

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
September 30, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Mueller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors are noted on the sign-in sheet.

Board Members Present:

Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Matt Erkman
Terri McKee
Tim Mueller
Kia Gunter (appointed & seated with items 2.3/2.4)
Absent - Sean McKee

Administrators Present:

Peggy Burke
Kevin Johnson
Monica Laurent
Nathan Rakers
Ron Trelow

Public Hearing on FY16 Budget

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed. The President called for comments/questions from the Board and from the public. No public comments were made. The President again called for comments/questions from the Board. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

1.0) Minutes

1.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20, 2015. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.0) Miscellaneous

2.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Erkman, that the board go in to closed session for the purpose of interviewing board candidates and to review past closed meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Allen - yes, Bennett - yes, Erkman - yes, T McKee - yes, Mueller - yes. Motion carried.

Board went in to closed session at 7:15pm. Candidates interviewed: Ty Sterthman, Aislinn Kornegay, Kia Gunter. Board returned to open session at 8:15pm.

2.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to approve past closed meeting minute from August 20, 2015. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.3 Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, o appoint Kia Gunter to serve on the Board of Education. Discussion: This appointment will be until the 2017 spring election. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2.4) Mrs. Gunter took the oath of office and assumed her seat on the Board.

3.0) Business Management

3.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

3.2.) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, that payment of claims be approved. Roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Mueller -yes. Motion carried.

3.3) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to move the funding of custodial salaries from the building fund to the education fund. Discussion: School Code states that custodial salaries are paid from the Education Fund unless the Board, by resolution, moves those salaries to the Building Fund. We did this five years ago to utilize a surplus in the Building fund. That surplus has been used. Roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Mueller -yes. Motion carried.

3.4) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to abate \$35,000 from working cash to the building fund for the purchase of a truck with snow plow. Discussion: The truck (previous approved for purchase) is on the state contract list. Utilizing working cash funds will save the district finance/interest costs. Roll call vote: Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

3.5) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to approve the revised Tort Expenditure Plan. Discussion: The Tort Plan specifies services related to safety and utilized to protect the district from tort liability claims. These services are funded through the district's tort levy. Roll call vote: T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

3.6) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to adopt the FY16 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

4.0) Personnel

4.1) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to employ Justin Ford, Katelyn Bowen, Kelly Donley, and Halee Olds as ESP workers. Roll call vote: Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.

- 4.2) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to employ Suzanne Cade as a part-time early childhood special education aide. Discussion: Due to enrollment and student needs, an additional aide is needed to assist students in the morning early childhood classes. Roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Erkman-yes, T McKee-yes, Gunter-yes, Allen-yes, Mueller-yes. Motion carried.
- 4.3) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to approve tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Ellen Harpstrite, Kristy Schaaf, and Linda Stone. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

5.0) Miscellaneous

- 5.1) Elementary Principal's Report – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr. Rakers.
- 5.2) Middle School Principal's Report -The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mr.Trelow.
- 5.3a) Superintendent's Report – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mrs. Burke.
- 5.3b) Motion by Bennett, second by Allen, to approve the districts' Annual Applications for Recognition of Schools. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- 5.4) Public Comments - President called for public comments. None were presented.
- 6.0) Being no further business, motion by Bennett, second by Allen, that the Board adjourns this meeting. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Tim Mueller, President

Peggy Burke, Acting Secretary