



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 27, 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, and Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan,

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 Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. DeKeyser announced this is the first of two public hearings scheduled regarding the adoption/revision to the sex education curriculum. The next public hearing will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. .

Jennifer Petzke, WLPS Learning & Enrichment Coordinator and S.E.A.B. committee member presented the Board with the fifth grade sex education curriculum recommendations. The committee recommends 3R's (Rights, Respect, Responsibility). This curriculum includes material on HIV education that is mandated by law to be taught at least once in school. The 3R's curriculum meets the Michigan Standards. All teachers will be trained on the new curriculum, and letters will be sent home to parents so they may review the curriculum prior to instruction. Mrs. Petzke then answered all board member questions.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, 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 February 6, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the March 6, 2023 Board of Education Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$374,291 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$\$604,364 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2023, and February 28, 2023 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Boiler Bid Selection

Mr. DeKeyser shared a brief overview of the three competitive bids received. He also shared the replacement is for the old portion of the building at the Main Street Campus.

Board members began a discussion on the differences between the bid amounts. Mr. DeKeyser shared that each company has predicted the need for three units, he has interviewed all three companies regarding the removal, plumbing, and installation of the new boilers, and the guidance received from WLPS consultants Kingscott and Clark.

Motion to award and approve the Main Street Campus Boiler Replacement bid to Detroit Boiler Company for an amount not to exceed \$140,000 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Zolenski
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Pool Filtration System Bid Modification

Motion to increase the bid amount to Baruzzini Aquatics to \$226,000 for the addition of a bulk chemical loading system was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that adding the bulk chemical loading system during the replacement of the new filtration system saves the district thousands of dollars in labor costs. He also shared having a bulk chemical loading system minimizes employees' time, and improves safety by eliminating the handling and mixing of chemicals.

Mrs. Schwennesen expressed concerns regarding all the pool repairs. She also inquired about reviewing future revenue plans for Community Recreation. Mr. Cole inquired on the viability of finding the life expectancy of the pool.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Schwennesen), motion carried 6 – 1

Juul Labs, Inc. Lawsuit Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to accept the settlement amount and settle the Lawsuit against the Juul Defendants and to authorize the Superintendent to sign settlement documents pertaining to the Juul Defendants on behalf of the District and to take such other action as necessary as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

2023-2026 Athletic Training Contract

Motion to approve the 2023-2026 multi year Athletic Training Services Agreement with MedSport, a Program of the Regents of the University of Michigan was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the February 28, 2023 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

Board of Education Policies

Superintendent DeKeyser announced policy 2007 Health and Safety included in the packet will not be included at this time. Mr. DeKeyser shared the change options and updates to policies 3001 – Curriculum Development, 3002 – Parental Involvement, 3003 – Instruction, 3004 – Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials, 3005 – Selection of Media Center Materials, 4003 – Conditions of Employment, 5003 – Purchasing, 5004 – Surplus Property, 5010 – Online Fundraising, and 8007 – Discrimination and Harassment with the Board for a first reading. He answered questions from Board members and added if there are any additional questions they should be directed to him prior to the April 17, 2023 board meeting, where approval will be recommended.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Facilities update –the new outdoor marquee signs are being installed this week, the Jennings road parking lot in front of the playground will have new gravel brought in to fill the potholes, and talking with a company regarding the repair or replacement of the theater bleacher seating.
2. Police support and on-site patrol will increase effective immediately. A memo of understanding was created to allow the Northfield Township Police Department to assign an officer five (5) days a week to WLPS through the end of this school year.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second Public Hearing for the S.E.A.B curriculum recommendations to the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared he recently attended the Park and Rec Committee meeting. The Park and Rec Committee is requesting donations from small businesses to contribute towards the park. He also shared their plan to have a Farmers Market beginning in June.

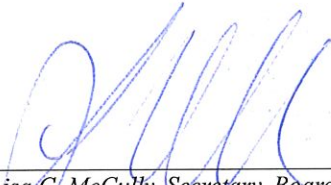
Mr. Meadows shared that his daughter, who is traveling with the Trip Club in Europe over spring break, has reported that they are having an amazing time.

Mr. Zolenski and Mrs. Kritzman shared that they attended an incredibly packed, and amazing production of Mary Popping presented by WLHS Drama Club. Mrs. Kritzman also reminded board members of the WASB Legislative Breakfast scheduled on April 3, 2023 at the WISD.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

4/17/2023

Date