



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dignan requested to amend the agenda to add approval of WLPS representative to the WISD Parent Advisory Committee under new business and Mr. Henry requested to amend the agenda to add approval to purchase a floor cleaning machine for maintenance.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry
Ayes - 7; Nays- 0, motion carried 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent DeKeyser presented Justin Florkowski with a letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Justin is recognized for his outstanding performance on his PSAT test. Mr. DeKeyser also recognized Justin for his community contributions to biological and habitat awareness.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared they are finalizing plans for homecoming. The theme this year is Under the Sea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the preliminary audit from 2015-16 and the 2016-17 budget. He recommended hiring Paraprofessionals for 1st grade using Title 1 grant funding. DeKeyser also shared savings received from renegotiating the Ricoh contract. The committee discussed using those savings to purchase a floor cleaning machine for the High School building. The committee also discussed the wireless upgrade; an estimate of \$38,000 to include the athletic field was received, this upgrade would increase access, and produce higher speeds throughout the district.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$254,019 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$242,005 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of August 12, 2016, and August 26, 2016 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEOLA

Superintendent DeKeyser presented NEOLA policy, Conflict of Interest, updates and revisions for a second reading. He recommended that the Board approve the policies with the changes noted.

Motion to approve all the NEOLA policies updates and revisions as presented made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Jaylon Sims as a full time Elementary School Music teacher for the 2016-17 school year at Step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of September 14, 2016 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

NEOLA

Superintendent DeKeyser shared changes required and options for policies regarding grant funds, travel payment & reimbursement, and internal controls with the Board for a first reading.

Mrs. Schwennesen asked how much funding is received through grants. Mrs. Kerrigan shared approximately \$607,000 is received through Title 1, Title II, Head Start, & IDEA.

Any errors or questions should be directed to DeKeyser prior to the next regular board meeting on October 24, 2016 where approval will be recommended.

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2016 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

WISD Parent Advisory Committee

Motion to approve recommendation submitted by Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker to appoint Katie Pawlak as a WLPS representative to the Washtenaw ISD Parent Advisory Committee made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

Floor Machine

Motion to approve the purchase of a floor machine to clean the High School, not to exceed \$13,000 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mrs. Slagle verified funding used to purchase a new floor machine is a result from the renegotiations of the copy machines contract; she then thanked Mrs. Kerrigan for her efforts.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser updated the Board on plans for the January, 2017 Retreat meeting of the Board.

Building Level Report

Elementary School Principal, Sue Wanamaker, shared the 4th Quarter Focus School Report for the 2015-2016 school year with the Board of Education. She also shared they had a 4 weeklong Literacy Camp over the summer.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Homecoming Parade will be Friday, October 07, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. on Main Street beginning at Polly Market and ending at the Northfield Township Public Safety Building.

The next Meeting of the Board of Education will be a Workshop Meeting held on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. LaForest shared that the first annual Scholarship Committee meeting will be held in the near future.

Dr. Dignan thanked Mrs. Kritzman for all her hard work and efforts with the Board of Education scholarship fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:32 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss a personnel matter was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully. 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

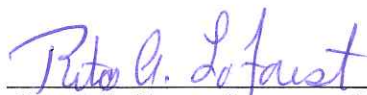
Call to Order

Open Session Called to order at 7:54 p.m. by President Dignan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:54 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

10-24-16
Date