



Whitmore Lake Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
December 14, 2020 – Virtual – 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**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, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:03 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representative, Jacob Medina was unable to attend.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$357,960 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$423,218 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of November 13, 2020 and November 30, was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

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

*Reaffirm Instructional Delivery*

Superintendent DeKeyser updated Board members on the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan sharing engagement rates are still excellent. He also shared WLPS will continue to offer in-person instruction for all students and parents who selected the option, unless MDHHS orders prohibit us to remain open.

*Motion to approve the December Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation report was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Appointment of Board Member*

*Motion to appoint Frank Zolenski for the replacement of Ken Dignan was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman. Roll Call vote required. Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Mrs. Schwennesen welcomed Frank Zolenski to the board as the new trustee. She also expressed her appreciation and recognized Katie Lara for her individual skills and talents.

*School of Choice*

*Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students in grade levels 7 – 12 and limited enrollment for grade levels in K – 6 in all programs for the for the second semester of the 2020–2021 school year pursuant to Section 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.*

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

*2021 Schedule of Meetings*

*Motion to approve the proposed 2021 Board of Education schedule of meetings made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.*

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

*2020-2021 Budget Proposal and Resolution*

*Motion to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Amended Budget summary as presented was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.*

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan shared the 2020-2021 Amended Budget Summary with the Board. Mrs. Kerrigan identified the changes made and shared the projected general fund balance total is 5.9%.

**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

*Financial Report*

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the November 30, 2020 financial report. Her highlights included, Community Recreation and Food Service revenue.

Mr. Meadows recognized and thanked Mrs. Kerrigan and the food service staff members, for all their hard work in the Food Service Department.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser shared WLPS is planning to promote remote learning the week after the winter break and return to in-person instruction on January 11, 2021 to protect our students.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular/Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater, unless an Executive Order requires the meeting to be held virtually.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen and Mr. Meadows on behalf of the Board members congratulated Mr. Dignan on his new position as Township Supervisor. Mrs. Schwennesen also thanked Board members for their contributions to the Adopt-a- Family again this year.

Mrs. Kritzman announced MS/HS Drama will have several virtual performances called “Choice your Heist” this weekend, December 18, 2020.

A link to the performance will be on Facebook. She also congratulated the two students in the district, who qualified for the Junior Olympic Championships in cross country.

**CLOSED SESSION**

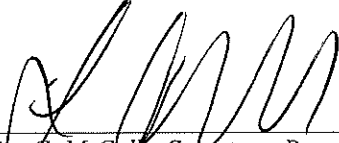
*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:38 p.m. for the Superintendent's evaluation was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Henry. Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0*

Call to Order

Open Session called to order at 8:44 p.m. by Laura Schwennesen

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:44 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.*

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

1/18/2021  
Date