



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

**November 12, 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> ), Michelle Kritzman ( <i>Secretary</i> ), Lee Cole ( <i>Trustee</i> ), Lisa McCully ( <i>Trustee</i> ), and John Meadows ( <i>Trustee</i> )
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT</b>	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, and Director of Athletics, Brad McCormack
<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>	Mr. Dignan requested to amend the agenda to add a Touchdown Club report under Special Presentation  <i>Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried
<b>CALL TO THE PUBLIC</b>	Patti Kobeck invited Board members to attend the HS Drama presentation of <i>Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory</i> at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018, Saturday, November 17, 2018, or at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018 in the high school theater.
<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b>	Brad Tanner, Touchdown Club President, shared they are a 501(c) 3 club who helps support the football program at Whitmore Lake Schools through fundraising events and sales. Mr. Tanner shared they spent \$8,000 in new uniforms this year. He also shared they set up a restrictive use account to purchase helmets in the future as their number one priority is safety first.
<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b>	Director of Athletics, Brad McCormack presented the Board with information regarding an athletic league called MIAC (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference). Mr. McCormack highlighted options MIAC can offer Whitmore Lake athletes; MIAC can offer a more competitive balance to our students, Whitmore Lake would be one of fourteen schools in the league, and teams are aligned into two divisions to allow for equal abilities.  Several Board members inquired if MIAC offers the same sports that are offered in the current league. Mr. McCormack replied yes. Mr. Henry expressed concerns with changing to another athletic league.  Both current coaches and athletes shared stories regarding the current league and expressed positive options with the MIAC league.
<b>STUDENT COUNCIL</b>	Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. She did send the following update to share with the Board: We are busy planning for

the holiday spirit week of December 17, 2018. She also shared snowcoming will be held on January 18, 2019. We have begun plans for that too.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$263,877 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$433,364 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2018 and October 31, 2018 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Athletic League Change*

*Motion to authorize the Superintendent to notify the Tri-Country Conference Directors/Superintendents of WLPS' departure at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year and accept the invitation of the Michigan Independent Athletic Association with participation beginning in the 2019-2020 school year made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1, motion carried 6 – 1

*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 second semester of the 2018 – 2019 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows*

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. DeKeyser updated the Board on the status of the entry doors at the High School.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 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, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**The December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Meadows shared what an awesome event and great job done by students during Rake N' Run held today.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Middle School Robotics team has qualified to compete at the state competition held in Battle Creek, MI. She also shared they won an Innovator award.

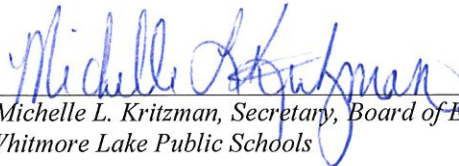
**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:01 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole. *Roll call vote required. 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

**Call to Order** Open session called to order at 8:16 p.m. by Ken Dignan

**ADJOURNMENT** *Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Dignan.*  
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.

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

12/10/18  
Date