



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021 – High School Theater – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Straus from Manner Costerisan CPA's briefed the Board on the 2020-2021 audit report. He walked the Board through the report and shared there were no significant findings. He also shared the district spending has stayed consistent over the past three years and was able to purchase a new truck and plow, and replace ductwork in pool area. Mr. Straus noted that the additional Federal funding received do to COVID-19, has helped increase the general fund balance to 10.63%.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Jamie Meadows shared all the events planned for Homecoming with the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met on September 9, 2021. Topics included personal issue, negotiation matters, and RFP updates.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$427,056 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$360,133 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of August 13, 2021, and August 31, 2021 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Susie Cho as an Elementary Teacher for the Montessori Magnet Program for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

WLPS Course Catalog

Motion to approve the Whitmore Lake Public Schools student course catalog was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the board regarding the courses and answered all Board member questions.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) A request for proposal was written and posted asking for an assessment of the buildings inside and out for future projects. We will need an ad-hoc committee to be involved in the interviewing.
- 2) Staffing update – Transportation and Maintenance/custodians are okay, we’re also able to bring in staff from EduStaff to fill in the voids.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation will host a Cornhole tournament at the Rod N’ Gun Club at 1:00 p.m. on October 9, 2021 for the Teacher Amazon Wish List fundraiser. She also noted all teacher grant applications are due to the Education Foundation by November 5, 2021.

Mr. Cole shared he attended the Northfield Township Park & Rec committee meeting on September 16, 2021 and heard the Township Board has approved up to 10,000 for the committee to hire a planner to create the park by the post office.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:58 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss a personnel matter and contract negotiations was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote: Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:48 p.m. by President John Meadows

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman. Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



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

10/23/2021

Date