



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2019 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa McCully (Secretary)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, and High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent DeKeyser requested to amend the agenda to add the approval of classroom instructional devices under new business.

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. She did send a report indicating they are beginning to plan for the Spring Fling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman reported the Finance Committee met on March 14, 2019. Topics included the food services budget and a possible recreation millage renewal on the August Ballot. She also shared they are requesting budget updates as a standing agenda item at Board of Education meetings.

Mr. Dignan reported the Executive Committee met on March 4, 2019. He shared they determined that the current evaluation tool used for the superintendent is adequate. He also shared a discussion also ensued about the WLEA salary schedule, strategic planning goals, the academic calendar and the clay target team that is being started this school year.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$209,417 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$443,506 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2019 and February 28, 2019 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Motion to approve the transfer of Maura Zindler as a full time Academic Support Specialist to a full time School Social Worker at Whitmore Lake High School for the 2018-19 school year at step 1 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a start date of February 26, 2019 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

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 first semester of the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105 (c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

Classroom Technology Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of classroom instructional technology devices not to exceed \$85,000 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Dignan inquired on the warranty for the devices. Mr. DeKeyser shared all devices would have a full coverage three year warranty.

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

2019-2020 Start Date

Motion to approve the start date of August 26, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year that has been approved by the WLEA made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Mr. DeKeyser noted that MDE has approved the waiver for a pre-Labor day start for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Livingston Classical Academy

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to inform Livingston Classical Academy Board to appoint Nicole Mackmiller and Richard Streetman to replace Erin Mersino and Jason Negri respectively on the board of directors for LCA commencing the date upon which the oaths of office are taken made by Mr. Dignan, support by Mr. Cole.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Supplemental support service personnel approved by the WISD have started in the district. This is an eighteen month contract.
2. MS/HS: 7th and 8th grade students left for Washington DC this morning, 11th – 12th grade Trip Club students leave Wednesday, March 20, 2019 for their Europe trip returning March 30, 2019, and the Clay Target Team parents met on March 18, 2019 for the first meeting. This club will be for grades 9th – 12th and held at the WL Rod and Gun Club.

Mrs. Kritzman inquired on the Trojan time schedule being implemented two days a week during the second semester. Mr. DeKeyser shared the additional time added was for better alignment with expectations and testing that occur at the end of the week. He also shared the program will be re-evaluated in May to determine if it will be continued next year.

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, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared that the Deputy Director of Washtenaw County Parks presented on the parks in this area. He also shared they are willing to help in the Jennings Road Park.

Mr. Dignan extended his appreciation to Mrs. Easlick for preparing the 9th grade students for the visit to the Holocaust Museum.

Mrs. Kritzman shared she recently attended two meetings around finance. The first was on Budget and Finance training. The second meeting she attended was at the WISD with a presentation on the School Finance Research Collaborative she by joined by Mrs. Schwennesen, Mr. Meadows and Mr. DeKeyser. She shared this is a collaborative that looked into how much funding is necessary to educate children in Michigan. The amount of funding was determined to be \$9,590. A full copy of the report and short video can be found on the website: fundmischools.org

Mr. Meadows extended his thanks to all the staff who organize and participate in the field trips for our students. He also extended a thank you to Mr. Livingston for accepting the role as the new head coach for track.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the high school Robotics Team, Trobots, competed in Milford. The team made it to the semi-finals and placed fourteenth out of forty teams. The team has also joined the LCRA – Livingston County Robotics Association. The next competition will be in early April.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.*



*Lisa C. McCully, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools*

4/9/2019
Date