

**Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 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

Vice President Jeremy Bochantin 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, Derek Houston, and Christine Mitchell-Endsley.

Board Members absent: Rod Euchner, Sean McKee, and Nancy Sanchez.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

Vice President Jeremy Bochantin welcomed the visitors and members of the WFT.

There was no public comment.

There was a parental request to speak to the Board about a confidential student matter.

5.0) Closed Session

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson 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. Roll call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 7:05 pm.

Motion by Houston, second by Dickerson to return to open session. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 7:27 pm.

6.0) Consent Items

- 6.1) Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 20, 2025
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting on February 20, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 6.2) Approval of Minutes from Closed Session February 20, 2025
Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on February 20, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 6.3) Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting March 10, 2025
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on March 10, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 6.4) Approval of the Special Closed Session March 10, 2025
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Special Closed Session on March 10, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 6.5) Approval of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 6.6) Approval of Claims / Bills Payable
Motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

7.0) Board Secretary Correspondence

None at this time.

8.0) Administrative Reports

- 8.1) Elementary Report – Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report.
In addition, Mr. Rakers updated the Board on the Elementary Service Project for Weekend Warriors. With one more day for collection the Elementary has collected over \$700. As a reward the students have earned a Silly Sports Assembly.
He also spoke about the McKendree Job Fair that he and Mr. Heuring had attended that afternoon.
- 8.2) Middle School Report – With the help of four 8th grade students Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report.
Thank you to Rhylei Kimbrough, Aleigha Selden, Amber Wilson, and Elisha Walker for assisting Mrs. Laurent.

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

Included in Mr. Heuring's report was a video presentation of drawing renderings of the new elementary addition. He went over some changes the committee made to help keep the project within budget. Our project will be put on the board to go to bid on April 3, 2025. SM Wilson will have a contractor's meeting on April 8th. Sealed bids will be due by April 24th. After reviewing, SM Wilson will have their recommendation by May 9th and the Board can take action on May 15th at the Regular Board Meeting. With these timelines we are on schedule to break ground in the summer of 2025.

9.0) Committee Reports

9.1) Handbook Policy Committee

A committee of Board members, parents, Teachers, and Administration is needed to review our Handbook. Derek Houston and Angela Dickerson volunteered to represent the Board. Mr. Heuring will put out a request for parent and teacher participants.

10.0) New Business

10.1) May BOE Organizational Meeting Date Reminder

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to hold the Board of Education Organizational Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm, immediately prior to the Regular Board Meeting. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.2) Amend and Finalize the SY25 Public Calendar

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the amended SY25 calendar as presented. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

10.3) FY 26 School Fees Proposal

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to set the student fees for FY 26 as presented. Roll call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

11.0) Closed Session

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson 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 – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 8:10 pm.

Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to return to open session. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 9:01 pm.

12.0) Action Items Following Closed Session

- 12.1) Approval of Tuition Reimbursements
- 12.1)1. Motion by Dickerson, second by Houston to approve the tuition reimbursements for Casey Taylor. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley. Motion carried.
- 12.1)2. Move the previous roll for Kate Sorg. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.2) District Resignations
- 12.2)1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the resignation of Sarah Lindemann as MS PE Teacher and Coach. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 12.2)2. Move the previous roll for Larice Carman District Admin Assistant. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.3) Employment of Social Work Intern (ES)
- Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Megan Porter as ES Social Work Intern. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 12.4) Approval of Track Assistant - MOU
- Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the MOU for the MS Track Assistant. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.5) Employment of Stipend Positions
- 12.5)1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to employ Quanni Rudd as MS Boys Track Coach. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 12.5)2. Move the previous roll for Elisha Reynolds as MS Boys Assistant Track Coach. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.6) Employment of ELA / Library Class Teacher
- Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to employ Morgan Cates as MS MTSS ELA / Library Teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes. Motion carried.
- 12.7) Approval of Employment of ESP
- 12.7)1. Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Houston to employ Bella Compton as an ESP worker. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.
- 12.7)2. Move the previous roll for Connor Teeter. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 12.8) Approval of Employment of Café Worker
- Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to employ Procesca Schmittling as a MS Café Worker. Roll Call: Bochantin – yes, Dickerson – yes, Houston – yes, Mitchell-Endsley – yes. Motion carried.

13.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Dickerson, second by Mitchell-Endsley to adjourn.
Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Jeremy Bochantin, Vice President



Karla McKee, Secretary