

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
November 17, 2015
7:00pm
MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Mueller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Visitors – *see sign in sheet.*

Board Members Present: Diane Allen, Kia Gunter, Sean McKee, Terri McKee, Tim Mueller.

Board Members Absent: Frank Bennett, Matt Erkman

Administrators: Peggy Burke, Superintendent; Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal; Monica Laurent,
Assistant Principal; Nathan Rakers, Principal; Ron Trelow Principal.

1.0) Minutes

- 1.1) Motion by Allen, second by S. McKee, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 15, 2015. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2.0) Business Management

- 2.1) Motion by Allen, second by S. McKee, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 2.2) Motion by Allen, second by S. McKee, to approve payment of claims. Roll call: Allen-yes, Gunter-yes, S. McKee-yes, T. McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.3) Motion by Allen, second by S. McKee, to propose the 2015 tax levy in the amount of \$5,769,087, excluding bond & interest, which represents a 4.748% increase over the prior year. Roll call: Gunter-yes, S. McKee-yes, T. McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 2.4) Mrs. Burke updated the Board on the status of health insurance quotes. Initial quotes from Blue Cross, Cigna, and United Health Care are significantly lower than our current rates with Egyptian Trust. Employees will now be asked to complete FormFire (online application) to submit to each of these companies so that the district can obtain firm quotes.

3.0) Miscellaneous

- 3.1) The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Rakers, Elementary Principal.
- 3.2) The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Trelow, Middle School Principal. Mrs. Laurent added information regarding the Professional Learning Community (PLC) and Boys to Mentor Program.
- 3.3) The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mrs. Burke. Congratulations to Mr. Mike Murakami, who will receive the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award next week.
- 3.4) The President opened the floor for public comments. None were presented.
- 3.5) Motion by Allen, second by S. McKee, to go into closed meeting to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call: S. McKee-yes, T. McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Gunter-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:55pm with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Laurent, Mr. Rakers, and Mr. Trelow.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:23pm.

3.6) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, to approve the closed meeting minutes from September 30, 2015. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

4.0) Personnel

4.1) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, to employ Kim Klobuka as a part-time Challenge instructor. Roll call: T. McKee-yes, Allen-yes, Gunter-yes, S. McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

4.2) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, accept the resignation of Ellen Harpstrite as 5th & 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

4.3) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, to appoint Troy Griffith as 5th & 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. Roll call: Allen-yes, Gunter-yes, S. McKee-yes, T.McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

4.4) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, to approve the maternity leave requested by Caroline Wells. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

4.5) Motion by Allen, second by S.McKee, to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Stacey Geluck, Raelene Krause, Tracy Mentzer, and Kristy Schaaf. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

5.0) **Adjournment:** Having no further business, motion by Allen, second by T.McKee, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – 5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Tim Mueller, President

Peggy Burke, Acting Secretary