



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**January 23, 2023 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Laura Schwennesen (*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 Communications Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:05 p.m. by Trustee John Meadows.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Trustee Meadows, called for nominations for the position of President for the 2023 calendar year.

Mrs. Schwennesen nominated Michelle Kritzman for President of the Board; Mr. Meadows then inquired if there were any additional nominations for President.

*Motion to close nominations and cast a vote for the nomination of Michelle Kritzman as President of the Board through December 2023 was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Zolenski*

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

Mrs. Kritzman accepted the position as President of the Board and called for nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board.

*Motion to close nominations and nominate Frank Zolenski as Vice President of the Board through December 2023 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.*

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

*Motion to close nominations and nominate Lisa McCully as Secretary of the Board through December 2023 was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

*Motion to close nominations and nominate John Meadows as Treasurer of the Board through December 2023 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, each building and many student organizations presented board members with gifts and tokens of appreciation.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representative, Kimberlee Ventura shared the theme for Snowcoming this year is “Northern Lights”. She also updated members with some of the festivities planned, which begin February 6, 2023.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the December 12, 2022 closed sessions was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$613,799 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$593,058 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of December 15, 2022, and December 29, 2022 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### *School of Choice*

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district for the 2023-2024 school year with unlimited enrollment in all grades and programs for the first semester, and a limited enrollment in grades K-6 and an unlimited enrollment in grades 7-12 for the second semester pursuant to Sections 105 and 105 (c) of the State School Aid Act 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 December 31, 2022 financial report. She then answered all board member questions regarding Food Service.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### *Community Health Partnership*

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

Expressed support in a partnership with a health equity team to develop more health opportunities for students and local residents. He also shared some unique opportunities for the district.

##### *Emotional Support Dogs*

The Elementary building was offered an opportunity to work with a local dog trainer in the training of therapy dogs. Mr. DeKeyser then answered all Board member questions and gave his support for this opportunity.

##### *Operating Millage*

Began a discussion with Board members and reviewed the impact and loss of potential revenue for the general fund. Board members requested to prepare a resolution to put the millage back in front of voters in May and noted that the tax levy rate applies only non-homestead property.

Board members requested to change the February 13, 2023 meeting to February 6, 2023 to meet deadline requirements.

#### 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, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Education scheduled to be held on February 13, 2023 is cancelled.**

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

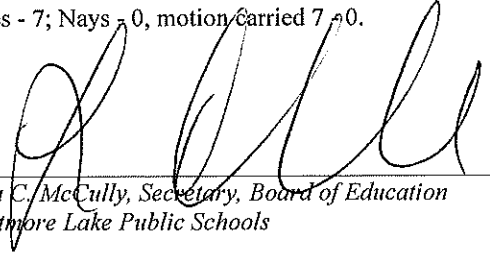
Mrs. Schwennesen thanked everyone on behalf of the Board for all the gifts and thinking of them all.

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation online auction, which is part of the Mom Prom fundraiser, will open Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and has over fifty items to bid on.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

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

2/6/2023  
Date