



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**March 21, 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, and Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:01 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 – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representative, Jamie Meadows shared that members will meet in May to discuss plans for the Spring Fling celebration week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met on March 3, 2022. Topics included Montessori Magnet Program, Contract Negotiations, COVID Protocols, Property Sale closing date.

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Finance Committee met on February 21, 2022 prior to the start of the regular meeting. Topics included the 2021-2022 amended budget which was approved at the regular meeting, the 2022-2023 budget, and contract negotiations.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$480,514 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$459,143 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2022, and February 28, 2022 made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

*March Band Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the proposal for an overnight trip with the WLHS Marching Band submitted by Elisa Fixler, MS/HS Band Director, to travel to Hersey, MI for Band Camp from August 1, 2022 to August 5, 2022 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

*Fiber Consortium Agreement*

*Motion to approve the Fiber Consortium Master Service Agreement with the WISD for the FY22-23 through FY27-28. The WISD fiber network owned and operated by WISD on behalf of all constituent districts made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

Mr. Meadows inquired if this agreement is the same as we have done in the past. Superintendent DeKeyser shared we have an agreement for bandwidth and pay for certain

services, however this agreement is more detailed and contains provisions for protection and defined rates. He then answered additional questions from Board members.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared her thoughts regarding the length of the agreement. A discussion by Board members began regarding no exit clause in the contract.

*Motion to withdrawal the original motion to approve the Fiber Consortium Master Service Agreement with the WISD for the FY22-23 through FY27-28 until additional information regarding an exit clause prior to the end date, if necessary, is available was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

*Personnel*

*Motion to approve the hire of Teren Sechrist as a full time High School Special Education Teacher at step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of March 16, 2022 and a start date of April 6, 2022 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

*Financial Report*

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the February 28, 2022 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Emergency Operation Procedures – district completed biannual review, no substantive changes, submitted and approved by county emergency manager.
2. Exploring a co-op with Charyl Stockwell Academy for J.V. and Varsity Football. Meeting with CSA parents on March 22, 2022, agreement possible at April meeting.
3. Attended budgetary meetings last week, Governor proposes \$435 per pupil increase, 2022-23 budget for stable enrollment, added expenses: additional buses, pavement repairs, need for a nurse, school resource officer, class size reduction plans, and compensation increases.
4. Facility update – requested Kingscott to share to do list for April, and Clark Construction pricing by May.

**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, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Cole shared he attended the Northfield Township Park & Rec committee meeting on March 17, 2022. He also noted there will be no beach at the community park, and there was an advisory recommendation for no commercial development along the front towards the lake.

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation will join with Community Rec and the Kiwanis to organize a 5K Color Run and 10K road race on June 25, 2022 at the old Middle School building on Main Street.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the following: Washtenaw County clean-up day will be held at the high school on June 25, 2022, filing deadline of July 26, 2022 for any School Board members running for re-election / election, Community Scholarship application reading will be held soon, Board members interested in helping should let her know asap.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:55 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

**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 call to order at 8:49 p.m. by President John Meadows

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:49 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

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

*4/11/2022*  
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Date