



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**December 12, 2011 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynn Slagle (*President*), Kent Sparks (*Vice President*), John Mayleben (*Treasurer*), Anne Iaquinto (*Secretary*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), Rita LaForest (*Trustee*), and Jeff Vega (*Trustee*).

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

Superintendent, Kimberley Hart; Business Manager, Jill Minnick; High School Principal, Tom DeKeyser; Middle School Principal, Michael Benczarski; Elementary School Principal, Krista Bethke and Early Childhood Director, Sue Wanamaker.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and students.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. by President Lynn Slagle.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Middle School Principal, Michael Benczarski, along with Middle School Teachers, Lauren Thompson and Andrea Lytle shared with the Board information regarding a seminar class. Ms. Thompson explained how the class works and what the class offers students. She also shared how a seminar class offers students extra help on homework with either a certified teacher or another student in their peer group. Ms. Lytle added that each student is responsible to keep their planner up to date and part of their seminar grade reflects the planner.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the November 28, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting and the November 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting, made by Mr. Sparks, supported by Mr. Henry.*  
*Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried 7 – 0.*

Mrs. Slagle requested a correction to the Finance Committee minutes as her name was misspelled. The correction was noted.

**COMMUNICATION**

The Board expressed their appreciation to the Northfield Township Public Safety Fire and Police Departments along with the Wagner Family for the generous donations for the Rachel's Challenge Program which will be held January 24, 2012 at the High School.

## **INFORMATION**

The Board congratulated Elementary School Teacher, Heidi Roy-Borland for the nomination as one of Michigan's excellent teachers.

Business Manager, Jill Minnick shared with the Board the changes to the districts PNC bank account. Mrs. Minnick stated that with the recent changes the district will be eligible for a tandem money market account. Mrs. Minnick added that this will allow the district to earn interest and there will not be any fees.

Mr. Mayleben and Mr. Sparks both commended Mrs. Minnick's on her continuing efforts to save the district to save money.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Ron Milbocker was unable to attend; he will give a full report to the Board at the January 9, 2012 meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Motion to approve \$294,026 in invoices from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$492,469 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of November 8, 2011 and November 18, 2011 made by Mr. Mayleben; supported by Mr. Sparks. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried 7 – 0.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Mayleben reported that he recently attended two meetings with the WASB and WSA. He shared that the two groups will be forming a committee called "The Washtenaw Alliance for Education (WAE)", which will consist of two Board members from each district along with the superintendent. Mr. Mayleben added the purpose for the Alliance was to have a united front in Lansing.

Mrs. Iaquinto reported that she recently attended the Interagency meeting and was shared that the district doesn't have any major issues at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Lighting Project***

Superintendent Hart shared with the Board that the lighting project for the Middle School was going to cost approximately \$16,000 and the A-Wing for the Elementary School would be approximately \$14,900. Superintendent Hart reported that the rebate was going to be slightly less than originally reported, approximately \$500 less. She stated that the projects should be completed sometime in January.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Personnel***

*Motion to approve the administration to issue a layoff notice to Elizabeth Cagle made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Sparks. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried 7 – 0.*

Superintendent Hart added that the position was eliminated.

***Best Practices Resolution***

*Motion to approve the Best Practice Resolution that states the district has complied with at least 4 out of the 5 best practice criteria to receive an additional \$100 per pupil through the State School Aid Act. A roll call vote was required.*

*Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mr. Vega – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Mayleben – yes, Mr. Sparks – yes, and Mrs. Iaquinto – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.*

Superintendent Hart shared that once the district receives the best practice money, she and Business Manager, Jill Minnick, will do a budget amendment. Mrs. Minnick added that the best practice monies are distributed with the State Aid payments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was moved to the end of the regular meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

***Washtenaw County Secondary Options Programs (WCSOP)***

Superintendent Hart shared with the Board the Affirmation of Responsibility from the WCSOP (Washtenaw County Secondary Options Program) stating that they are in compliance with the State graduation requirements.

**UPCOMING TOPICS**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 6:00 in the High School Counseling Conference room.**

**The Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. LaForest reported that she recently attended the Middle School performance of “Seussical” and commended both Beth Wondolowski and Patti Kobeck for their efforts.

Mrs. Iaquinto shared that she recently attended a High School basketball game. She stated that all of the conference games the boys and girls varsity will play the same nights and the JV boys and girls will play the same evenings too. Mrs. Iaquinto added that this was new this year and she felt that the JV boys should play the same schedule at the varsity boy’s team so that they can continue to learn from them.

***ADJOURNMENT***

*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:52 p.m. (with a*

five-minute break) for the purpose of a periodic employee evaluation made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry Ayes—7; Nays—0. Motion Carried 7—0.

**Call to Order**

Open Session called to order at 10:00 p.m. by President Slagle

**Renewal of Superintendent Contract**

Motion to extend the Superintendent's contract to 2015, a one year extension made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Sparks. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried 7 – 0.

The Board made the following statement relating to the Superintendent's Evaluation:

Superintendent Kimberley Hart demonstrates enthusiasm in carrying out her job responsibilities. While keeping WLPS focused on student achievement, she facilitates the development and implementation of long and short term educational goals. She has developed a fair distribution of resources between the various district programs.

Mrs. Hart continues to work with her staff on improving academic achievement for the students of Whitmore Lake. The BOE has requested a continued emphasis on staffing issues; including the hiring of highly successful staff.

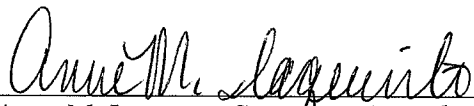
She does an excellent job with recommending appropriate budgets to the board; keeping the Board of Education current on proposed funding issues and changes to school law.

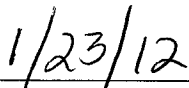
She has taken on the extra duties of facility manager to maintain building integrity and safety.

As a result of tonight's discussion, the Board of Education unanimously voted to extend Superintendent Hart's contract to June, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 10:02 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Sparks. Ayes—7; Nays—0. Motion Carried 7—0.

  
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Anne M. Iaquinto, Secretary, Board of Education  
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

  
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