



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), and Frank Zolenski (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:14 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Kritzman (*Vice President*)

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 Director of Communications, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:03 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Meadows requested to remove the Paraprofessional Negotiations under New Business from the Agenda.

Motion to approve a revised agenda by removing the Paraprofessional Negotiations under New Business as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Jamie Meadows was absent. Mr. Meadows reported that it's Spring Fling Week in support of spring athletics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve of minutes from the April 11, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting, and the April 11, 2022 closed session made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$536,317 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$440,036 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 15, 2022 and April 29, 2022 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and The Education Association of Whitmore Lake, MEA/NEA was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Roll call vote: Mr. Cole – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

Go Like the Wind Resolution

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Go Like the Wind (GLTW) to transfer management and operation of GLTW to WLPS was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Roll call vote: Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the Washtenaw ISD Budget and the resolution as presented made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mr. DeKeyser shared the budget includes 1.5% increases for staff and extra costs for dealing with COVID related issues. Mr. Zolenski inquired about the special education fund balance versus the general education budget. Mr. DeKeyser explained the superintendents voted to cap the special education fund balance so the maximum amount is distributed to districts. The distribution of Act 18 funds will be addressed by the superintendent's at a future date as the current equity formula has been disallowed by a judge in Genesee County and is binding on all ISDs collecting Act 18 funds.

Roll call vote: *Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes.*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

MHSAA Resolution

Motion to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the year August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

Roll call vote: *Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes.*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

2023 Mackinac Island Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the 3rd and 4th grade overnight trip to Mackinac Island, MI on May 10, 2023, made by Mr. Henry, supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the April 30, 2022 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. There will be a Facility Assessment Review on Friday with Kingscott via Zoom. Members were invited to attend.
2. Avian Bird Flu suspended the goose collection this year so the birds are plentiful on the high school campus.
3. Funding for the BTS Trade School was denied by the State. WLPS will not host BTS in the Fall of 2022. The BTS Board will need to revise their paperwork and put forth a presentation worthy of support by WLPS. There are other potential CTE opportunities, with a possibility of a CTE millage for Washtenaw County.
4. WLPS received approval for the MSP Safety Grant. The district will purchase new phones, which support E911 and provide panic buttons for staff in emergency situations.
5. Discussion regarding fund raising by the school versus 501(c)(3) groups that support the school and the impact on advertisers and sponsorships.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent’s Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared that on the August primary ballot there will be a proposal for a recreational millage for Northfield Township Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared that the Trobots, WLHS Robotics team, competed in the World Competition in Houston, Texas. It was a great experience for the team. She also shared for Mrs. Kritzman that 3 students are doing recitals, the Spring Band Concert is May 19th and the Choir Concert is May 24th.

Mr. Zolenski shared that the students seems very excited by the Spring Fling activities.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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



Date