



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 7, 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, 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

Mr. Meadows requested to amend the agenda to add two resolutions to consider and approve an athletic co-operative program for JV Swim & Dive, and JV Wrestling.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended 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 shared highlights from the homecoming festivities. She also shared they have begun planning for the holiday assembly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met October 27, 2022. Topics included meeting with Epic-MRA an outside survey firm, the superintendent evaluation, and student achievement.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry

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

Motion to approve the fund transfer of \$528,539 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$576,902 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 14, 2022 and October 31, 2022 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry

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

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Co-Operative Wrestling Program

*Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative wrestling program between WLPS and Livingston Classical Academy at the junior varsity level for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years 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

Athletic Co-operative Swim/Dive Program

Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative Swim/Dive program between WLPS, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Gabriel Richard and Livingston Classical Academy at the junior varsity level for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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

2023 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2023 Board of Education schedule of meetings per attachment 3 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. Henry requested to correct the July 2022 date to July 2023.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

L-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate Request contingent upon approval of the November 8, 2022 WLPS Operating Millage Proposal was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Board of Education Policies

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the change options required for policy 1002, Electronic Meeting and Remote Participation with the Board for a first reading. He then answered questions from Board members and added if there are any additional questions they should be directed to him prior to the December 12, 2022 board meeting, where approval will be recommended,

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the October 31, 2022 financial report. She also shared revenue is beginning to increase in Community Recreation since the pool repair.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser also shared the following:

- 1) EPIC MRA survey questions – draft shared with Board members, request feedback on questions. Mr. DeKeyser suggested having them meet with a committee to answer board questions. Scheduled to meet with them again on November 29, 2022.
- 2) Facilities update – Contracting with Lamont Services to have the dead and/or dying trees cut and stumps ground from the properties. RFQ was sent out for new signage in front of buildings, receiving good results and some demonstrations, recommendation for approval will be presented in December.
- 3) Peoples Express plan to stop purchasing gas through WLPS.
- 4) Adams Outdoors notified WLPS they will need to remove one of the Electronic Road Signs, more than likely the one on Jennings Road.

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, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the MS/HS Drama club will perform “Little Women” on November 11th, November, 12th and November 13th.

Mr. Meadows announced Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams won the MIAC League Championship. He also shared both teams went on to win Regionals and placed sixth and third respectfully in the state finals.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:54 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

12/12/2022

Date