



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Laura Schwennesen (<i>Vice President</i>), Bob Henry (<i>Treasurer</i>), Michelle Kritzman (<i>Secretary</i>), Lee Cole (<i>Trustee</i>), Lisa McCully (<i>Trustee</i>), and John Meadows (<i>Trustee</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Ken Dignan (<i>President</i>)
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, and Community Relations and Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald
OTHERS PRESENT	Staff, parents and members of the community
CALL TO ORDER	At 6:59 p.m. by Vice President Laura Schwennesen.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	<p>Students from the Early Childhood Program said the Pledge of Allegiance and performed several songs for the Board of Education in the High School Theater.</p> <p>Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, recognized April 16 – 20, 2018 as the “Week of the Young Child” and thanked the children for a nice performance.</p>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p><i>Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.</i></p> <p>Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried</p>
CALL TO THE PUBLIC	None
STUDENT COUNCIL	Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend the meeting. She will update the Board at the next meeting.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	Mr. DeKeyser shared that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening. They discussed declining enrollment projections, and state aid projections for 2018-19 school year. He also shared they discussed extending the Sinking Fund to include technology. Ballot language must be submitted to the County Clerk by May 15, 2018 to be added to the August ballot.
CONSENT ITEMS	<p><i>Motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting, and the April 9, 2018 closed session made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.</i></p> <p>Mr. Henry requested to correct the call to order time from 6:52 p.m. to 7:52 p.m. on the closed session minutes.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the amended minutes from April 9, 2018 closed session made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.</i></p> <p>Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0</p>
OLD BUSINESS <i>NEOLA</i>	Superintendent DeKeyser shared why approval is not recommend for NEOLA policies 5610 – Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of

Nondisabled Students and 5610.01 Expulsions / Suspensions required by statute with the Board for a second reading. He remarked after reading further into the 5600 polices there were contradictions to current statue and code of conduct and recommended not moving forward with a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Discipline Policy

Mr. DeKeyser shared the Thrun Law Policy on Student Discipline for a first reading and noted the policy is more consistent with the law. He added how the law changed last year allowing school boards to not automatically expel students. This policy allows for short term and long term (over 10 days) suspensions and a better definition for every type of situation. The Superintendent would be allowed to issue up to a 59 day suspension.

Mr. Cole expressed his concerns with the wording in some areas as well as the length on a long term suspension. The Superintendent shared it is rare to issue suspensions for 59 days. The board would be notified in writing and there are several steps where the long term suspension could be appealed.

Mr. DeKeyser also shared this would replace all 5600 NEOLA policies related to discipline. Any questions should be directed to Mr. DeKeyser prior to the next board meeting on May 14, 2018, when a second reading will be heard and policy will be recommended for adoption.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Strategic Planning next steps – Mr. Bennett will be meeting with administration for an implementation workshop. His goal is to present the compiled information to the Board at the May 14, 2018 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

The Senior Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.

The High School Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Meadows shared his thoughts in reaching out to the community about the Sinking Fund.


Mrs. Schwennesen and Mrs. McCully shared they enjoyed the Strategic Planning meeting held on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Mr. Cole shared the Township Parks & Recreation sponsored a clean-up at the dog park last Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:56 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Henry.

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


Michelle L. Kritzman, Secretary, Board of Education
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Date