



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, and Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

BUDGET HEARING

Motion to open the 2016-17 Budget Hearing for public comments / questions made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

Public Comments/Questions

None

Motion to close Budget Hearing made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alexis Dancik, introduced 2016-17 Student Council President Karolyn Wagner. Alexis also thanked the Board for the experience and memories while serving for the last 3 years. Mr. Dignan welcomed Karolyn as the new representative on behalf of the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the June 13, 2016 Closed Session meeting, and the June 13, 2016 Finance Committee meeting was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$196,628 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$397,852 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of May 6, 2016 and May 20, 2016 was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2015-2016 Final Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2015-16 Final Budget summary made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan reviewed the Final Budget Summary for the 2015-2016 school year. She added that we will be adding to our fund balance bring the fund balance up to 6.6% however there is a possibility of a 1% change to the budget as final revenue is received.

Mr. Dignan commended Mr. DeKeyser and Mrs. Kerrigan for helping WLPS meet their goals.

Roll Call Vote required: Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes.

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

2015-16 Final Food Service Fund Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Final Food Service Fund Budget summary made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mrs. Slagle questioned the reason for the negative fund balance. Mrs. Kerrigan shared there has been a decline in sales due to loss of students and strict federal guidelines.

Roll Call Vote required: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes.

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

2015-16 Final Community Recreation Fund Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Final Community Recreation Fund Budget summary made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Roll Call Vote required: Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes.

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

2016-2017 General Fund Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to postpone the 2016-2017 Original General Fund Budget Proposal to the end of month during a special meeting of the Board of Education to be held on June 27, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. Dignan shared concerns with the General Fund Budget Summary showing a lower amount of revenue than the projected expenditures. Mr. DeKeyser shared that revenue from a lease agreement has not been added since it has not yet been signed. He

also shared that all lines items have not been finalized, which usually can be about 1% of additional revenue.

Mrs. Slagle inquired if the district would be in jeopardy with the State of Michigan if approved. Mrs. Kerrigan shared we still do the early warning report to the state for this year's budget, the state prefers to not see expenditures exceeding revenues but the state will look at all factors and we would be above the 5% fund balance requirement.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – no, Mrs. Kritzman – no, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – no, Mr. Dignan – yes.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 3, motion carried 4 – 3

*2016-2017 Community Recreation Fund
Budget Proposal and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Original Community Recreation Fund Budget made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Roll Call Vote required: Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes.

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

*2016-2017 Food Service Fund Budget
Proposal and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Original Food Service Fund Budget made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Roll Call Vote required: Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes.

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

Borrowing Resolution

Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2016-2017 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,493,000 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Roll Call Vote required: Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes.

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

2016-2017 School Calendar

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year that has been approved by the teachers made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

Paraprofessional Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Paraprofessional/Food Service Association, MEA/NEA made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.

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

WLEA Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Education Association, MEA/NEA made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

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

Maintenance Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the I.U.O.E Maintenance Bargaining Unit made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser expressed thanks to the Board for considering the budgets, and approving the contracts for the Whitmore Lake Education Association, Paraprofessional / Food Service, and the I.U.O.E. Maintenance Bargaining Unit.

Building Level Report

Elementary School Principal, Sue Wanamaker, shared the 3rd Quarter Focus School Report for the 2015-2016 school year with the Board of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Conference Room to consider approval on a revised 2016-2017 General Fund Budget Proposal.

The next Community Engagement and Communications Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016 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, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen suggested having a discussion at a future meeting concerning long-term plans for the Middle School Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:37 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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



Rita A. LaForest, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

7-25-16
Date