



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 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, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry

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. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Students from the Early Childhood Program said the Pledge of Allegiance and performed several songs for the Board of Education in the High School Cafeteria.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend. She sent the following update to share with the Board; a Spring Fling assembly will be held on May 18, 2017 to recognize spring sport athletes.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 Board of Education regular meeting, and the March 20, 2017 closed session was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$229,192 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$431,506 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2017 and March 31, 2017 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and discussed information regarding the Sinking Fund, retirement incentive proposals, and 2017-18 budget scenarios. He also shared they reviewed options for replacing our bus fleet. They anticipate adding a purchase plan into our budget this year and would present a proposal to the Board at the May 22, 2017 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

*WLES Programming
With BCC International*

Mr. DeKeyser shared there will be some language changes to the contract that would benefit the district such as increasing insurance costs, allowing background checks, and decreasing time on right to terminate.

Mr. Meadows inquired if contract was for only one teacher and Mrs. Schwennesen inquired on the length of the contract. Mr. DeKeyser replied the contract is for one teacher and one year.

Motion to authorize the superintendent to sign the contract upon completion of language changes with American Institute of Bilingual Education, Inc. to provide instructional consultant services for the 2017-2018 school year was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Sinking Fund Update

Superintendent DeKeyser reviewed a spreadsheet of desired projects to be completed with sinking funds and the cost associated with each project with the Board. He also shared priority areas to begin work on this summer and fall for cost savings.

Mrs. Kritzman and Mr. Cole shared concerns regarding the repair and cost of the baseball and softball drainage field.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Europe Trip Proposal

Jill Henry shared due to financial reasons the planning begins early. The trip is open to students who are juniors & seniors in 2019.

Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Jill Henry, Director of Instruction, and Candy Huddleston, High School Teacher, for a WLHS overnight trip during spring break in 2019, for 11 days, to Europe was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

TCC Constitution Amendment

Motion to approve the amending of the Tri-County Conference Constitution, Article IX, Conference Sports, Section b, to read: When a majority of member schools (5 of 8) engage in a team sport, it will be considered a conference sport, was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Lawn Maintenance Contract

Motion to award the bid for Lawn Maintenance Services to K & M Landscaping and Lawn Care, and to allow the superintendent to enter into an agreement for the 2017 season with option to renew per contract was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

*WISD Board Election
and Resolution to Consider*

Superintendent DeKeyser shared that there will be a resolution presented at the May 22, 2017 meeting for the board to designate a delegate to serve on the 2017 electoral body to elect members to the WISD Board of Education. Mrs. Kritzman volunteered to be the delegate and Mr. Cole volunteered to be the alternate representative.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Building Level Report

Elementary School Principal, Sue Wanamaker, shared the 2nd progress Monitoring Focus School Report for the 2016-2017 school year with the Board. She shared some of the items the Elementary staff is reviewing are data received from testing and parent surveys.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Thanked the ECC staff and children for their nice performance.
- 2) Announced the Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for June 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Workshop Meeting will be held in the High School Media Center, Monday May 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The board will receive training on the Superintendents Evaluation program.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Meadows inquired if there was any new housing development within the district. Mr. Dignan shared he has heard of several areas but there are no formal plans.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she, Mr. Dignan, and Mr. DeKeyser are planning to attend a conference in May called Changing the Perception of Your District. She also shared she attended a meeting at the WISD last week and the majority voted to focus on early literacy.

Mrs. Kritzman shared the 1st and 2nd grade music program is scheduled for this Wednesday at the elementary school and on May 2, 2017 the WLHS Band will perform with the Washtenaw Community Concert Band for a joint concert in the High School Theater at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. McCully shared middle school track is in full swing and with so many students participating they have increased their practice time by 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:39 p.m. to discuss current litigation was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. 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

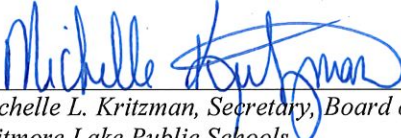
Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:49 p.m. by Ken Dignan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:49 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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


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


Date