



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Frank Zolenski (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Kritzman (*Vice President*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

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 Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Patti Kobeck expressed words of appreciation and presented Board members with thank you cards on behalf of the WLEA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met on July 13, 2021. Topics included facilities updates, RFQ companies, and future ideas for the district.

Mr. DeKeyser added as a requirement of board policies they also reviewed the 2020-21 district bullying report which contained four confirmed cases district wide.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$557,769 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$475,751 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of June 15, 2021, and June 30, 2021 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Legal Counsel

Motion to retain the legal firms of Clark Hill PLC, Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey, PLC, and Thrun Law Firm as legal counsel for the Whitmore Lake Public School District for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

School Bond Loan Fund Resolution

Motion to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Mrs. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Administration Contracts

Motion to approve the renewal contracts of Director of Finance and Operations, Denise Kerrigan; Middle/High School Principal and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry-Peters; Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland; and Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Superintendent DeKeyser noted Heidi Roy-Borland has accepted the position as Elementary Principal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Henry excused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest with the position of Middle/High School Principal.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Lily Blake as a full time Special Education Teacher for WLES at step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of July 9, 2021 and a start date of August 23, 2021, and

to approve the hire of Carol Spilak as a full time Middle/High School English Teacher at step 7 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of July 26, 2021 and a start of August 23, 2021 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser updated Board members on the summer maintenance in buildings, summer school program and future Sinking Fund projects.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The board acknowledged the hiring of WLHS Paraprofessional, Penny Rudolph, Elementary Behavior Specialist, Kraig Harrison, and Lifeguard over 18, Jack Koenn and the resignation of Jacalynn Papazian.

Livingston Classical Academy

The board acknowledged the appointment of Eric Sanborn, and the renewal of Kalyndra Craven to the LCA Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 in the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:31 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully. Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.

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

8/23/2021

Date