



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2019 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*)

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 Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. by Vice President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. DeKeyser requested to amend the agenda and add Livingston Classical Academy board member reduction under new business.

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Carolyn Otterman expressed her concerns regarding the number of students in a classroom, administration wage increases and elementary building improvements.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared no administrative salary increases were given last year. He also shared during the 2014-2015 administrative realignment the district reduced administrative staff from twelve (12) to eight (8) members while increasing their duties. Mr. Meadows shared Superintendent DeKeyser is not receiving a wage increase during the 2019-2020 school year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio, was unable to attend.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2018-2019 Final Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Final Budget Summary as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan reviewed the Final Budget Summary for the 2018-2019 school year. She shared the general fund budget has an increase of \$4000 since the original budget. She then reviewed the Final Budget Summary regarding the Community Recreation Fund, Food Service Fund, and the Sinking Fund. Mrs. Kerrigan noted the Food Service

Fund is ending with a deficit of \$42,000, leaving a general fund balance of 6.0%.

Roll call vote: Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

*2019-2020 Budget Proposal
and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Original Budget Summary made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared that with a deduction of ACT 18 funding and projected student count, we are anticipating a decrease in revenue and expenditures. She also shared the budget is based on a \$110 per student state funding increase at this time. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed proposed budgets for Community Recreation, Food Service, Sinking Fund and the Student Activity Fund.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Borrowing Resolution

Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2019-2020 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Mr. Henry questioned the difference in the amount since 2018-2019. Mrs. Kerrigan shared it is the same amount and is used to meet cash flow needs.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

*Common Representation
Conflict of Interests Waiver/Consent*

Motion to approve the Conflict of Interests Waiver/Consent Cooperative Education Agreement between W.E.O.C and Van Buren Public Schools as prepared by Thrun Law Firm made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Dignan. Roll call vote: Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

LCA Board Member Reduction

Motion to approve the reduction of the Livingston Classical Academy Board from a 7 member board to a 5 member board effective July 1, 2019 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Removal of Appointed LCA Board Member

Motion to approve the removal of the last appointed LCA Board member, John McLaughlin, effective July 1, 2019 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Denise Kerrigan, Director of Finance & Operations has been approved by the State of Michigan to be a Food Service Director.
2. The Community Recreation Millage Proposal information will be posted on the WLPS website in the near future.

3. Rezoning Property –a discussion regarding the rezoning of Whitmore Lake Middle School and Jennings Road property. The property is currently zoned as residential, Superintendent DeKeyser is recommending to switch to commercial.

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, July 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Superintendent Conference Room.

There will be another Regular Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Alexis Dancik expressed to the Board her concerns involving discipline of students in the district.

Tracy Carbary addressed the Board to thank the administrative staff for taking extra rolls/duties and shared teachers have also accepted additional duties. She also expressed concerns involving wage and step freezes' with the WLEA.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole stated he recently attended the Northfield Township Parks and Rec meeting. He shared concerns they have regarding regulations not being followed.

Mr. Henry shared he read an article that ranks the State of Michigan as number 48 out of 50 for the amount of funding spent in public schools.

Mrs. McCully shared Ice Hockey season has begun. Games will be played until the end of July at the Victory Ice Center in Plymouth, MI.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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



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

7/22/2019

Date