

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

DATE: Monday, November 25, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Whiteside Middle School Board Room

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Scott Martin

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

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

Northwestern Character Awards were presented at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

APPROVE MINUTES OCTOBER 17 and NOVEMBER 13, 2013

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2013 and the Special Board Meeting held on November 13, 2013. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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 approves the payment of claims as presented.

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

DISTRICT BUSINESS

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education approves the December Candy Gram sale for NJHS and the Cheerleading Camp on January 4, 2014. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget –
 - a. Fraud protection proposal from Regions – Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Weymouth explained the coverages available for no cost if we decrease the sweep account balance.
 - b. Athletic Fund checking account. Mrs. Burke explained the fraud protection by separating checks paid to officials from our main accounts.
- B. Buildings & Grounds – ES held a lock down drill which took 31 seconds.
- C. Discipline – Suspension Report Attached; cumulative totals, not including bus suspensions.
- D. Public Comments – No comments.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

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

Board went into closed session at 7:09 p.m. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mrs. Laurent, Mr. Johnson, and grandparent (guardian) of Student A.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to approve the closed meeting minutes from October 17, 2013 and November 13, 2013. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee for the Board of Education to expel Student A from school for the remainder of the school year, but hold the expulsion in abeyance pending successful completion of an alternative education program. President called for a roll call vote, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye and S. McKee Aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

HIRE CUSTODIAN

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education hires Ryan Pattumma as a full-time custodian effective November 1, 2013. Discussion - Dan has realigned his budget to extend Ryan's hours to full-time and omit the need for substitute custodial hours. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and K. West Aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF ESP WORKER

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Sue Simunich as ESP worker. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education approves the tuition reimbursement request submitted by Todd Harpstrite, Kelley Kirk, Sharon Ray, Marie Stamm, Jamie Vanderheyden, and Monica Laurent. Discussion - Mrs. Laurent's tuition reimbursement is not included in the district total maximum amount per the teachers' contract. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

HIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education hires Kara Taylor as a special education aide effective November 25, 2013. Discussion - An additional special education aide is needed due to the increase student needs. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, and K. West Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee to adjourn this Board of Education meeting. Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, Motion carried. Time 8:52 p.m.

Tim Mueller Vice-President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary