



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 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, Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker, and Athletic Director, Brad McCormack

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 revised 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 the Spring Fling celebration week is May 16th through May 19th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the March 21, 2022 closed session was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$280,284 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$440,416 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2022, and March 31, 2022 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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 Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Co-operative Football Program

Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative football program between WLPS and Charyl Stockwell Academy at the junior varsity and varsity levels for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years 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

Athletic Co-operative Girls Swimming Program

Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative girls swimming program between WLPS, Greenhills and St. Catherine of Sienna Academy at the varsity levels for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Athletic Director, Brad McCormack shared this co-operative would allow WLHS girls the opportunity to participate and compete during the lower peninsula girls swimming and diving fall season.

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

School Calendar

Motion to approve the start date of August 29, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year, which will be half a day for staff and students, was made by Mr. Meadows; 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 March 31, 2022 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. COVID-19 update - Elementary school has some cases in one grade level, communication sent out to parents, all students and staff in that grade level will be required to wear masks.
2. Montessori acquisition - working with GLTW Board on the acquisition process for staff and materials/property, hired an attorney to review the process and verify language.
3. Facility update - shared documents received from Kingscott architects showing a rating system on the condition of materials, etc. for each building, pricing lists will follow in May.
4. Property sale update - completed as of Friday, April 8, 2022, the owner of Stop-N-Store extends his appreciation for working with local businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Buyers expressed his opinion regarding athletic co-operatives, the district enrollment numbers and potential opportunities for growth.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Henry shared information he read regarding a district spending federal funds on a smoothie machine for athletics.

Mrs. Kritzman announced that Project Graduation will hold their pizza cook-off fundraiser on May 4, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Mr. Meadows announced that applications for the Senior Community Scholarships will be accepted until Friday, April 15, 2022.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared that the Trobots, WLHS Robotics team, has qualified to compete in the state championship tournament this weekend at Saginaw Valley.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:47 p.m. (with a 10 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:28 p.m. by President John Meadows

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



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

5/16/2022
Date