



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 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 Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDGA

Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Kimberlee Ventura was unable to attend. She will update Board members at the next BOE meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve the fund transfer of \$565,834 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$576,128 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of September 15, 2022 and September 30, 2022 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies

Motion to approve the changes to the Miller Johnson Policies, 0003 - Superintendent of Schools, 1001 - Organization and Functioning of the Board, 2001 - Admission and Enrollment, and 2006 - Behavior with Personal Electronic Devices and Food Deliveries was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that this is the second reading for these policies and no changes have been made since the first reading.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Co-Operative Program

Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative baseball and softball program between WLPS and Livingston Classical 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. Zolenski.

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

Sex Education Advisory Board

Motion to approve the advisory board and the SEAB co-chairs identified by the Superintendent in compliance with Michigan Compiled Laws related to sex education and reproductive health was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. DeKeyser answered Board member questions, then shared the Advisory Board members will meet twice per year for a two year term.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the September 30, 2022 financial report. She also shared the food service expenditures will be higher than the revenue received due to the rising cost of food and not increasing the breakfast and lunch menu prices this year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
MDE Section 98c Learning Loss Grant

In compliance with PA 144 of 2022, section 98c, Mr. DeKeyser presented to the board how resources allocated under this grant would be used to mitigate learning loss associated with COVID-19. Class size reduction, behavior management, curriculum pacing/alignment will be evaluated annually to determine effectiveness.

Superintendent DeKeyser also shared the following:

- 1) Facilities update – sent out RFP for building signage repair, this would be a Sinking Fund expense, with approval in December. Community Rec. pool impeller repaired, RFQ will be sent out for a new filtration system. Road patch work done at high school, also repaired Main Street Campus parking lot due to water damage. Drainage repair at HS is working good, looking into improving drainage in the athletic field event areas which will require some replacements of equipment.
- 2) WASB meeting – discussion regarding approaching the Legislators about teacher shortage and pay, facility repair funds, professional development.
- 3) Congratulations to Aimee Taylor who was nominated and won the 2022 Michigan Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year award from SHAPE Michigan.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The board acknowledged the hiring of Lucinda (Sara) Lupi as MS/HS Lunchroom Supervisor, Barbara Cook as MS/HS Food Service Worker, Debra Busuito as Elementary Paraprofessional and Vanessa Holden as MS/HS Administrative Assistant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

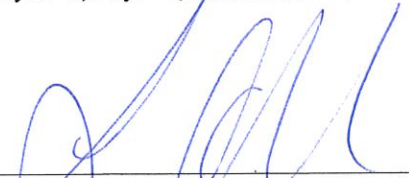
Mrs. Kritzman announced November 4th is the last day the Education Foundation will accept Grant proposals from WLPS employees. She also shared the HS Marching Band will perform at Band-o-Rama on November 3rd.

Mrs. Schwennesen announced Board members will again participate in the Northfield Human Services Adopt-a-Family this year. She also volunteered to do all the shopping for the family.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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



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

11/7/2022

Date