



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Lisa McCully (*Trustee*), and John Meadows (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Kritzman (Secretary)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared highlights of the Snowcoming week events. She also shared the dance was a huge success.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2017 Board of Education Regular meeting and the January 23, 2017 closed session as presented made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$293,285 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$402,052 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 13, 2017, and January 31, 2017 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Sarah Koch as a full time teacher for the 2016-17 school year at Step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of February 1, 2017 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

Potential Property Purchase

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board with information on potential property that is available for purchase in the Whitmore Lake area. Mr. DeKeyser noted there's one parcel that is contiguous

to our Main Street campus that is available for under \$20,000. He shared this parcel would connect our current property with Jennings Road, possibly allowing WLPS the right of egress to the Jennings road athletic field. He also shared he is working with individuals to verify if Jennings Road can be extended to our current property.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired if the property was purchased would we then be connected to Jennings Road. Both Mr. Dignan & Mrs. McCully indicated yes. Mr. Dignan shared our current property is between 6 to 20' short of connecting with Jennings Road. Mr. Cole shared that Jennings road almost extends to the WLPS gate located in the back of the property however overtime nature could prevent access.

Superintendent DeKeyser indicated he would update the board with more information as it is received.

Merit Pay

Superintendent DeKeyser shared information regarding past history of Merit Pay to qualified employees with new Board Members. He recommends that past practice of awarding Merit Pay be discontinued and establish ways to recognize employees through negotiations. He also shared that very few in Washtenaw County recognize their staff with Merit Pay.

The Board discussed different ways staff could be recognized and decided to not award Merit Pay.

WLFEE Donation

Motion to approve a \$5000 donation from the Whitmore lake Foundation for Educational Excellence for technology improvements at WLES made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. DeKeyser shared the WLFEE board voted to donate money to the school district on a condition that it is used in a specific area that requires the WLPS Board approval.

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

Mr. Dignan on behalf of the Board thanked WLFEE for their donation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser Shared the following:

People's Express

People's Express has requested to lease a portion of WLMS parking lot to park their vehicles. They operate around 26 vehicles and are looking for a secure area for their vehicles and staff. Details of a lease are being discussed and there will likely be a proposal / contract for the WLPS Board to view in March.

Livingston Classical Cyber Academy

LCCA has requested to lease classrooms in the former WLMS for the 2017–2018 school year.

Motion to approve Superintendent DeKeyser to negotiate any new lease and/or renegotiate any current lease at the WLMS for the 2017-2018 school year made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

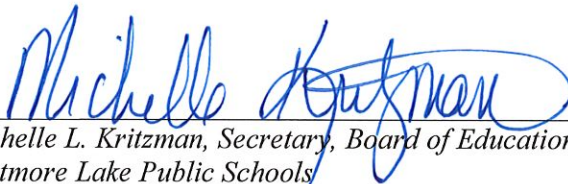
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she will be attending her first Northfield Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m. made by Mr. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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


Michelle L. Kritzman, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools


Date