



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**April 17, 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, 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 Michelle Kritzman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. DeKeyser introduced Jennifer Petzke, WLPS Learning & Enrichment Coordinator and S.E.A.B. committee member, and announced this is the second of two public hearings required regarding the adoption/revision to the sex education curriculum.

Jennifer Petzke presented the Board with the fifth grade sex education curriculum recommendations. The committee recommends 3R's (Rights, Respect, Responsibility) from Advocates for Youth. 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 shared members are in the early stages of planning for the Spring Fling celebration. She also shared they are planning for staff appreciation at the MS/HS and to have student elections at the end of April.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Zolenski*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$590,897 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$562,386 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2023, and March 31, 2023 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Zolenski*

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Board of Education Policies*

Superintendent DeKeyser presented the Miller Johnson 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 regarding updates and revisions for a second reading. He also shared that he has not received additional changes or questions on these policies since the first reading and recommends approval.

*Motion to approve the Miller Johnson policies updates and revisions as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.*

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Curriculum Revision*

Mr. DeKeyser noted that the second Public Hearing and Board review regarding the sex education curriculum recommendations was presented earlier this evening by Jennifer Petzke, WLPS Learning & Enrichment Coordinator and S.E.A.B. committee member and would recommend approval.

*Motion to approve the SEAB recommendations, 3Rs (Rights, Respect, Responsibility), curriculum from Advocates for Youth, beginning in 2023 for fifth and sixth grades and all subsequent years in grade five was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

### *Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative*

Mrs. Kritzman briefed the Board members on the resolution. Mr. DeKeyser shared that there will be a resolution presented at the May 15, 2023 regular meeting for the board to designate a delegate to serve on the 2023 electoral body to elect a member to the WISD Board of Education. Mr. Cole volunteered to be the delegate and Mrs. Kritzman volunteered to be the alternate representative.

*Motion to consider designation of Mr. Cole as an electoral representative and Mrs. Kritzman as an alternate electoral representative of this district to serve on the 2023 electoral body of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Biennial Election was made by Mr. Meadows; 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

### *Financial Report*

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the March 31, 2023 financial report. She then answered all board member questions regarding the Food Service and Community Recreation budgets.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### *“My Future Fund” Presentation*

Washtenaw Intermediate School District representative, Sarah Hierman, shared information about a new program to be operated by the WISD, in collaboration with the Washtenaw County Government, who is allocating \$6.7 million to the My Future Program. The program will give students enrolled in Washtenaw County Public Schools and Public School Academies a jump-start on saving and planning for future college and career training. She shared, distributions of \$25 would begin in the 2022-2023 school year, for all eligible students enrolled in the first through fifth grade and then in subsequent years through the 2025-26 school year for students enrolled in first grade. Distributions will be placed into a free Michigan Education Savings Program, “My Future Fund” account, managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. She also shared, students who are identified as low income will also be eligible to receive a one-time \$475 COVID Recovery Deposit and all families will have the option to opt out of the program, at any time, if they choose. She then answered all Board member questions.

Board members thanked her for sharing the information about the program. Mr. DeKeyser informed Board members that if they are in support of the program, the WISD is requesting that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement be signed.

*Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding regarding the My Future Fund, and authorize the Superintendent or the Board President, Michelle Kritzman to execute the data sharing agreement and all other tasks outlined in the MOU was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

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

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Facilities update – completed dugout project at Jennings Road, completed project at the athletic facilities, working on batting cages, work to begin on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the pool filtration room, and negotiating with Detroit Boiler Company to finalize the contract.

2. Operation Millage – a Q&A zoom meeting with parents is planned for this Friday, and another informational postcard will be mailed out to all homes within the district next week.

**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, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen announced the WLHS robotics team, TroBots, qualified at the state finals, to compete in the world championship competition held this week in Houston, Texas.

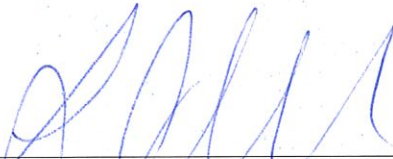
Mr. Zolenski inquired about who members from his church should contact to make a donation to help students in need for field trips or a financial debt.

Mrs. Kritzman announced she had a very positive experience attending the WABS Legislative Breakfast earlier this month. She shared that the Legislative Representatives would like to listen and work with school districts moving forward. She also shared that she and Mr. DeKeyser met with Michigan's 48<sup>th</sup> House District Representative, Jennifer Conlin earlier today to give her a better understanding of the Whitmore Lake School District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.*

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

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

*5/15/2023*  
Date