



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Meadows (*President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Vice President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*) arrived at 6:20 p.m., and Frank Zolenski (*Trustee*) arrived at 6:13 p.m., Bob Henry (*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 6:00 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDGA

Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

BUDGET HEARING

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan informed the Board that the operating millage amount levied for 2022 per the MCL Headlee rollback has been reduced to below 18 Mills and noted the state assumes we receive 18 Mills, which means our state aid will be reduced. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the proposed budget recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year. She shared the budget reflects an increase in revenue for preschool which is based on the acquisition of GLTW. Mrs. Kerrigan and Superintendent DeKeyser then answered all questions from Board members.

Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the 2022-2023 proposed budgets for the Recreation Fund and the Sinking Fund.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Student Council Representative, Jamie Meadows thanked Board members for their support over the past year. She also shared that Kimberlee Ventura was voted President of Student Council and will be the Board of Education Student Council Representative for the 2022-23 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman reported the Finance Committee met on June 7, 2022. Topics included the 2022-2023 budget, Headlee override, facility assessment, and hiring a Resource Officer for the buildings.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve of minutes from the May 16, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$447,944 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 May 13, 2022 and May 31, 2022 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Borrowing Resolution

Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2022-2023 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared in order to meet cash flow needs, the district needs to borrow funds. She also shared the increase is to allow us the cash needed, until we receive the state aid.

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

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2022 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Paraprofessional Negotiations

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Paraprofessional Association, MEA/NEA effective June 13, 2022 through June 30, 2023 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mrs. Schwennesen commented this is a good thing and helps stabilize wages for WLPS. She also applauded everyone involved for working together. Mr. DeKeyser noted this is in addition to the current bargaining agreement which expires June 30, 2023. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Transportation Compensation

Motion to approve the Bus Driver Compensation hourly rate to the following: Sub = \$16, Trainee = \$15.50, Year 1 = \$16.67, Year 2 = \$17.77, Year 3 = \$19.09 effective June 15, 2022 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. DeKeyser noted there is no bargaining unit with our drivers, these rates would apply to work agreements made in good faith. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

MSP Grant Purchases

Motion to approve the Installation Agreement from BSB Communications Inc. which includes the equipment for an alert/phone system for an amount not to exceed \$140,000 made by Mr. Henry, supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. DeKeyser shared WLPS was awarded the MSP Grant to implement communication during an emergency. Installing an alert emergency system would qualify under the grant guidelines. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the May 31, 2022 financial report. She also shared a discussion amongst districts regarding the rising costs in commodities.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. GLTW Acquisition Resolution update – signed document received June 9th, however GLTW decided to donate their assets to another non-profit organization, they chose the Education Foundation who has allowed us to use their equipment.
2. Summer School / summer camp begins Tuesday, June 13, 2022 at our Main Street Campus due to construction on Barker Rd.
3. BTS was informed we would suspend our future contracts with them, as they don’t have the ability to move forward, no facilities would be available next year, nor any time until they have a viable plan. BTS Board meets Tuesday, June 14, 2022, to discuss any option to keep their vision alive and organize a committee.
4. Resource Officer – past recommendation from Finance Committee, adding amount up to \$20,000 to budget, working with Livingston Classical Academy and Ann Arbor Christian Schools to hire full time Officer for all three schools.
5. Varsity Baseball team won their State Quarter-Final playoff game. They will play in the State Semi-Final game on Thursday, June 1, 2022 at the Michigan State Campus.

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, June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation will have a Color Run on Saturday, June 25th and are looking for volunteers to help.

Mrs. Schwennesen thanked Mrs. Kerrigan for her work on the 2022-23 budget. She also thanked Mr. DeKeyser for working with everyone to finalize the contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:21 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



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

6/27/2022
Date