



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Vice President*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Frank Zolenski (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Schwennesen (*Treasurer*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland, and Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Samantha Ogden was unable to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman reported the Finance Committee met on May 10, 2021. Topics included replacement of vent sock, purchase new buses, ESSER 1, 2, & 3 funding, how that could affect the budget, summer school, and the budget impact on the possibility of requiring virtual/in-person school in the fall. Mr. DeKeyser added for larger projects, a discussion ensued on possibility of leveraging our sinking fund through a process called Energy Bonds.

Mr. Meadows shared the Executive Committee met on May 3, 2021. Topics included new buses, staffing for the 2021-22 school year, and the Building Trades High School.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$339,500 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$405,733 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 15, 2021, and April 30, 2021 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Reaffirm Instructional Delivery

Motion to approve the ~~April~~^{May} Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Report was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board, sharing the student attendance rate was in the mid 90%. He added WLPS will continue to follow the original plan offering in-person instruction for all students and parents who selected the option and the district will only engage in remote learning as needed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

WISD Biennial Election Resolution

Motion to approve the WISD Biennial Election resolution; further, the Board designates Trustee, Lee Cole, as its representative and Vice President, Michelle Kritzman as its alternate representative to serve on the 2021 electoral body responsible for electing Members to the WISD Board of Education and directs the representative to vote for candidate Dr. Theresa Saunders on the first ballot taken at the June 7, 2021 election meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2021 -2022 School Calendar

*Motion to approve the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year that has been approved by the teachers was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0*

Approval of Fabric Air Duct Replacement

Motion to approve awarding bid from Trusted Heating and Cooling Solutions, Inc. for the replacement of the Fabric air duct at the WLHS pool was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared he received information that the fabric air duct would require yearly maintenance. He then shared Trusted Heating and Cooling Solutions, Inc. included an amount to replace with an aluminum air duct which is maintenance free and could last 25 years. Mr. DeKeyser recommended replacing with the aluminum air duct.

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

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to support the WISD Budget for 2021-2022 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser summarized the WISD Budget for 2021-2022 with Board members. He shared the supplemental support services provided by the WISD are included with their budget.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the April 30, 2021 financial report. She also shared WLPS will continue the breakfast and lunch bags through the summer months.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) COVID-19 vaccine update – WCHD will hold another vaccine clinic at the WLHS on Saturday, May 22, 2021 for ages twelve and up.
- 2) WLHS – will hold a Junior/Senior outdoor Prom at the football field on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Chrome Books that are about to expire will be distributed to the Graduates if they would like one.
- 3) WLPS Property – an individual has showed interest in the purchase of an area of WLPS property. There are also two District boundary line disputes with property owners near the Brighton School District and Ann Arbor School District.

- 4) Summer School – A summer budget needs to be prepared, will need to post to fill positions for teachers and staff.

OTHER INFORMATION

ECC Five Star Rating

Personnel

Board members congratulated ECC staff for achieving the five star rating.

The Board acknowledged the retirements of Elementary Special Education Teacher, Annabel Walker, Elementary School Paraprofessional, Diane Jackson, and Elementary Food Service Server, Jill Weldon. Mr. Meadows, on behalf of the Board, thanked them for their years of service and wished them well on their retirement.

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 in the High School Media Center following the Board of Education Budget Hearing Scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Another Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Drama Club will present a limited seating production of *Annie Jr.*, on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. They will also live stream Friday's show for those who did not receive in-house seating.

Mr. Meadows shared the 2021 graduation ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2021 on the football field. Mr. DeKeyser noted if it rains, the ceremony will transfer to inside the building, however household members of the graduates will be the only ones to attend.

Mr. Zolenski recognized and gave kudos to Middle/High School Band Director, Ms. Fixler, for one of the best 5th grade performances he has seen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

6/14/2021

Date