



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 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*) arrived at 7:06 p.m., and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Dignan (*Trustee*)

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 Director of Instruction, Jill Henry

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the revised agenda as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mary Devlin addressed the board to share concerns and inquired if WLPS has a program or will implement a program for teenagers regarding the dangers of using marijuana since it has been legalized in the state.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared WLPS does have a program on vaping which inform teenagers the dangers and addresses many types of smoking products.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. Student Council Representative Jacob Medina shared the Student Council sponsored the red carpet roll out event purchasing smarties for staff to hand out and welcome students on the first day of school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Finance Committee recently met and reviewed the proposal from teachers.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting, and the August 12, 2019 BOE Finance Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$480,115 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$330,557 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of July 15, 2019 and July 31, 2019 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2019 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Lauren Hill as a full time Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2019-2020 school year for Lower Elementary at step 2 on

the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of July 22, 2019 and a start date of August 20, 2019 and,

to approve the hire of Lindsay Babicki as a full time Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at step 2 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 13, 2019 and a start date of August 20, 2019 and,

to approve the hire of Emily Reifert as a full time Math Teacher for WLHS at Step 4 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 13, 2019 and a start date of August 20, 2019 and,

to approve the hire of Blake Groenhout as a full time Special Education Teacher for WLHS at step 6 on the WLEA MA+30 salary scale with a hire date of August 13, 2019 and a start date of August 22, 2019 and,

to approve the hire of Alina Schmidli as a full time Teacher for WLES at step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire and start date of August 21, 2019, and,

to approve the hire of Kara Weinstein as a full time Teacher for WLES at step 3 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire and start date of August 21, 2019, and,

to approve the hire of Tara Prieskorn (Mochow) as a full time Middle/High School Special Education Teacher at step 11 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 21, 2019 and a start date to be determined and,

to approve the hire of Amanda Henderson as a full time Middle/High School Social Worker at step 9 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of August 26, 2019 and a start date to be determined made by Mrs. Schwennesen; Supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. DeKeyser introduced newly hired staff who were in attendance to Board members and welcomed them to the district.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Today was the first day of school for students. All bus runs were successful, and the student enrollment is stable.
2. Sinking Fund update – The new servers were installed in all the buildings, technology switches have been installed in the elementary and high school buildings. They are not completely installed in the middle school but are continuing to complete the project.

Refunding School Bond Loan and 2007 Refunding Bonds

Mrs. Kerrigan shared information received from PFM regarding the potential to refinance the School Bond Loan and 2007 Refunding Bonds. She informed Board members that refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate, could potentially realize a savings of 1.5 million in taxes to the residents of Whitmore Lake. Superintendent DeKeyser, shared the next step would be to present a resolution to board members to authorize the refunding at the next board meeting.

Board members engaged in a discussion and gave support for Mrs. Kerrigan to proceed with obtaining resolutions to present at the next meeting.

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 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared he recently attended the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. He shared they discussed many complaints regarding pet owners not cleaning up after their pet at the dog park.

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Education Foundation’s fundraising will include a Patron Drive and a Corn Hole Event. She also shared the Board has begun their fundraising efforts for the BOE Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Meadows and Mrs. Schwennesen thanked everyone in the community for their votes and efforts on passing the Community Recreation Millage. They also gave Maria Carter-Ewald extra kudos for all her hard work and time preparing information for the public regarding the Community Recreation Millage Proposal. Mrs. Schwennesen also thanked the WLEA for bringing forward ideas, thoughts and efforts during contract negotiations.

Mr. Henry shared he heard there were two Microbreweries in the state of Michigan that recently paid off past due lunch balances for students which totaled approximately \$7000 for three districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:42 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows. Roll call vote required. Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes

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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Schwennesen.

WLEA Negotiations

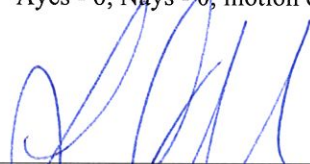
Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Education Association, MEA/NEA made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:11 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

9/30/2019

Date