

**Whiteside School District #115  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
7:00 pm  
Whiteside Middle School**

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Jaime Cotto

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

**1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance**

President Rod Euchner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**2.0) Roll Call of Members**

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Derek Houston, Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

Board Members absent: Sean McKee

**3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda**

Motion by Bochantin, second by Houston to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**4.0) Public Comment**

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors and members of the WFT.

There were no public comments.

**5.0) Public Hearing FY25 School Budget**

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to open the public hearing on the FY 25 Budget. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments or questions.

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to close the public hearing on the FY 25 Budget. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

**6.0) Consent Items**

6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting August 15, 2024

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting August 15, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes,

Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session August 15, 2024

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on August 15, 2024. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

6.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

**7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence**

An email from Mrs. Fares regarding the Weekend Warrior program was shared with the board. Mrs. Fares is requesting that the Board offer a payroll deduction option for employees who would like to donate to the Weekend Warrior Program. Our program services 17 families this year. The Board approved offering this as an option for employees.

Mr. Heuring made the board aware that Mrs. Fares' original email went to an old school board email address. It was verified that the board email on the website is correct. Mrs. Fares was informed of the correct address and advised that her email was forwarded on to the board.

Mr. Heuring also shared a Thank you card from Angela Dickerson and family.

**8.0) Administrative Reports**

8.1) Elementary Report –Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.

8.2) Middle School Report – Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.

Eight graders Amber Wilson and Riley Kimbrough assisted Mrs. Laurent with her report. Riley thanked the Board for purchasing the calculators for the advanced eighth grade math class. Amber reported on a presentation that was provided by Judge Heinz in regards to World Wide Web safety.

In addition, Mrs. Laurent let the board know about a local tech company who made a donation to Weekend Warriors and to both schools to help with lunch balances.

8.3) District Superintendent Report – Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

**9.0) Committee Reports**

- 9.1) Buildings and Ground Updates  
Christine Mitchell-Endsley gave the Board an update from their recent meeting. Talked about the land / soil surveys and what our next steps are.
- 9.2) Finance Committee Meeting  
Rod Euchner gave a committee update. The committee met with Mr. Heuring and Karma Falkenbury and reviewed the school finances.
- 9.3) Policy Committee Meeting  
Committee met and reviewed Policy 115 and 116. The Committee recommends approving Policy 115 and 116.

**10.0) New Business**

- 10.1) Approval of PRESS 115 and 116  
Motion by Houston, second by Euchner to approve the final reading of Press 115 and 116. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 10.2) Approval of FY 25 Budget  
Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to approve the FY 25 Budget as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 10.3) Approval of FY 24 AFR  
Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the FY 24 AFR as presented by the district's auditor. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 10.4) Update on Elementary Building Addition  
Discussion between the Board and FGM on the options of how to proceed with the Elementary Addition after learning of mine existence.  
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to have FGM proceed with Option B which narrows the playground and moves the building off the underground mine. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 10.5) Police Agreement Shiloh PD  
Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve Police agreement with Shiloh PD as included or with updates approved by the district's legal counsel. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 10.6) Police Agreement with St. Clair County Sheriff  
Motion by Bochantin, second by Dickerson to approve Police agreement with St. Clair County Sheriff as included or with updates approved by the district's legal counsel. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 10.7) Reporting Mechanism per WFT Contract

Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantin to approve the reporting device per WFT contract. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **11.0) Closed Session**

Motion by Houston, second by Mitchell-Endsley to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of district legal matters / pending litigation and student discipline matters. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 8:34 pm.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Bochantin to return to open session. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 10:28 pm.

#### **12.0) Action Items Following Closed Session**

##### **12.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements**

12.1)1. Motion by Houston, second by Sanchez to approve the tuition reimbursement of Casey Taylor. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.1)2. Move the previous roll for Heather Kypta. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.1)3. Move the previous roll for Sarah Cason. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

##### **12.2) Employment of District Teachers**

12.2)1. Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Alana Kolbe – MS MTSS Teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

##### **12.3) Employment of Paraprofessional and ICA's**

12.3)1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to employ Katheryn O'Malley – ES ICA. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.3)2. Move the previous roll for Casey Harden – ES Paraprofessional. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.3)3. Move the previous roll for Kai Ellis – MS Paraprofessional. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

##### **12.4) Accept District Resignations**

12.4)1. Motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to accept the resignation of Erinn Kohlenberger – ES Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

12.4)2. Move the previous roll for Kim Nelson – ES Paraprofessional. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.5) Employment of Stipend positions

12.5)1. Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ Sarah Lindemann as MS 7-8 Boys Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.5)2. Move the previous roll for Amanda Dermody as MS 7-8 Girls Basketball Coach. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.5)3. Move the previous roll for Dekoria Conway and Casey Ashford – MS Cheer Coaches. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

12.6) Employment of ESP Staff

12.6)1. Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to employ DeMyra Anderson – ESP Staff. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried

12.6)2. Move the previous roll for Braylee Olsen. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**13.0) Adjournment**

Having no further business motion by Houston, second by Bochantin to adjourn. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.



Rod Euchner, President



Karla McKee, Secretary