



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022 – 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, and Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:04 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

In recognition of Board Appreciation, members from the National Honor Society, Student Council, Early Childhood Center, and the Elementary school presented Board members with gifts of appreciation and thanked them for all they do for the schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Jamie Meadows shared highlights from the Snowcoming festivities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2022 Board of Education Organizational-Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$612,100 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$447,564 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 14, 2022, and January 31, 2022 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Costa Rica Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal for a WLHS overnight trip submitted by Jill Henry, MS/HS Principal, and Candy Huddleston, High School Teacher, over the 2022 winter break, for 7 days, to Costa Rica was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. Zolenski expressed his concerns on traveling to Costa Rica. Superintendent DeKeyser and MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry then answered all board member questions.

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

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with limited enrollment for students in grade K – 6 and unlimited enrollment for students in grade levels 7 - 12 in all programs for the 2022-2023 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105 (c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the January 31, 2022 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

*2021-2022 Budget Proposal
And Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund Amended Budget summary as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; Supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan shared the 2021-2022 Amended Budget Summary with the Board. Mrs. Kerrigan identified the changes made and shared the recent increase in expenditures. She then shared the projected general fund balance total is 9.5%.

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

Food Service Equipment Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of a reach-in refrigerator, reach-in freezer and convection oven for the elementary school kitchen, not to exceed \$28,000 was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared while we applied for a grant to help cover the costs, it was not granted. She also shared this would be paid out of the Food Service Budget and answered board member questions.

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

MASB Board of Directors Election

Mr. Meadows announced Board members may choose to vote for one of the three candidates representing Region 7 to serve on the board of directors for MASB for a three-year term.

Motion to nominate candidate Michael McVey representing Region 7 to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors for MASB was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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

IDEA Full Funding Act Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution in Support of the IDEA Full Funding Act was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared a brief synopsis for the resolution. He also shared this is on behalf of the WISD in support of the Full Funding Bill.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Facility update - Kingscott architects, engineers, and construction managers completed their assessment of the facilities, expecting to review the document in April, the availability of products may dictate the list.
2. COVID-19 update – WCHD shared positive rates have declined, they will lift the mask mandate in schools on February 28, 2022. Would like to host another vaccine clinic before the change goes into effect. Recommend to follow WCHD, but with a mask optional in the classroom and keep masks mandate in pre-school, busing, etc.

Elementary Academic Achievement

Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker provided an overview of the MAP/NWEA Fall 2021 results. She shared the benchmark assessment is based on an average of the average student across the country. She then answer all Board member questions.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Meadows thanked everyone for the gifts.


Mrs. Kritzman shared she attended the middle school drama performance this past weekend and gave kudo's to Mrs. Kobeck and Mr. Chapman for a great performance. She also announced that the high school Drama Club will perform "Percy Jackson" March 11, 2022 – March 13, 2022.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired if all Board members wanted to donate to the Community Scholarship fund again this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

3/21/2022
Date