



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**April 9, 2018 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Ken Dignan ( <i>President</i> ), Laura Schwennesen ( <i>Vice President</i> ), Bob Henry ( <i>Treasurer</i> ), Lee Cole ( <i>Trustee</i> ), and John Meadows ( <i>Trustee</i> )
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Michelle Kritzman ( <i>Secretary</i> ), and Lisa McCully ( <i>Trustee</i> )
<b>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT</b>	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, and High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	Staff, parents and members of the community
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	At 7:00 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<p>Superintendent DeKeyser requested to amend the agenda to add NEOLA policy 5610.01 for a first reading under New Business.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.</i> Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried</p>
<b>CALL TO THE PUBLIC</b>	
<b>STUDENT COUNCIL</b>	<p>Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend. Student Council Representative Jordan Craven shared an assembly was held last week to kick off the spring sports season. She also shared voting for the 2018-19 Student Council Leadership Positions will be held next month.</p>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	None
<b>CONSENT ITEMS</b>	<p><i>Motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 - 0</p> <p><i>Motion to approve fund transfer of \$207,349 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$412,414 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2018 and March 30, 2018 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
<i>Livingston Classical Academy</i>	<p><i>Motion to authorize the Superintendent and Livingston Classical Academy Board to appoint Jason Negri to replace Justin Knapp on the board of directors for LCA commencing the date upon which the oath of office is taken made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.</i></p> <p>Mrs. Schwennesen inquired if Jason was approved by the LCA Board and Mr. Cole inquired on the date the oath will be taken. Mr. DeKeyser shared Jason was recommended by the LCA Board and the oath will be taken at their next board meeting.</p> <p>Ayes – 5; Nays – 0</p>

**NEW BUSINESS**  
*Approval of Secure Entries and  
Asphalt Paving*

*Motion to approve the bids received from E & L Construction Group for secure entry renovations at WLHS and Best Asphalt Inc. for asphalt paving at WLES made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

Mr. DeKeyser shared the bid for the secure entry renovations came in higher than anticipated however we are working with E & L Construction to incorporate cost savings to the total project. He also shared the bid for the asphalt paving at WLES is addressing the east end of the parking lot on Barker Rd. and was designed in conjunction with the playground.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*NEOLA*

Superintend DeKeyser shared changes required and options for policies 5610 – Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students and 5610.01 Expulsions / Suspensions required by statute with the Board for a first reading. Any questions should be directed to Mr. DeKeyser prior to the next board meeting on April 23, 2018 where a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be heard and policies will be considered for adoption.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Sinking Fund: The third item on the list for improvement is building a new playground at the Elementary. Fundraising efforts have been active for a few weeks and WLPS staff has agreed to match the funds donated this Monday up to \$1000.00.
2. High School: All Juniors will be taking their SAT exam on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.
3. The Strategic Planning Workshop will be held this Saturday at the High School in the Media Center beginning at 8:00 a.m.
4. Finance Committee Meeting: April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. discussion will include; enrollment, trends, and predictions for 2018-19 school year.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board noted all other information and extended congratulations to Denise Kerrigan for her accomplishment of certification from MSBO as Chief Financial Officer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Board Strategic Planning Workshop/Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Northfield Township Trustee, Tawn Beliger shared information submitted for a private grant through the Ralph C Wilson Jr. foundation. This has to do with the non-motorized walking path located between the Elementary School and Library.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the HS Robotics team was a finalist in their final competition at Marysville in Port Huron, MI. The team would like to do a demonstration for the board next month. She also shared the competition between members of the HS staff and the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team is rescheduled to Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Mr. Henry shared he read an article online regarding the number of FTE's some public schools are receiving from the shared service program with non-public schools in the state.

Mr. Cole shared concerns that were mentioned at the last township Parks & Recreation Committee meeting regarding the dog park.

**CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

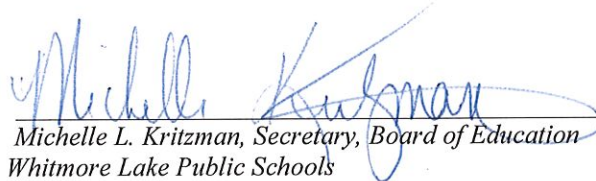
*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:42 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss a personnel matter was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows. Roll call vote required. Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Cole – yes  
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0*

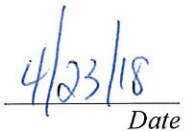
Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:24 p.m. by President Dignan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:24 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.  
Ayes - 5; Nays - 0, motion carried 5 - 0.*

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

  
Date