



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, and Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:04 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Straus from Maner Costerisan CPA's briefed the Board on the audit report. He walked the Board through the report and shared that there were no significant findings. Mr. Straus stated that in the packets the Board received was the Audit Report, Governance Letter and Supplementary Comments Report. Mr. Straus noted that the general fund balance had a significant increase for the second year and they commend the District on implementing the necessary steps to realize these savings. Mr. Straus also stated that the district's fund balance is greater than 5% of revenue; however they should continue to monitor the fund balance in the future.

Mr. Dignan commends the staff on an in creditable job.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared Snowcoming will be February 3, 2017. She also shared they are discussing purchasing another microwave for students in the cafeteria.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the September 26, 2016 closed session, the September 26, 2016 Finance Committee meeting, and the October 10, 2016 Workshop meeting as presented made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$236,420 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$402,254 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of September 9, 2016, and

September 23, 2016 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

NEOLA

Superintendent DeKeyser presented NEOLA Policies, regarding grant funds, travel payment & reimbursement, internal controls, student assessment, staff reductions/recalls and evaluation of the superintendent, school administrator, and professional staff, Updates and Revisions for a second reading. He recommended that the Board approve the policies with the changes noted.

Motion to approve all the NEOLA policies updates and revisions as presented made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser shared the following:

1). Thanked Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan for all her outstanding work in completing the audit.

2). High/Secondary School update: College Month; Kudos to staff helping students fill out their FASA forms and college applications. The Larry Steeb Invitational was held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 with Whitmore Lake taking 1st place.

3). Community Recreation held a Boo Bash and Splash on Saturday, October 22, 2016 that was a great event for all who attended.

4). On Sunday, October 23, 2016, Northfield Township Manager, Howard Fink led a great celebration on the property dedication during the Trunk or Treat event.

5). HB4388 (sinking fund bill) did pass in Lansing last week.

6). A Board Retreat is being schedule for January 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Ann Arbor, MI.

7). There is a proposal for a 20 year lease on a River Walk path. This area is located by Whitmore Lake Public Schools Athletic Field next to the Dog Park along the creek. There is already a path located in that area but they would like to expand the foot print by clearing some of the area with an opportunity to connect to other areas in the community.

The Board members suggested for Mr. DeKeyser to continue to look into the River Walk expansions & Lease and supply the board with the additional information.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Diane Greenley, Speech and Language Therapist.

Mr. Henry inquired if that position is full time. Mr. DeKeyser shared it is only a .4 position. Mr. Henry suggested that might be one the reason we have replaced this position for the second time in three years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Community member, Howard Fink thanked Superintendent DeKeyser for his comments on the event held Sunday, October 23rd. He also commended, Whitmore Lake student, Dylan Jaglowski for his dedication and hard work and then extended his gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make it a phenomenal event.

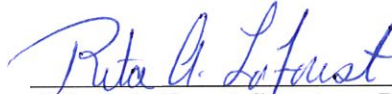
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she will be attending the MASB Conference in Detroit from November 10, 2016 – November 13, 2016.

Mrs. LaForest shared she received a letter from Adopt-A-Family and wanted to know if everyone would like to join in again this year and donate to a family. She also shared that her and Mrs. Slagle could do the shopping and deliver the items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:49 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



*Rita A. LaForest, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools*

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Date