



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 08, 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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, Parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:01 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

**BOARD CANDIDATE DISCUSSION
AND APPROVAL**

The Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Laura Schwennesen and acknowledged her individual skills and talents from a previous interview held in November 2016.

Motion to appoint Laura Schwennesen to replace Jeff Vega on the Board of Education made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Board of Education President, Ken Dignan swore Mrs. Laura Schwennesen into office. Mrs. Schwennesen joined the other Board Members at the table for the evening.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representatives, Taylor Beloskur and Alexis Dancik, were unable to attend the meeting. They will update the Board at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Henry shared that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening. Mrs. Kerrigan shared that prior year adjustments and finalized pupil counts have lowered our projected fund balance by over \$200,000.

CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, and the January 25, 2016 Community Engagement & Communications Committee meeting was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0*

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

*Motion to approve the hire of Amber Masterson as a Part-time (.57) At Risk School Social Worker for the 2015-16 school year at MA-Step 1 on the WLEA salary scale with a hire date of February 4, 2016 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0*

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Welcomed Amber Masterson to the School District
- 2) PA269 - A judge ruled last week to release some of the restrictions giving schools and local government an ability to share factual information about elections again.
- 3) Governor's budget – will be presented on Wed. Feb 10. Locally, we expect about a 6% increase in Health Care costs and an increase in the retirement.
- 4) Cyber School – Everything has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Education, however MDE does not approve or deny they merely make sure we meet every set of criteria put forth in the law. Their role is to guide us through the process in which we are moving along with only a few things remaining.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the hiring of Madia Arquette, HS Custodian and Ashley Hodgeson, Elementary Paraprofessional.

Grant Award Notification

Student Service Director, Melissa Heuker shared with the Board that the funds received from the Early Literacy Instruction and Interventions Grant will be used to provide Early Elementary staff professional development and additional instruction for K-3 students who meet eligibility criteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Building, Site & Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Academic Performance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 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, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS media center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

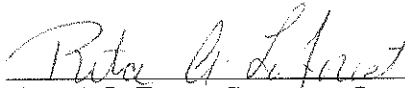
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman and Mr. Dignan shared they attended a meeting at the WISD concerning the Special Education Millage that will be on the ballot in May 2016. Information packets will be sent out soon from the WISD.

Mrs. Schwennesen thanked the board for appointing her to the board and looks forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:23 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6-0.*



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

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Date