

# Whitmore Lake Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (Secretary), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Ken

Dignan (Trustee), and Bob Henry (Trustee)

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, and

High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:01 p.m. by Superintendent Tom DeKeyser.

RECOGNIZE RE-ELECTED MEMBERS

Superintendent DeKeyser welcomed re-elected Board Members, Ken Dignan and Bob Henry. He also thanked them for returning to an additional 6 year term.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROCEDURES

Nomination for Mr. Dignan to serve as the temporary chairperson made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes -7; Nays -0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported

by Mr. Cole. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Washtenaw ISD board members, Diane Hockett and Steve Olsen, presented the goals and mission on behalf of WISD board members. They also presented a new policy adopted by the WISD Board on Educational Equity.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** 

Mr. Dignan called for nominations for the position of President.

Nomination for Laura Schwennesen as President of the Board made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes -7; Nays -0

Laura Schwennesen was elected President of the Board through December

2019.

Motion to nominate John Meadows as Vice President of the Board through December 2019 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried

Motion to nominate Lisa McCully as Secretary of the Board through December 2019 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs.

Schwennesen.

Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried

Motion to nominate Michelle Kritzman as Treasurer of the Board through December 2019 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Board members were recognized for their service to the community with a gift from students in each building.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio shared the festivities planned for Snowcoming, which begin this week.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the December 10, 2018 closed session was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$347,959 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$452,692 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of December 15, 2018, and December 31, 2018 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Designation of Depositories

Motion to designate Comerica, PNC Bank, MBIA Asset Management Group and J.P. Morgan Chase MILAF as depository of funds for General Funds, Sinking Funds, 2007 Bond Refunding, 2012 Bond Refunding, 2015 Series A and Series B Bond Refunding, 2016 Bond Refunding, Recreation Millage, and student activity made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry. Ayes — 7; Nays — 0, motion carried 7 — 0

### Check Signature Authorizations

Motion to authorize the creation and use of the appropriate electronic signatures as listed for the various school district funds made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

## Electronic Transfer Officer

Motion to appoint Denise Kerrigan, Director of Finance & Operations, as the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) pursuant to policy 6144 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

#### Authorization of Investments

Motion to authorize the superintendent or designee, in consultation with the school district's Board of Education, to invest available monies at the best rate of interest as provided by statute made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

### Designation of Posting Meetings

Motion to designate the superintendent and/or his designee as responsible for posting public notice of meetings made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

#### Designation of Official Newspaper

Motion to designate the Washtenaw Legal News as the official newspaper for legal purposes for 2019 made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Dignan. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

### Fee for Board Books

Motion to approve a charge of \$0.10 per page for individuals who request a printed Board packet made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- Supplemental Services WLPS will be partnering with the WISD on a pilot program. These services will bring additional resources to our district.
- WLPS was formally approved by MDE for the Pre-Labor Day start for the 2019-2020 school year. A discussion with teachers on start dates will begin soon.
- 3) High School Math Teacher, Jay Munz submitted his letter of resignation. He will retire with an effective date of January 31, 2019.

#### 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, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** 

Board members thanked Ken Dignan and Bob Henry for the many years of service in their officer positions on the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:24 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Dignan; 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 9:03 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Motion to adjourn the Organizational-Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.

> 2/11/2019 Date

Lisa C./McCully, Secretary, Board of Education

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