



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2021 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Vice President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Frank Zolenski (*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, and Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

*2020-2021 Final Budget Proposal
and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Final Budget Summary as presented was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board on the revised final budget proposal. She noted increases in revenue from Medicaid reimbursement, Act 18 funds, and ESSER funds increased the fund balance from the original budget and shared it would leave a total General Fund balance of 8.0% for 2020-2021. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the budget summaries for Community Recreation Fund, Food Service Fund, and the Sinking Fund.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

*2021-2022 Budget Proposal
and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Original Budget Summary was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 budget recommendations noting the projected per-pupil increase, ESSER II & ESSER III funds, purchase of two new buses, math curriculum, and additional wage increases are included in the Revenue and Expenditures.

Mr. DeKeyser shared he is working with Clark Construction Company who is evaluating if they will help with submitting RFQ's for improvements using Sinking Fund dollars.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Borrowing Resolution

Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2021-2022 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared in order to meet cash flow needs, the district needs to borrow funds however the district is requesting to borrow \$100,000 less than last year.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2021 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Paraprofessional Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Paraprofessional Association, MEA/NEA made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Mr. DeKeyser noted health insurance and salary increases were added. He also shared this is a two year contract.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Math Curriculum

Motion to approve McGraw Hill's Reveal Math (K-8) and Illustrative Math (9-12) for implementation beginning with the 2021-2022 school year was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the process used to select the new curriculum and answered all Board member questions. He also shared students will not have a textbook, however they will receive a consumable workbook.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser updated Board members on the property transfer requests, state budget, 2021-2022 enrollment projection, and RFQ companies. He then shared the following:

- 1) Facilities – has begun creating a priority list of needs from the different departments within all buildings and areas.
- 2) Community Recreation – replacement of the fabric air duct in the pool area has been completed with the insulation of an aluminum air duct system.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The board acknowledged the hiring of Abigail Wichey and Ashlyn Houtman. They also congratulated Dorene Fraley for receiving her Pupil Accounting Specialist certification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared that the Township Park by the lake now has a disc-golf course available to the public.

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Education Foundation volunteered at the Red, White, and Blue road race event. She also shared they are finalizing plans to host a corn-hole fundraising event on October 9, 2021.

Mr. Meadows applauded Mr. DeKeyser and Mrs. Kerrigan for their hard work on the budget and fiscal responsibility to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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

7/26/2021

Date