



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*) arrived at 6:06 p.m., 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, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, 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 6:01 p.m. by Vice President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent DeKeyser requested to amend the agenda to add the hiring of Megan Ormerod under New Business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

State Representative Donna Lasinski was not able to attend the meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio shared they have begun planning for the Homecoming festivities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$300,703 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$337,094 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of July 13, 2018 and July 31, 2018 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole

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

NEW BUSINESS

Overnight Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the overnight trip to Fifth and Sixth Grade Camp on May 14, 2019 to the Howell Nature Center made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mrs. Kritzman inquired if this would be a one-time inclusion of both the fifth and sixth grade students. Mr. Wozniak shared that this will be the only year; in the future it will only be the fifth grade students.

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

School Bond Loan Fund Resolution

Motion to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution for the 2018-2019 school year was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. 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, motion carried 7 – 0

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2018 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Lauren Birdsong as a full time Special Education Teacher for the 2018-19 school year at step 2 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 27, 2018 and a start date of August 28, 2018 and,

to approve the hire of Shelby Halcomb as a part-time .4 Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2018-19 school year at step 1 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of August 27, 2018 and a start date of August 28, 2018 and,

to approve the hire of Megan Ormerod as a part-time .833 High School Art Teacher for the 2018-19 school year at step 4 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 27, 2018 and a start date of August 28, 2018 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) High School - entryways will not be completed for the opening of the school year. Contractors will continue to work on completion of this project.
- 2) Elementary School playground is almost complete. The rubber surface was being installed this week and will be operational for the first day of school. Thank you to Mrs. Roy-Borland for heading this project. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with final build of the project today.
- 3) Modification allowing high school students participating in two semesters of marching band to receive 0.5 credit of PE as required for graduation has been made and is published in the Student Handbook.
- 4) Discussion on changing the 2019-2020 calendar year to start prior to Labor Day. This will align the start day with the LATEC program.
- 5) WLPS is in discussions with GLTW for a busing contract for their students. There are also discussions with LCA for addition of food services, custodians, and athletics.

Mrs. Henry provided an overview of the 2017-2018 academic performance results in the Advanced Placement curriculum. She also shared that Psychology has been added to the 2018-2019 curriculum for grades 10-12.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared that the Parks and Recreation meeting was canceled so there is no update from that committee.

Mrs. Kritzman extended a thank you to Mrs. Roy-Borland for all the work that has gone into the playground and book campaign. There were tables at the Red/White Football game and at the Northfield Township Library handing out books to all students.

Mr. Dignan thanked the community for the continued support. There were multiple businesses that donated to the playground build project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



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



Date