

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

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Whiteside Middle School Board Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Charles McKee
Sean McKee
Scott Martin
Tim Mueller
Kelly West

MEMBERS

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Peggy Burke, Superintendent
Ron Trelow, Principal
Nathan Rakers, Principal
Monica Laurent, Principal
Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal
Andrea Weymouth, Finance Manager

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Monday, April 15, 2013.

APPROVE MINUTES MARCH 27, 2013

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2013. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AND ACTIVITY FUND REPORT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the Treasurer’s Report and the Activity Fund Report as presented. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education set a special board meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of canvassing April 9, 2013 election results and reorganizing the Board. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget – Mrs. Burke commented the state funds are coming in consistently.
- B. Buildings & Grounds – Dan Mattern is testing riding auto scrubbers for the middle school. Mrs. West asked how long we have had the old scrubber; 10 years. Mr. Bennett asked how long the new scrubber would last; 10 years. Dan Mattern explained it is a wider unit and will allow the custodians to get the floors done quicker. He hopes to have his final choice by the May Board Meeting. There are sufficient funds in his budget line for this purchase. He also commented with all the rains today, he is dealing with leaks.
- C. Discipline – suspension report attached. The discipline meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
- D. Public Comments- No comments.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

BUS COSTS FOR FIELD TRIPS

A discussion item was presented to consider charging students for bus costs for field trips in lieu of submitting ISBE for transportation reimbursement. Transportation reimbursements, if paid in full, do not cover the entire cost of the buses. With a proration to the reimbursement amount, the district must pay a significant portion of the bus cost. Mrs. Burke explained we are only reimbursed a portion of the cost, and next year they are projecting that portion to be only 19%. If we charge students for any of the bus cost, we cannot submit any of the cost to request reimbursement. There were two suggestions, the first was to take trips to free locations and charge for the bus. The second was to stop field trips and incorporate quarterly assemblies within the school and eliminate the transportation cost. Mrs. Weymouth was asked to compile a report with the field trip costs for this year for the Board to review for further consideration at the next Board meeting

REGISTRATION FEES – MIDDLE SCHOOL

A discussion item was presented to consider increasing fees for 6th-8th grade students to \$75 per student (if paid by October 15) to cover the cost of the skating unit in PE. This would eliminate the need for the office to accept and record payments for approximately 450 students. Mrs. Burke explained that all middle school grades use the skating unit, so to get the money up front would help within the office and if all students will be asked to pay it seems simpler to add it to their registration fee.

BRECHT'S DATABASE SOLUTION CONTRACT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. West for the Board of Education to renew the contract with Brecht's Database Solutions for our fee-for-service claims. We also use Brecht's for our IEP system. The two modules are linked to better track claimable IEP services. Brecht's charges a 4% fee based on our net reimbursements from HFS. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, D. Allen Aye, and S. Martin. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written reports submitted by Mr. Rakers and Mr. Trelow.

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 D. Allen for the Board of Education to go into a closed session to discuss employment and compensation of personnel, to conduct a student disciplinary hearing, and to review past closed meeting minutes. President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and S. Martin. Motion carried.

Board went into a closed session at 7:44 P.M. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, and Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:29 P.M.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded C. McKee for the Board of Education to approve the closed meeting minutes from March 27, 2013. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education expels Student A through December 20, 2013. President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and S. Martin. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to hire temporary summer custodial workers as presented (list attached). President called for a roll call vote, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and S. Martin 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 Jamie Belzer as Girls' "B" Volleyball coach. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to accept the retirement notification from Barbara Skinner, effective June 12, 2013 and from Gina Wappel, effective August 1, 2013. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to approve the tuition reimbursement request submitted by Deb Casole, Lauren Etling, and Ariana Fernandez. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, 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 - 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Scott Martin

President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary