board meeting held on September 21, 2017 be approved. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

3.0) Business Management

- 3.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 3.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the payment of claims. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
- 3.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to accept the FY17 audit. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 3.4) Motion by Erkman, second by T McKee, to approve the proposed 2017 tax levy at \$6,478,471, a 2.6% increase. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
- 3.5) Motion by Erkman, second by T McKee, to hold the December board meeting at 7pm on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 3.6) Motion by Erkman, second by T McKee, to accept the quote provided by Warner Communications for radio communication services. Discussion: Our current analog radio service is moving to digital. We have "auditioned" digital options and believe having our own antenna/transmitters is the most cost efficient by eliminating annual air-time fees. Radio communications are included in our Tort Plan. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.

4.0) Miscellaneous

- 4.1) Elementary Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Rakers. Mr. Rakers also thanked Mrs. Kirk for her work on Red Ribbon Week activities.
- 4.2) Middle School Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Laurent. Mrs. Laurent also reported that middle school would be holding a "night of coding" tentatively set for November. She also provided information on the all-day learning trip to Touch of Nature scheduled for April 14. Cost is \$59 per person.
- 4.3) Superintendent's Report - The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke. Mrs. Burke also explained that the district will not provide buses to away games with a 6pm or later start time. As inquired about during budget discussion previously, substitute costs for 2016-2017 totaled \$74,175. Cost for substitutes this school year through September is \$13,252. Current homeroom counts were also included with Mrs. Burke's report.

- 4.4) Technology Advisory Committee - Minutes of the September 14, 2017 technology advisory committee were presented. The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on January 11, 2018. Mr. Sterthman provided copies of the staff survey. Committee information is shared on Google Classroom.
- 4.5) Public Comments - The President opened the floor for public comments. None were presented.
- 4.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, go into closed meeting to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, review student discipline, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:13pm and returned to open session at 8:34pm.

- 4.7) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the closed meeting minutes of September 21, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

5.0) Personnel

- 5.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to accept the resignations of instructional aides Cindy Stauder, effective October 27, 2017 and Sarah Peters, effective November 8, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - 5.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the dismissal of Jeff Winans as a custodian effective October 20, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
 - 5.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Euchner, to accept the resignation from Darrien Parker-Williams as a custodian effective September 29, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - 5.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Tommy Potter as a full-time custodian effective October 2, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
 - 5.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Jennifer Stock as a full-time aide for elementary ALC, effective October 2, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
 - 5.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Amy Danridge as a part-time aide for Early Childhood, effective October 10, 2017. Discussion: Mrs. Danridge will assist in the morning early childhood classrooms, 3 hours per day. This additional classroom support is necessary to meet the needs of the students enrolled in our early childhood program. Roll call: Erkman-aye, Euchner-aye, T McKee-aye, Sterthman-aye, S McKee-aye. Motion carried.
 - 5.7) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Adrienne Neville, Ellen Harpstrite, and Erin Connolly. Discussion: Mrs. Harpstrite's and Mrs. Connolly's requests are for courses taken in the last cycle; the district maximum for reimbursement was not exceeded. Mrs. Neville's class is for licensure to allow her to teach Algebra I for high school credit. This course would not be graduate credit towards salary schedule placement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 6.0) Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adjourn. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Reminder: November board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00pm.