

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

DATE: Monday, November 12, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Frank Bennett
Charles McKee
Sean McKee
Tim Mueller
Scott Martin

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Diane Allen
Kelly West

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

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

APPROVE MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2012

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by S. McKee that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2012. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee 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, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget – No comments.
- B. Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. Burke reported Dan Mattern is reviewing costs to upgrade to LED lights in the front of the middle school building. Sample quotes for this upgrade are @\$12,000, with a \$7,600 rebate available. Dan Mattern has also been testing the yellow hall with motion detectors and so far has liked the results; possibly extending to other halls in the future. Dan Mattern is also acquiring snow removal quotes.
- C. Discipline – report attached.
- D. Public Comments- No comments.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

REVIEW OF LIBRARY SERVICES

As a requirement of the state Library Grant, the Board must annually review the District's library services. Mrs. Burke reported that we are a full time library, open daily and on a limited basis in the summer. Whiteside also employs a full time librarian at each school and is part of the Heartland Library System.

10-YEAR HEALTH, LIFE, SAFETY SURVEY

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to approve the district's 10-year life safety survey. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

ADOPT TAX LEVY FOR 2012

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to adopt the proposed tax levy for 2012 as follows:

Ed Fund	4,032,294
Building	642,085
IMRF	155,000
Transportation	308,201
Special Education	51,367
Tort	382,000
Social Security	140,000
Lease	55,000
Life Safety	128,417
Working Cash	128,417
Bond & Interest	808,655
Total Levy:	6,831,436

President called for a roll call vote, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to schedule and publish notice of a Truth In Taxation Hearing on the proposed 2012 tax levy for 7PM on Thursday, December 20, 2012. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller for the Board of Education to appoint Peggy Burke, Donna Odem, and Ron Trelow to act as local election officials and receive nominating petitions if Mrs. Weymouth is not available. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

POLICY 6:236 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to adopt Policy 6:236 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). This policy provides requirements and guidelines for staff who wish to bring in their own personal devices such as IPADs or laptop computers for student use. BYOD is for staff only. No student devices are permitted. President called for a roll call vote, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written reports submitted by Mr. Rakers and Mr. Trelow. Mr. Rakers also added that on Veteran's Day, Ms. Frank's grandfather came in and talked to the 3rd grade classes. Mr. Trelow also commented on the ISAT cut-score changes and the negative impact it will have on all schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke. Mrs. Burke reported 1,200 early voters had voted at Whiteside Middle School.

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, and to review past closed meeting minutes. President called for a roll call vote, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, F. Bennett Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

