

**WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Frank Bennett
Charles McKee
Sean McKee
Tim Mueller

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Diane Allen
Scott Martin
Kelly West

STAFF: Peggy Burke, Superintendent
Ron Trelow, Principal
Monica Laurent, Assistant Principal
Andréa Weymouth, Finance Manager

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Monday, August 12, 2012.

Mr. Sean McKee is Acting President in Mr. Scott Martin's absence.

APPROVE MINUTES JULY 21, 2012 AND AUGUST 7, 2012

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2012 and the Special Meeting held August 7, 2012. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education having had the opportunity to review the claims, since they were emailed prior to the meeting, approves the payment of claims as submitted. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education sets a public hearing on the 2012-2013 School Budget for 7:00 p.m. on September 27, 2012. The preliminary budget will be on file in the District office available for public inspection for 30 days preceding the hearing. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by S. McKee that the Board of Education sets the regular September board meeting for September 27, 2012, immediately following the 7:00p.m. budget hearing. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget – No comments, the committee will meet after the preliminary budget is posted.
- B. Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. Burke reported the AC unit in the middle school was fixed on Monday. The HLS review on the middle school building, for the 10 year review, has been completed. When we receive the report back, we can use HLS money, but we may have to look at bond options as well. Also, Shiloh has the Safe Bikes to School Program, with these funds we will be paving the rock path before fall.
- C. Discipline – No comments.
- D. Public Comments- No comments.

Mr. Rakers and Mr. Kevin Johnson arrived 7:15p.m, due to open house at the elementary school.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mr. Rakers and Mr. Trelow. Mr. Trelow added the buildings looked good and we are ready for school to start.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to go into a closed session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, negotiations with WFT, and to review past closed meeting minutes. Acting President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and F. Bennett Aye. Motion carried.

Board went into a closed session at 7:19 P.M. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Laurent.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:36 P.M.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITESIDE AND WFT LOCAL 4130

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to approve the tentative agreement between Whiteside School District #115 Board of Education and Whiteside Federation of Teachers Local 4130. Acting President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and S. McKee Aye. Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURER RESIGNATION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to accept the resignation of Gerald Dunn as district treasurer. Mrs. Burke and the board expressed their sincere thanks to Mr. Dunn for having served as district treasurer for the past 8 years. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

APPOINT INTERIM TREASURER

A motion was made by C. McKee and seconded by S. McKee for the Board of Education to appoint Frank Bennett as interim district treasurer. Acting President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, F. Bennett Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

REAPPOINT ACTIVITY FUND TREASURER

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to reappoint Mrs. Peggy Burke as the activity fund treasurer for the 2012-2013 school year. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

RETAIN HAZARDOUS TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to retain the hazardous transportation routes as previously approved. Mrs. Burke added that all our routes are hazardous since we have no sidewalks and no improvements are planned. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT INSURANCE QUOTE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to authorize the Superintendent to accept the lowest quote for district insurance for coverage comparable to the previous year. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to set pay rates for non-certified staff as presented. The rate presented is 2.19% for non-certified hourly employees. Acting President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and F. Bennett Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to accept the resignation of Brenda Jackson and Ben Jostes as elementary teacher aides. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to employ Trudy Mosby, Rachel Dothager, and Tamara Tally as instructional aides for the 2012-2013 school year. These are replacement positions for elementary art, computer lab, and special education. Acting President called for a roll call vote, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and C. McKee Aye. Motion carried.

A motion to approve administrative contracts was tabled until the September 27, 2012 meeting.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to approve the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Ben Thessing,

Todd Harpstripe, and Alexandra Owens. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to employ Hannah Allison as a fifth grade teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Allison will teach an additional section of 5th grade necessary due to enrollment. She will be at Bachelor's Step 1. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to adopt the Danielson model and evaluation plan as agreed to by the district's joint committee, effective September 1, 2012. By state law, evaluations are to consist of 4 ratings – excellent, proficient, needs improvement, and unsatisfactory. The evaluation instrument is based on the Danielson model which has been adopted by ISBE as the state model. All other aspects of the evaluation plan comply with state requirements. Mr. Mueller inquired if this is the model most school districts are using this model, Mrs. Burke replied yes and further explained there are other models, but not all meet the new state requirements and this model does. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to adopt the ISBE model principal evaluation effective September 1, 2012. Acting President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education adjourns their meeting. Ayes - 4; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Sean McKee Acting President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary