



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 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 Finance & 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 7:05 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared they are finalizing plans for homecoming. The dance theme this year will be the Twenties. She also shared the homecoming parade will be held on September 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

MASB Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Schwennesen shared information about the Michigan Association of School Boards 2017 Delegate Assembly scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017. She also shared she may be available to attend again this year. Mr. Dignan suggested if you're interested in attending or have questions to contact him or Mr. DeKeyser. A motion to appoint a delegate can/will be held at the next board meeting.

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Jaclyn Taylor as full time Elementary Teacher for the 2017-18 school year at step 2 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 24, 2017 and a start date of August 28, 2017 and,

to approve the hire of Sarah Kief as full time Elementary Teacher for the 2017-18 school year at step 2 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 24, 2017 and a start date of August 28, 2017 and,

to approve the hire of Courtney MacDonald as full time Elementary Teacher for the 2017-18 school year at step 2 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of August 26, 2017 and a start date of August 28, 2017 and,

to approve the hire of Karen Sterzik as a part time (.67) High School Teacher for the 2017-18 school year at step 4 on the WLEA MA+30 salary scale and part time (.33) Technology Coordinator with a hire and start date of September 11, 2017 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. DeKeyser shared Jaclyn Taylor will be teaching Kindergarten, Sarah Kief will be teaching 5th grade, Courtney MacDonald will be teaching 4th grade, and Karen Sterzik will be teaching 7th – 12th grade students.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

*BOE Statement on County-Wide Effort
for Early Childhood Literacy*

Motion to approve Statement of Support to improve Early Child Literacy in Washtenaw County as presented was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Mrs. Kritzman shared members from the Washtenaw County School Board Committee are requesting support from all BOE School Boards in the WISD.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2017 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) The Student enrollment is lower than predicted.
- 2) Sinking Fund update – High School Track resurfacing has not begun due to rain. We are currently looking at dates toward the end of the month and beginning of October. The Athletic divider curtains have been installed at the Middle School gym.
- 3) An Academic Achievement report will be given at the next Board meeting scheduled for September 25, 2017.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The High School Parent Night will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the District Office.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Meadows inquired if the repairs to the high school baseball and softball fields have been scheduled. Mr. DeKeyser shared that work should begin in October

Mrs. Schwennesen shared that the MS Robotics team season has begun. Their first competition will be early November.

Mr. Dignan shared concerns regarding students learning cursive handwriting and signing their signature.

ADJOURNMENT


*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:39 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss pending litigation made by Mr. Dignan; 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

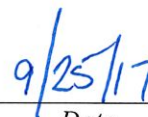
Open session called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Dignan

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:04 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