



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special - Regular Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2017 – District Office Conference Room – 5:30 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, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner shared they have received the permit for the homecoming parade scheduled September 22, 2017. She also shared she is running a blood drive through the American Red Cross on August 15, 2017 from 1 – 7 p.m. at the high school. If successful, scholarship money will be available.

NEW BUSINESS

School Bond Loan Fund Resolution

Motion to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution for the 2017-2018 school year per attachment 1 with an assessed millage rate of 8.45 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Board Members discussed that the original loan was 7.25 mills in 2003. The State of Michigan required the original rate be raised and our current rate is 8.95 mills. Mr. Dignan shared information to show the cost savings of lowering the tax rate vs staying at the current rate, but reducing the loan payoff time.

Motion to call the question was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mr. Cole - yes, Mr. Meadow – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mr. Dignan – no, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Sinking Fund update: Sealed bids for the softball and baseball fields remedy and repair to the drainage issues will be opened on August 15, 2017. This should allow work to begin this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

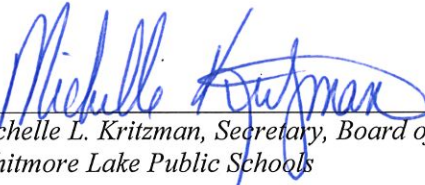
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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

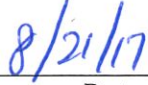
Mr. Dignan reminded all board members that if contacted by any media personnel, they should defer all questions to Superintendent DeKeyser as he is the representative for all press related information to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:07 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.*



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



Date