

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
November 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

Members absent: Frank Bennett, Kia Gunter, Tim Mueller

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

Visitors indicated on sign-in sheet.

1.0) Minutes

- 1.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 20, 2016 and Finance Committee meetings held October 26, 2016 and be approved. Ayes - 4, 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 - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 2.2.) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call: Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adopt the accompanying resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of St. Clair, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2017. Discussion: A copy of the resolution was provided to all in attendance. Roll call: Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Health Insurance Update. Mrs. Burke reported that Cigna rates will be increasing 19.9%. As of the end of October, our claims were just under the premiums to-date. This does not account for claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. By comparison to our former rates with Egyptian Trust, the new Cigna rates (100% plan) are less than all Trust rates other than the high-deductible plan. Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Watkins both gave positive comments regarding Cigna. The new plan year will start January 1, 2017.

3.0) District Management

- 3.1) Second Reading - Policy 4:55 Credit and Procurement Cards. Mr. Sterthman suggested the policy specify the disciplinary measures for any violations of the policy and suggested adding the requirement that all receipts be submitted by the end of the month.
- 3.2) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the revisions to policies 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leave and 7:305 Student Athletes Concussions and Head Injuries. Roll call: Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

4.0) Miscellaneous

- 4.1) Elementary Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the written report presented by Mr. Rakers.
- 4.2) Middle School Principal's Report - The Board reviewed the written report presented by Mrs. Laurent.

- 4.3) Superintendent's Report - The Board reviewed the written report presented by Mrs. Burke.
- 4.4) Public Comments - Mrs. Connolly suggested that Mr. Johnson would be an excellent stand-in for Santa Claus at the Gingerbread House event.
- 4.5) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, go into closed meeting to discuss employment & compensation of personnel, review student suspensions, discuss matters related to collective bargaining, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Sterthman-yes, S McKee-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:50pm and returned to open session at 8:22pm.

- 4.6) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approved the closed meeting minutes from October 20, 2016. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

5.0) **Personnel**

- 5.1) Motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Kim Bossler and Kristy Schaaf. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.
- 6.0) Having no further business, motion by Erkman, second by Sterthman, to adjourn. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Sean McKee, Vice-President

Karma Falkenbury, Secretary