



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 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*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

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

Mr. Dignan requested to amend the agenda to move the special presentation of TCC Sports Passes following new business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent DeKeyser presented retiring Board members, Lynn Slagle and Rita LaForest with Adirondack chairs. He also thanked them for their many years of service and dedication to the district.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, highlighted the Holiday Week events taking place next week.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$237,249 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$431,167 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of November 15, 2016, and November 30, 2016 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2017 Board of Education schedule of meetings made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent DeKeyser honored retired coaches Ron Bender and Cindy Lees with the TCC Lifetime Sports Pass in honor of their service to the students. He shared while they were unable to attend due to the weather both are very grateful to receive the gold TCC pass card. Mr. DeKeyser also acknowledged former coaches Bob Henry and Phil Davison as previous recipients.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session to discuss the superintendent evaluation was moved to the end of the regular meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BOE Members

Superintendent DeKeyser introduced recently elected Board of Education members John Meadows and Lee Cole. He shared both John and Lee will be joining the Board in January 2017.

Mr. Dignan welcomed John Meadows and Lee Cole to the Board on behalf of all current Board of Education members.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Organizational-Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Henry, Mrs. McCully, Mrs. Kritzman, and Mr. Dignan thanked Mrs. LaForest and Mrs. Slagle for all the years of service they gave to the district.

Mrs. Kritzman shared that the middle school Robotics Team, Trobots 2, will compete in the State Finals Competition in Battle Creek on Saturday, December 20, 2016. She also recognized and congratulated Mrs. Kobeck, Mr. Chapman, and Mrs. Conzelman for presenting a spectacular WLMS play. Mrs. Kritzman then announced the MS/HS Choir will perform their winter concert on Thursday, December 15th and the MS/HS Band will perform next Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Mrs. LaForest shared that it has been a privilege being a member and has some very memorable moments that she will take with her.

Mrs. Slagle thanked both current and former Board Members she served with for their dedication and shared it has been a pleasure to serve on the board with them. She ended by paraphrasing a quote she read from Teddy Roosevelt about critics.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:26 p.m. (with a 15 minute break) for Superintendent's evaluation made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully. Roll call vote required. Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0*

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:35 p.m. by President Dignan.

Superintendent Evaluation

The WLPS BOE completed Mr. DeKeyser's annual evaluation.

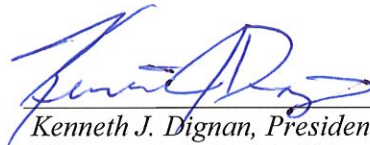
Motion by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest which rated Mr. DeKeyser Highly Effective in the area of Board Relations; Highly Effective in the area of Business and Finance; Highly Effective in the area of Community and School Relations; Effective in the area of Instructional Leadership/Facility/Operational Management. An overall rating of Highly Effective will be recorded with the Michigan Dept. of Education.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



Kenneth J. Dignan, President, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

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Date