



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020 – Virtual Meeting – 6:00 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, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, Athletic Director, Brad McCormack, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$452,890 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$420,345 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of June 15, 2020 and June 30, 2020 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Legal Counsel

Motion to retain the legal firms of Clark Hill PLC, Lusk Albertson PLC, Thrun Law Firm, and Dickenson Wright PLLC as legal counsel for the Whitmore Lake Public School District for the 2020-2021 school year as amended made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

School Bond Loan Fund Resolution

Motion to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution for the 2020-2021 school year was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes,

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2020 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap guidelines as to the types of safety protocols that will be required at each phase with the Board. He then led a discussion regarding the Phase 4 plan requirements for face-to-face instruction with the Board.

**OTHER INFORMATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.
The rescheduled Board of Education Workshop will be conducted virtually via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office, Superintendent Conference Room, unless an Executive Order still requires to be held virtual.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:27 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss calendar negotiations was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote required. Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes.

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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen
Roll Call Vote. Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.

for Laura M Schwennesen
Lisa C. McCully, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

8/10/2020
Date