



## Whitmore Lake Public Schools

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### Regular Meeting Minutes

February 6, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Michelle Kritzman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Kimberlee Ventura was unable to attend. Student Council Representative, Heather Davis updated members on the Snowcoming festivities planned for this week. She also shared the students are enjoying the new microwave placed in the lunchroom.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$511,244 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$523,828 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 13, 2023, and January 31, 2023 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### *Overnight Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the proposal for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight camp on May 23, 2023 to the Howell Nature Center submitted by Elementary School Teachers Sarah Roberts and Kara Weinstein was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.*

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

##### *Operating Millage Proposal and Resolution – option 1*

*Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Operating Millage Proposal for 2023-2026 Headlee restoration purposes as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole*

Superintendent DeKeyser briefed Board members on both option 1 and option 2 of the Operating Millage Proposals. Mrs. McCully and Mrs. Schwennesen shared concerns regarding the ballot language on option 1. Mr. DeKeyser then answered all additional Board member questions.

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Henry – no, Mrs. Kritzman – no, Mrs. McCully – no, Mr. Meadows – no, Mrs. Schwennesen – no, Mr. Zolenski – no, Mr. Cole – no,*

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

*Operating Millage Proposal  
and Resolution – option 2*

*Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Operating Millage Proposal for a 10 year, 2023-2032, with a hedge, or tax erosion mitigation, of 3.0 mills as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry*

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

*Financial Report*

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the January 31, 2023 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Athletic Facilities – Ann Arbor Remolding has volunteered their time and expertise to raise and rebuild the dugouts at the Jennings Rd. facility. Materials will be purchased through the Community Recreation Fund. Expect project to be completed the first week of April.
2. Community Rec. update - Interviews for the Aquatics & Recreation Director will begin this week. RFQ deadline for a pool filtration system is February 10, 2023. A special meeting maybe needed in early March for approval.
3. Legislative update –Third grade reading is at the top of their agenda for legislation changes, personal finance added as a requirement to be taught in school; Mrs. Henry is working on a plan to add into next year’s curriculum, and a cursive writing bill is currently in the house.
4. Thank you to the Education Foundation for their recent Mom Prom Fundraiser event and raising funds for the schools.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

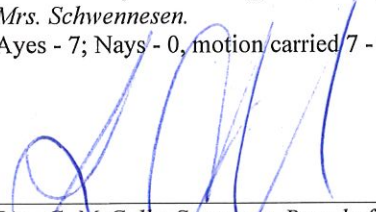
**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman recently attended the WASB meeting. WASB asked to announce the WASB is requesting nominations to be on the Nominating Committee to elect officers to the WASB Board. Let Mrs. Kritzman know if you have someone you would like to nominate. She also shared dates for upcoming events and meetings to be held by the WASB.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

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

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

3/27/2023  
Date