



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

State Representative Donna Lasinski presented the board with information and discussions taking place in Lansing including the Governor's budget proposal, sinking fund expansion, and replacing the Michigan standards.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Stephen Olsen of Chelsea, MI introduced himself and shared he is running for election on the Washtenaw ISD Board on June 5, 2017.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared highlights of her experience while attending a student leadership conference in Lansing.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Kritzman requested a correction to the March 13, 2017 Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting minutes to remove Mrs. Schwennesen from the member's present portion and to add her as being present.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017 Board of Education Regular meeting, the February 27, 2017 Finance Committee meeting, and the March 13, 2017 Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting as amended was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$260,648 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$433,297 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2017 and February 28, 2017 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Middle School Lease

Motion to approve the lease(s) with Livingston Christian Schools and/or Livingston Classical Cyber Academy for the 2017-18 school year made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the board on the differences between the two leases. He also shared if the Governor’s budget proposal to reduce Cyber School’s funding by 20% is passed, Livingston Classical Cyber Academy’s lease could be re-evaluated. Mrs. Schwennesen inquired on the language under the rent and enrollment for LCCA.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1, motion carried 6 – 1

Mrs. Schwennesen offered her explanation for voting against the approval of the lease(s).

NEW BUSINESS

iPad purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of iPads not to exceed \$5,000 for use in the Whitmore Lake Elementary School made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Sinking Fund: Barton Malow has estimated the cost to repair the drainage issues on the athletic field to be around \$400,000. A request for more information has been requested.
- 2) Thanked WLFEE for supporting our classroom teachers. He also thanked Kiwanis Club for their support of our students in both the leadership conference and Quiz Bowl Team.

WLES Programming

Special guest, Laurel Capobianco from BCC International, presented the Board with an elementary Mandarin Chinese language program to be considered for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Cole inquired what language is most common in China. Laurel responded stating that the Mandarin Chinese is the most common language in both day-to-day and business use.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

The Scheduled Regular Meeting for May 8, 2017 has been changed to a Workshop Meeting for Superintendent Evaluation Training to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:42 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully. Roll call vote required. Mrs. Schwennesen

– yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Cole – yes
Ayes – 7; nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 9:27 p.m. by Ken Dignan

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS


Mrs. Kritzman thanked NHS/NJHS for the Lasagna dinner. She also shared it looked like it was well attended and very delicious.

Mr. Meadows shared the 5-6 grade Band and Solo & Ensemble performances was very good. He also announced that the 7th and 8th grade trip to Washington DC was scheduled for March 28, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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



Date