



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
February 22, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Laura Schewennesen (*Trustee*)

**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.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representatives, Taylor Beloskur and Alexis Dancik, shared with the Board all the events surrounding Snowcoming. They also shared there is discussion to possibly replace the formal pictures with a photo booth for next year's dance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman shared that the Academic Performance Committee met earlier tonight and went over the M-Step results to recognize areas to focus on. It was decided math should be first. They asked Superintendent DeKeyser to do a formal presentation in the near future on a new K-6 program and would like to recommend moving forward with a new math program.

Mrs. Slagle shared that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee met earlier this evening and went over the program being used for the evaluation. They have scheduled the quarterly evaluation for April 18, 2016.

Mrs. McCully shared that the Building, Site, and Recreation Community met on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Areas of discussion included; the aging HS building, technology, leasing MS grounds property to a different vendor for a carnival over July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and the township's use of Jennings Rd.

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the February 8, 2016 Finance Committee meeting, and the February 11, 2016 Building, Site, and Recreation Community meeting was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$249,417 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$382,328 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 15, and January 29, 2016 was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.*

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Refunding Resolution*

*Motion to approve the ratification of the resolution authorizing the refunding of Whitmore Lake Public School District's 2016 Refunding Bonds, as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Slagle.*

Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan shared that Chris Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm is here to answer any questions. This refunding will save \$1,179,000.00 to our tax payers in this district. Approval is recommended.

Chirs Iamarino shared that the savings realized come from a lower interest rate over the term of the Bonds.

*Roll call vote require. Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – absent, Mrs. Slagle – yes*

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

### Board Goals & Objectives

Mr. Dignan shared a document listing ideas for goals and objectives. He suggested everyone look it over and inform Mr. DeKeyser of any additional thoughts and ideas. He also suggested the board prioritize what their goals and objectives are for the district.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, shared the following:

- 1) High School – Congratulation to the Varsity Competitive Cheer team for a great season. They are an outstanding group and have advanced to Regionals.
- 2) The HS Robotics team has invited Board members to attend the reveal of their new robot in the MS library on Saturday at 2 pm.

- 3) Elementary School – The PTA held a family dance last Friday that was well received by both parents and students.
- 4) Kudos to 6<sup>th</sup> graders Garret Engstrom and Cole Rinna who participated in the Kiwanis annual Chilly Dip this past Saturday.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS media center.**

**The next Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting (closed meeting) will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.**

**The next Community Engagement and Communications Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 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, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS media center.**

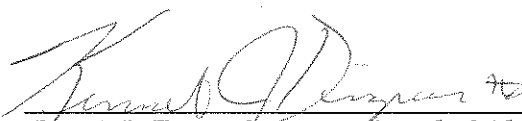
**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman shared that there is a Band and Choir concert with grades 5 - 8 scheduled for next week on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.  
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6-0.*

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

3/21/16  
Date