

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

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Scott Martin
Sean McKee
Kim Rist

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Tim Mueller

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, May 12, 2014.

APPROVE MINUTES APRIL 2014

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2014. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist that the Board of Education approves the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

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 appointing a new board member. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, K. Rist Aye, S. McKee Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:04 P.M.. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, and Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:14 P.M.

(AGENDA RE-ORDERED)

APPOINT NEW WHITESIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist for the Board of Education to appoint Edward Matt Erkman to serve on the Whiteside Board of Education to fill the seat vacated by Charles McKee. President called for a roll call vote, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, S. McKee Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist 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. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOND RESOLUTION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist that the Board of Education approves the accompanying resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2014, of School District Number 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Mr. Crabtree, Stifel Nicholas, was available for questions and informed the board of the interest rates and the current market. The bonds will be issued from the Bank of Springfield, 5 year bond. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING FY14

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by K. Rist that the Board of Education holds a public hearing on the Amended Budget for FY 2014 at 7:00PM, *Thursday, June 19, 2014, and give public notice of such hearing, with the proposed amended budget available to the public during regular business hours as of May 19, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

*Due to publication deadlines/requirements, the meeting was subsequently changed to Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7pm.

PROCUREMENT CARD (P-CARD) PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education authorizes district participation in the Procurement Card (P-Card) program through BMO Harris Bank, sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. This card would replace our VISA P-Card and our Sam's Discover Card. President called for a roll call vote, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

2014-2015 TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL FEES

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education sets textbook and material fees for the 2014-2015 school year at \$65 for K-5th grade students and \$75 for 6th-8th grade students; \$25 for students who qualify for reduced-price meals; \$25 for the first activity fee and \$10 for each additional activity. Middle school fee includes cost of PE unit for roller skating. Third graders will also be assessed a fee to purchase a recorder for music class. The cost for students who qualify for reduced-priced meals is a new cost, waived in the past. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

2013-2014 FINAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the final school calendar for 2013-2014. The final calendar indicates emergency days used and deletes any unused emergency days for the end of the calendar. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, 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 reports 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, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, S. McKee Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:39 P.M.. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, and Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:35 P.M.

PERSONNEL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES

A group of elementary school instructional aides addressed the board regarding payroll changes and concerns. They will meet with Mrs. Burke before the June board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

The board will conduct a special board meeting on Friday, May, 30, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. to act on administrative contracts.

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE 2014-2015

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education hires Tiffany Bernaix as an instructional aide for the 2014-2015 school year. President called for a roll call vote, K. Rist Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, S. McKee Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. 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 Kim Brush, Lauren Etling, Alexandra Owens (summer & fall), and Nathan Rakers. Mrs. Owens's tuition reimbursement for fall will be determined by the new collective bargaining agreement once negotiations are settled. Mr. Raker's tuition reimbursement does not count towards the district maximum. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

FMLA REQUESTS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education approves the FMLA leave requested by Brenda Wideman, effective March 10-21, 2014 and Stephanie Baltz for August 19-29, 2014 and September 2-26, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Tina Lake-Hopper as an instructional aide, effective April 28, 2014 and Marlene Wu, as an instructional aide, effective May 13, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

MATH TEAM SPONSOR RESIGNATION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Candace Hamilton as Math Team Sponsor. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RESIGNATION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Denyse Anderson as executive secretary effective June 9, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR CUSTODIAN DISMISSED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen that the Board of Education dismisses Leo “Jerry” Hill as a custodian for cause effective immediately. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett, S. McKee Aye, K. Rist Aye, M. Erkman Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen to adjourn this Board of Education meeting. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Scott Martin

President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary