

**Whiteside School District #115**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**December 15, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Mueller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Steve Barr, WFT; Dan Mattern, Director of Maintenance

Board Members present: Matt Erkman, Kia Gunter, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Ty Sterthman, Tim Mueller. Absent: Frank Bennett

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

**1.0) Minutes**

- 1.1) Motion by Erkman, second by T McKee, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 16, 2016 be approved. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**2.0) Business Management**

- 2.1) Motion by Erkman, second by T McKee, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 2.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve board travel expense reimbursement requests. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adopt the accompanying resolution to levy taxes for the lease of educational facilities or computer technology in the amount of \$33,500. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adopt the accompanying resolution to levy taxes for the year 2016 and authorize the secretary to file the Certificate of Tax Levy with the St. Clair County Clerk for the 2016 tax year. Discussion: Certificate of Levy will be filed at the Court House tomorrow (Dec. 16). Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.6) Action on the quote provided by Shiloh Valley Equipment of \$11,350 for the purchase of a gator and snow plow was tabled until additional quotes are obtained.

**3.0) District Management**

- 3.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adopt Policy 4:55 Credit and Procurement Cards. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 3.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adopt revisions to Policy 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 3.3) Progress Report on District Wellness Plan Goals - The Board reviewed progress on wellness plan goals as determined by the Wellness Committee. The committee is looking at ways of encouraging parent involvement in fitness activities.

- 3.4) Informational item: Whiteside Federation of Teachers has submitted a request to bargain a successor agreement to the current collective bargaining agreement which expires June 30, 2017.

#### **4.0) Miscellaneous**

- 4.1) Elementary Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Rakers.
- 4.2) Middle School Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mrs. Laurent. Mrs. Laurent also shared a note from a parent from an opposing team who complimented Mr. Poettgen on the positive character displayed by our Girls' Basketball Team.
- 4.3) Superintendent's Report - The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mrs. Burke. Mrs. Burke also reported that 3 SLU High and 2 Althoff students will be doing their Senior Service Projects at Whiteside during the month of January.
- 4.4) Public Comments - none presented.
- 4.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to go into closed session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, pending litigation, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:58pm and returned to open session at 8:34pm.

- 4.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approved the closed meeting minutes from November 16, 2016. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### **5.0) Personnel**

- 5.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to accept the resignation of Brendan Kitterman as a custodian effective December 31, 2016. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 5.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Jacob Haas as a custodian effective January 3, 2017. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ DeAnna Scully as a part-time special education aide effective January 3, 2017. Discussion: Ms. Scully will fill the position vacated by Tammy Whited. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 5.4) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to employ Brian Egan as an aide effective January 3, 2017 to supervise the elementary school ALC room. Discussion: Due to the addition of more students to the program, we need additional aide support in our Early Childhood Special Education program. Taylor Martin, who has supervised ALC this fall semester, is certified in early childhood and has agreed to move to the EC aide position. Roll call: Erkman-yes, Gunter-yes, S McKee-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 6.0) Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adjourn. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.