



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2021 – High School Media Center – 7:00 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 Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker, Athletic Director, Brad McCormack, Director of Technology, Karen Sterzik, and Director of Communication, Maria Carter-Ewald

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 Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Jamie Meadows was unable to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows shared the Executive Committee met on November 2, 2021. Topics included the Montessori Magnet Program and the superintendent evaluation.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$479,162 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$460,346 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2021, and October 29, 2021 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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 2021–2022 school year pursuant to Section 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. DeKeyser answered all Board member questions regarding a limited enrollment in grade levels K – 6.

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

2022 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2022 Board of Education schedule of meetings as shown in attachment 3 of the board book made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the October 31, 2021, financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) COVID update – have had a few cases and continue to seek solutions in buildings, the elementary building went into remote learning following a breakout after Halloween, working with the Washtenaw County Health Department to coordinate another vaccine clinic at the high school, students and staff will continue to wear masks, OSHA “vs” MiOSHA COVID strategies are being discussed.
- 2) Montessori program update – program going well, contracting with previous GLTW Director to fill in as a substitute teacher, would like to discuss expanding program do to its popularity with Finance Committee.
- 3) Athletics – shared the updated WCHD protocol for winter athletes, Performing Arts will also be included in the mask, screening and quarantine protocols.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the hiring of Patrisha Packard as Head Start/GSRP Paraprofessional for the Early Childhood Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the upcoming drama performance scheduled for November 19, 2021 and November 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. She also announced Project Graduation will host a Powderpuff Football game on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. McCully announced HS Ice Hockey games will begin later this month. She then shared she will have programs with the game dates if anyone is interested.

Mr. Meadows announced both boys and girls gave great efforts at the Cross Country State Meet. He also announced the Volleyball team won their District Championship game.

Mrs. Schwennesen reminded the Board that she will do the shopping for the Northfield Human Services Adopt-a-Family this year. She also shared she will collect their donations at the December meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

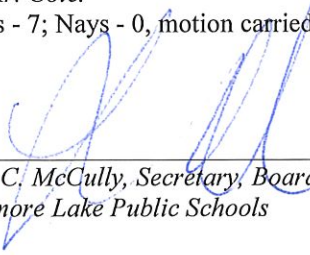
Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:57 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss the superintendent's 2021 evaluation was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:29 p.m. by President John Meadows.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:29 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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

12/13/2021

Date