



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, and Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 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 - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared they are planning for the holiday spirit week of Dec. 19th and have decided to have the snowcoming dance on Saturday, February 4, 2017. She also shared that the traditional community service project, Rake n' Run, was held last Friday and the students were able to complete a lot of yards.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$287,604 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$432,590 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 14, 2016, and October 31, 2016 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students K – 12 in all programs for the second semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry

Mr. Dignan, and Mrs. Kritzman, suggested to possibly limit the School of Choice enrollment in some of the grades at the elementary due to class size.

Superintendent DeKeyser informed the Board they could limit the number of students accepted in some grades by capping the student count for that grade level and then follow additional guidelines. Mrs. Slagle inquired how many students on average are new school of choice for the second semester. Mr. DeKeyser shared that the number varies from year to year.

Motion to amend approval of grade levels K-6 to restricted enrollment pending the Superintendent's capping determination and grade levels 7-12 to unlimited enrollment in all programs for the second semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser shared the following:

1). Thanked the NHS for organizing another successful Rake N' Run.

2). WLHS will host MHSAA Volleyball State Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

Election Results

Congratulations to Michelle Kritzman and Laura Schwennesen for being elected to the Board for a 6-year term beginning January 2017. Mr. DeKeyser also shared that John Meadows Jr. will be joining the Board for a 6-year term beginning in January 2017 and we are still waiting to hear the election results for the 4 year position.

Sinking Fund Millage

The Sinking Fund Millage passed at the November 8, 2016 election. He also shared that the board could discuss next steps but they could not start anything until the funds have been collected. Mr. Henry suggested prioritizing items that need repairs or updates and then decide how to implement the projects.

Board Meetings

A proposed 2017 Board of Education meeting calendar will be available at the December Board meeting. Mr. DeKeyser also shared that we will have the January Retreat/Workshop meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Mr. Henry suggested having the 2017 board meeting calendar at the December meeting for approval.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared the board earned \$1500 from their fundraiser for the scholarship fund. She also shared the WLMS Drama Club will be performing Sally Cotter and the Prisoner of Ala Katraz on December 2nd and December 3rd at 7 p.m. and on December 4, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the high school theater.

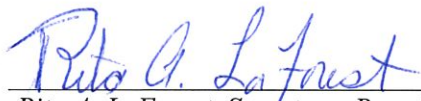
Mrs. Schwennesen shared she attended the MASB Conference in Detroit from November 10 – 13, 2016. It was a great experience and she received a lot of information from the sessions.

Mrs. LaForest shared that she and Mrs. Slagle will be shopping over the weekend for Adopt-A-Family.

Mr. Dignan thanked the community for passing the sinking fund millage. He also suggested the Board issue two \$1000 scholarship's in June 2017 with the funds earned from their fundraisers. Mrs. Slagle agreed with his suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.*



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

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Date