

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

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Charles McKee
Sean McKee
Tim Mueller
Kim Rist

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Scott Martin

STAFF: Peggy Burke, Superintendent
Ron Trelow, Principal
Nathan Rakers, Principal
Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal
Monica Laurent, 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, February 17, 2014. Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tim Mueller.

APPROVE MINUTES JANUARY 2014

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 January 16, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vice President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. 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, since they were emailed prior to the meeting, approves the payment of claims as submitted. Vice President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE DISTRICT'S FY13 AUDIT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the District's FY13 Audit and accompanying Annual Financial Report. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comments – No public comments.

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. Mrs. Burke added a few additional comments:

- A. Residency investigations are going well.
- B. Per pupil spending – Whiteside is lower than other schools in the area.
- C. Tax rate comparison – Whiteside is lower than other elementary districts.
- D. Handbook error – Handbook was not updated to remove the probationary period for sports and activity eligibility.

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 review board member applications, discuss pending litigation and to review past closed meeting minutes. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:42 p.m. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, and Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:22 p.m.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to approve the closed meeting minutes from January 16, 2014. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

TABLE until March 2014 Board meeting.

AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the District's Amended School Calendar for 2013-2014. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

8th GRADE GRADUATION DATE 2014

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to set the 8th grade graduation for Friday, May 30, 2104 at 7PM. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

SKYWARD FINANCE SOFTWARE APPROVAL

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the proposal for district finance software. Vice President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION FROM HARMONY DISTRICT 175

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the transportation proposal from Harmony District 175 to provide special education transportation for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Vice President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

SET SOAR FEES FOR 2014

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to set the Soar fees for 2014 the same as 2013. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

IEMA GRANT FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

The IEMA Grant was discussed, including 3M window film and application as the use for the majority of the allocation.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT

The discipline reports are attached.

HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the HLS Amendments for the Whiteside Elementary School and Whiteside Middle School. Vice President called for a roll call vote, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to hire Kara Taylor as an elementary education aide, effective November 25, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. An additional aide is needed in Ms. Etling's class due to increased enrollment. Vice President called for a roll call vote, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to hire Mary Beth Krebs as an Early Childhood Special Education Aide, effective January 28, 2014, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. An additional aide is needed in Early Childhood due to increased enrollment. Vice President called for a roll call vote, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

TITLE I AIDES

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to employ Bettina Collins, Noah Willis, Tiffany Bernaix, and Valerie Belt as Title I aides for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Aides are funded through additional Title I allocation. Vice President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

SOAR RESIGNATION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Cathy Lippert as SOAR co-director. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the tuition reimbursement requests submitted by Maura Brueggeman and Sharon Ray. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

ESP WORKER

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to hire Taylor Connor as an ESP worker for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Vice President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

SOCIAL WORK INTERN 2014-2015

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to hire Rachel Neihart as a school social work intern for the 2014-2015 school year. Rachel is a graduate student in social work at Washington University. Vice President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and T. Mueller Aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen to adjourn this Board of Education meeting. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Tim Mueller Vice-President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary