



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 22, 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*), and John Meadows (*Trustee*)
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Lisa McCully (*Trustee*)
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT** Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, 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** Mr. Dignan requested to amend the agenda to add a closed session to discuss current litigation.
- Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION** The High School Robotics Team shared their achievements and 2017 highlights with the Board. They also presented a demonstration of their robot.
- CALL TO THE PUBLIC** None
- STUDENT COUNCIL** Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend. She sent Student Council Representative Jordan Craven with the following update to share with the Board: Student Council recognized the staff with a luncheon during staff appreciation week. She also shared highlights of the spring sports recognition pep assembly. Jordan shared that she took 1st place in the high jump competition at the Regional Track & Field Meet.
- CONSENT ITEMS** *Motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the April 24, 2017 closed session, the April 24, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting, and the May 8, 2017 Workshop / Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0
- Motion to approve fund transfer of \$185,379 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$406,936 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 14, 2017 and April 28, 2017 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

WISD Biennial Election Resolution

Motion to approve the WISD Biennial Election resolution; further, the Board designates Secretary, Michelle Kritzman, as its representative and Trustee, Lee Cole as its alternate representative to serve on the 2017 electoral body responsible for electing Members to the WISD Board of Education and directs the representative to vote for candidates Mary Jo Callan and Steve Olsen on the first ballot taken at the June 5, 2017 election meeting made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Kritzman. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Cole – yes. Ayes – 6; Nays - 0

NEW BUSINESS

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to support the WISD Budget for 2017-2018 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Schwennesen and Mr. Dignan shared concerns regarding the WISD 2017-2018 budget. WISD Superintendent, Dr. Menzel shared the formula that is used to distribute special education funding to the districts. He also shared the superintendents from all the WISD districts are discussing ideas and solutions to address the issues with the formula used.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

Overnight Student Trip Request

Motion to approve the proposal for an overnight trip with 3rd & 4th grade students to travel to Mackinac Island, MI on May 17, 2018 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen

Mrs. Otterman shared the benefit of experience the students would gain while attending Mackinaw City and Mackinaw Island.

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

Bus Purchase

Motion to approve the lease purchase of two used school buses and one new lift bus through Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEOLA

Superintendent, DeKeyser shared with the Board the required changes made to the NEOLA policy 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security for review and first reading. Approval will be recommended at the next board meeting on June 12, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Guests from the American Institute of Bilingual Education, Inc. were well received by our students and staff. Our Mentor teachers did a great job of sharing information and having our guests interact in the classrooms.
- 2) Sinking fund update: We have identified with Barton Malow the following areas to receive improvement beginning this summer: HS Track, HS Lighting upgrade in gym and hall, water leaks in pump

house & high school, HS fencing and MS gym curtains and repairs. We are also revisiting a time line for the elementary school repairs.

- 3) The teaching staff was presented with the requirements in order to receive the early retirement incentive. We have two teachers who have shown interest in retiring at the end of this current school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. the WLHS choir will perform a Spring Concert in the High School Theater.

The Senior Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.

The High School Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

A Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared she attended the Legislative Breakfast Meeting earlier today at the WISD. The present legislator's outlook was not overly positive, however they shared they believe the budget will be done by the end of June. She also shared there is a bill being discussed in committee concerning the assignment of geographical boundaries to charter schools. They are requesting input from districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:35 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) for current litigation was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry. Roll call vote required. Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes.

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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:59 p.m. by President Dignan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:59 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



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



Date