Whiteside School District #115 Board of Education Regular Meeting Thursday, February 20, 2025 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 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, and Nancy Sanchez.

Board Members attending virtually via Google Meets: Jeremy Bochantin, Derek Houston, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

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

Ashley Seibold, fifth grade teacher, addressed the Board requesting they consider elearning days in the future for Whiteside students.

5.0) Consent items

- 5.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting January 16, 2025

 Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting on January 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin yes, Dickerson yes, Euchner yes, Houston yes, McKee yes, Mitchell-Endsley yes, Sanchez yes. Motion carried.
- 5.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session January 16, 2025

 Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on January 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin yes, Dickerson yes, Euchner yes, Houston yes, McKee yes, Mitchell-Endsley yes, Sanchez yes. Motion carried.
- 5.3) Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

5.4) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable

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

6.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

None at this time.

7.0) Administrative Reports

- 7.1) Elementary Report Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
- 7.2) Middle School Report Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.
 In addition, Mrs. Laurent gave an update on the Washington DC trip, Sankofa, the 2025 Racial Harmony winner Elisha Walker, and the Basketball team's trip to the state tournament.
- 7.3) District Superintendent Report Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.
 Mr. Heuring also shared information on Whiteside's Education Funding from Federal dollars.

8.0) Committee Reports

8.1) Policy Committee

Recent communications for Title IX were shared with the Board.

Derek Houston cautioned members on the legality of Title IX.

No action taken

8.2) Finance Committee Date

Forecasting tool is still not available. Wait for more information on Federal Funding.

No action taken.

9.0) New Business

9.1) FY 26 Calendar Proposal

Motion by Dickerson, second by Euchner to approve Option 2 as the FY 26 proposed calendar. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.2) Graduation Date Proposed - May 20, 2025

Motion by Sanchez, second by Euchner to approve Tuesday, May 20, 2025 as the 8^{th} grade Graduation date. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.3) Middle School SRO (Tabled from January)

Conesus was to table until we have a more information on any changes to current funding.

Motion Tabled.

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez 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 -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:44 pm.

Christine Mitchell-Endsley left the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to return to open session. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 8:27 pm.

11.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

11.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the tuition reimbursements for Amanda Konradt. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.2) District Resignations

- 11.2)1. Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to approve the resignation of Jenna Bennett as ESP Director. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.
- 11.2)2. Move the previous roll for Lisa Schnarr ES Paraprofessional. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.
- 11.2)3. Move the previous roll for DeMarkus DeLeon Custodian. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motion carried.
- 11.2)4. Move the previous roll for Virginia Gates MS Café. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motion carried.

11.3) Termination of Employment

Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to terminate employment of Keirria Wilbert, MS Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez – yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Custodian Employment

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to employ Darian Palmer as ES Custodian. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

- 11.5) Approval of ESP Director Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to employ Amanda Konradt as ESP Director. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.
- 11.6) Paraprofessional Employment
 - 11.6)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to employ Javis Taylor as MS Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin yes, Dickerson yes, Euchner yes, Houston yes, McKee yes, Sanchez yes. Motion carried.
 - 11.6)2. Move the previous roll for Tyra Jackson MS Paraprofessional. Ayes 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- Approval of Stipend Positions
 No action taken.
- 11.8) Principal's contract Item (Tabled from January)
 - 11.8)1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve a yearly 4-day vacation buyout for the 12-month principals. Roll Call: Bochantin yes, Dickerson yes, Euchner yes, Houston yes, McKee yes, Sanchez yes. Motion carried.
 - 11.8)2. Motion by Dickerson, second by Sanchez to approve the 10-month assistant principals and special services coordinator who meet the attendance incentive of 1 or less days absent per semester receive the \$500 per semester incentive. Roll Call: Bochantin yes, Dickerson yes, Euchner yes, Houston yes, McKee yes, Sanchez yes. Motion carried.
- 11.9) Middle School Secretaries Request (Tabled from January)

Motion by Sanchez, second by Dickerson to approve the middle school secretaries request for a stipend for special education scheduling in the amount of \$2,000 per secretary. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Euchner – yes, Houston – yes, McKee – yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Rod Euchner, President

Karla McKee, Secretary