



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2013 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynn Slagle (*President*), Jeff Vega (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Anne Iaquinto (*Secretary*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), Rita LaForest (*Trustee*), and Jim Vibbart (*Trustee*).

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Kimberley Hart; Business Manager, Jill Minnick; High School Principal, Tom DeKeyser, Elementary School Principal, Krista Bethke and Early Childhood Director, Sue Wanamaker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, Students and Parents

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. by President Slagle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Students from the Early Childhood Program performed a song for the Board of Education in the High School Theater.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Beverly Bonning, Attorney with Thrun Law Firm, and Greg VanKirk and Marvin Sawyer from Plante Moran CRESA, shared a draft of the school bond proposal. Mr. VanKirk expressed that the taxable value has increased which will help provide the district additional bond money if it passed.

Beverly Bonning shared a timeline along with possible ballot language and resolution for the bond.

Mr. Dignan questioned the three phases of a bond and if there were any restrictions. Mr. VanKirk stated that there were not any restrictions; it is a preference for the district.

Mr. Vega expressed the need for the district to have a turf field as a part of the bond. Mr. Dignan stated that if the bond is “critical needs”, he does not feel that a turf field and air conditioning in the Middle School gym are critical and cannot support either of them on the bond.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2013 Marketing Committee Meeting, the March 25, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting and the March 25, 2013 Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Slagle, supported by Mr. Vega.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0.*

COMMUNICATION

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Allison Mayleben, lifeguard for Community Recreation.

INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items for information.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Lauren Dewey, shared with the Board that they will recognize the secretaries on Wednesday for Administrative Assistant’s Day. She added that Donkey Basketball would be on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym and encouraged the Board to attend. Ms. Dewey also shared that spirit week for spring sports would be next week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

*Motion to approve \$333,109 in invoices from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$703,243 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 1, March 15, and March 29, 2013 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. LaForest shared with the Board that she recently attended the District Crisis Team meeting. She added that the topics of discussion were the red information folders and a review of the district lock down process.

OLD BUSINESS

Bond Discussion

The Board discussed the upcoming bond during the presentation by Greg VanKirk and Beverly Bonning.

Budget Discussion

Superintendent Hart shared that the district needs to cut approximately 1 million to 1.5 million from the 2013-14 budget. She added that if the district adopts a deficit budget it could affect the districts credit rating for the sale of the districts bonds. Mrs. Hart added that both she and the Business Manager, Jill Minnick, are looking at everything to help reduce the budget deficit.

President Slagle suggested that the district consider reorganizing the buildings and administrative staff in order to cut cost.

Mr. Dignan asked Superintendent Hart if the district could consider a retirement incentive in order to save money. Superintendent Hart stated that she will look in to both suggestions and bring a recommendation to the Board at the May 13, 2013 meeting.

Custodial RFP

Superintendent Hart shared that the Custodial RFP had closed and there were four proposals that have been reviewed. Mrs. Hart added that by privatizing the custodians, the district would save approximately \$50,000. She added that she will bring a recommendation to the Board at the May 13, 2013 meeting for approval.

***WLHS Band/Choir
Overnight Trip***

Superintendent Hart shared that the trip has been cancelled due to a lack of participation.

NEW BUSINESS

***Sexual Education
Curriculum***

*Motion to approve the Sexual Education Curriculum without any changes made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. Iaquinto.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0.*

***Washtenaw Consortium
Agreement (WAY)***

*Motion to approve the agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Washtenaw Consortium Agreement (WAY) made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Dignan.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0.*

***WISD Board Election
And Resolution***

Superintendent Hart shared that there will be a resolution presented at the May 13, 2013 meeting for the board to designate a delegate for to serve on the 2013 electoral body to elect members of the WISD Board of Education. Mr. Vibbart volunteered to be the delegate for the district.

Board Meeting May 13, 2013

Superintendent Hart requested that the Board meeting on May 13, 2013 be changed from a workshop to a regular meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Building Level Reports

The Board acknowledged the principal’s reports.

WISD Legislative Discussion

Superintendent Hart reminded the Board that the WISD will host a Legislative Discussion on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the WISD.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Elementary School Principal, Krista Bethke, shared that the Elementary School will be holding their Spring Sings soon. She stated that the first and second grade would be on Wednesday, April 24 and third and fourth grade would be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 in the High School Theater. Mrs. Bethke invited the Board to attend.

UPCOMING TOPICS

OTHER INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Book Club will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. *Please note this was changed from a workshop to a regular meeting.*

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Counseling Conference room. *Please note this meeting will be held on a Tuesday.*

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

High School Teacher, Kathy Coleman, expressed to the Board the importance of athletics and managing class sizes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. LaForest shared that she recently attended a Community Scholarship Committee meeting. She added that they are getting ready to select the recipients.

Mrs. Slagle shared that she gave everyone a registration form for Trunk-A-Palooza and requested each Board member sign up a participant.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Vega.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion Carried 7—0.*

Anne M. Iaquinto

Anne M. Iaquinto, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

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Date