

Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:19

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

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

Kevin and John Kaszyca expressed concerns with the approval to allow Livingston Classical Cyber Academy to open a school for 2016-2017 and the effects it may have to the Livingston County School Districts.

BOARD CLARIFICATION

Superintendent, DeKeyser shared with the Board that 90% of the students who applied to attend LCA have been homeschooled and never attended a public school district. He also shared that a Cyber School can have a seat time requirement. Mr. Dignan shared this Cyber school is delivering an education to a group of children who have not had public education.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alexis Dancik, shared with the Board of Education all the activities planned during Spring Fling week which is scheduled to begin May 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the April 18, 2016 closed session meeting, and the April 18, 2016 Finance Committee meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEOLA

Superintendent, DeKeyser shared with the Board the changes made to the NEOLA policy 6220 – Budget Preparation that was discussed at the first reading on April 18, 2016.

Mr. Henry suggested this policy to be considered a first reading for review of new language and be presented at the next meeting for a second reading.

Academic Performance

Motion to approve Everyday Math (Version 3) for implementation in grades K-6 beginning with the 2016 – 17 school year made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. Dignan expressed concerns with the adoption of Everyday Math since there is talk at the state level of removing common core and implementing a replacement.

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

NEW BUSINESS

WISD Budget Review

The Board acknowledged the first reading of the Washtenaw ISD 2016 – 2017 Budget presentation and the support / disapproval Resolution.

Livingston Classical Cyber Academy Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing LCA to increase the number of members of the Board of Directors from five (5) to seven (7) made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Slagle. Roll call vote: 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

Operating Millage Renewals

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Operating Millage Renewal Proposal as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. Roll call vote: Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – Yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan - yes

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

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy as prepared by Thrun Law Firm made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mr. DeKeyser shared with the Board the large dollar items that need to be addressed. He added that some modifications can be added to the proposal at this time if needed.

Mr. Dignan expressed that this would be a short term proposal only and suggested that property be added to the ballot language.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy as prepared by Thrun Law Firm as modified to include property was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. LaForest. Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – Yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session was removed from the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, shared the following:

- 1) Thanked the Board for providing a luncheon to the staff in recognition of Staff Appreciation.
- 2) Kudos to Maria Carter-Ewald for the staff appreciation billboard.
- 3) Next Monday, May 16th I will be attending the Legislative Breakfast held at the WISD topics include DPS, sinking fund millage, and many other items.
- 4) Technology Director – Will be added to the 2016-17 budget. Looking at contracting a shared person with the WISD; one (1) person for instruction and one (1) person for IT assistance. Interviews are scheduled for Friday.
- 5) The month of May is recognized for better Hearing & Speech, kudos to Diane Greenly, Nancy Magani, and Jennifer Winstanley for a great job working with our students.
- 6) School Aid budget update: a foundation increase of \$120 per student will be given next year from the state.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Building, Site, and Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016 has been cancelled.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 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, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Sherri Ostermon expressed her concerns with LCA coming into the Livingston County School District.


BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. LaForest shared the community scholarship board met and there are a total of 27 scholarships to be given away at Senior Awards Night this year.

Mrs. Kritzman shared she enjoyed watching the HS production of The Beauty & the Beast and thought the costumes were awesome.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 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*

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Date