

Whitmore Lake Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018 – 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, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, and Community 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.

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

Joseph Kurth II shared 6 members from the Whitmore Lake Wrestling Club earned trophies at the State Meet over the weekend with 2 earning 1st place.

Stephanie Kurth shared concerns with the implementation of a policy at the Elementary School regarding visitation in classrooms.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared the Key Club is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. DeKeyser reported the Finance Committee recently meant. He shared they reviewed and discussed two lease proposals. Mr. DeKeyser also shared they discussed renewing of the Sinking Fund to allow the purchase of technology equipment.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2018 Board of Education Organizational-Regular Meeting, the February 12, 2018 Workshop Meeting, the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting, the February 12, 2018 closed session, and the February 26, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$196,003 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$443,633 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2018 and February 28, 2018 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Livingston Classical Academy

Motion to approve a lease with Livingston Classical Academy for classroom space at 8877 Main Street for a term minimum of three years beginning with the 2018-19 school year made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully. Roll Call Vote: 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

NEW BUSINESS

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students K-12 in all programs for the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Middle School Lease

Motion to approve a lease with Go Like The Wind Montessori for classroom space at 8845 Main St. for a term minimum of two years beginning with the 2018-19 school year made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Superintend DeKeyser shared they are a Private School and would be using the area where our Early Childhood Center is currently located. He also shared the Early Childhood Center will be relocating to the Elementary School beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes.

Ayes -7; Nays -0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Sinking Fund Update

Superintendent DeKeyser shared a Sinking Fund expenditure list with the Board. He added they recently received bids for the security modification to the HS entrance and the ES Parking Lot upgrades.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired on the lease regarding the athletic fields and would that continue. Mr. DeKeyser shared we are in negotiations and working with them at this time on use of our facilities.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindergarten Round Up will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the MS Robotics Team received an engineering award this past weekend at their competition. She also shared members of the HS staff will be competing against the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team on Wednesday, March 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Mr. Meadows and Mrs. Kritzman gave rave reviews to the HS Drama Club for the performance of Guys & Doll's. Mrs. Kritzman also shared NHS will

be hosting their Annual Lasagna Dinner on March 21^{st} from 5-7 p.m. at the High School.

Mr. Dignan shared him and his wife will be attending as well as sponsoring a 9th grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum on March 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:49 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.

Michelle L. Kritzman, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

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Date