



Whitmore Lake Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
August 10, 2020 – Virtual Meeting – 6:00 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**

None

**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, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, Athletic Director, Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald, and Director of Technology, Karen Sterzik

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:01 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the amended agenda as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the July 13, 2020 closed session, and the July 15, 2020 Board of Education Workshop was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$465,378 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$310,207 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of July 15, 2020 and July 31, 2020 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Personnel*

*Motion to approve the hire of Hannah Leemans as a full time Elementary Special Education Teacher at step 4 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 10, 2020 and a start of August 17, 2020 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

*COVID-19 Preparedness Plan*

*Motion to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan per Michigan Executive Order 2020-142 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.*

Superintendent, DeKeyser shared the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan with the Board. He also shared WLPS goal to provide in-person instruction in a low-risk environment for students and staff, and what was considered in the decisions. The plan includes in-person instruction five days a week during phase 4 and also includes a WLPS Virtual Academy for a fully-virtual education for the Fall 2020 semester designed for parents who are not comfortable sending their students to school in phases 4-5. Mr. DeKeyser then led a discussion with Board members and answered their questions.

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

*Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year that has been approved by the teachers was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Technology – interactive boards are being installed in classrooms, expecting delivery of remaining chromebooks in 2 weeks.
2. Elementary School – basketball hoops that were removed when the parking lot was repaved are being replaced.
3. Security upgrade – new cameras in all buildings have been installed and tested.
4. Enrollment – observing kindergarten numbers closely, the hire of additional staff may be needed to keep class sizes to a minimum.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center, unless an Executive Order still requires to be held virtual.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired with Board members regarding fundraising events and ideas for the 2020-21 senior scholarship.

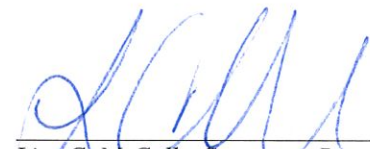
Mr. Henry inquired if Michigan High School Athletic Association is allowing high school athletics?

Mrs. Kritzman and Mrs. McCully thanked everyone for the work that was done in planning on the reopening of the schools. Mrs. Kritzman also suggested any new information or updates to be shared with parents, staff, and board members through all means possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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

*9/14/2020*  
Date