

Whitmore Lake Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023 – High School Media Center – 6:00 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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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 6:00 p.m. by President Michelle Kritzman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole

Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried

BUDGET HEARING

Director of Finance and Operations, Denise Kerrigan, acknowledged the main purpose of the budget hearing is to set the amounts that will be levied for 2023 per the MCL Headlee rollback. She shared that we will receive the full 18 mills from our state aid this year. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the proposed general fund budget recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year. She shared that the budget reflects an increase in revenue based on the Governor, Senate, and House proposals that include a per-pupil allowance, school nurse, and school safety. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the 2023-2024 proposed budgets for the Community Recreation Fund and the Sinking Fund, and answered all questions from Board members.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Kimberlee Ventura, introduced the 2023-24 Student Council President Natalie Meadows. Kimberlee also thanked the Board for the experience while serving the past year.

Board members welcomed Natalie as the new representative and thanked Kimberlee for her service.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$423,737 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$586,870 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of May 15, 2023, and May 31, 2023 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA Resolution

Motion to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the year August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Henry; 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 L-4029Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2023 Tax Rate Request as presented was made by Mrs.

Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes -7; Nays -0, motion carried 7-0

Paraprofessional Negotiations

Motion to approve the ratification of the contract agreement between Whitmore Lake Public Schools and the Whitmore Lake Paraprofessional Association, MEA/NEA effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 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 May 31, 2023 financial report. She shared the pool repairs in Community Recreation are complete and expects to receive a final invoice which will be reflected in the final budget.

YCS Letter of Support

Motion to support the request of consolidation debt funding for Ypsilanti Community Schools was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Extended Learning Plan Assessment

Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, provided an overview of the academic assessment data on the MAP/NWEA 2022-2023 results in mathematics and reading with the Board in accordance with Section 98b of Public Act 144 of 2022. She also shared and reviewed the 2022-2023 School Year Goal Report regarding the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan with the Board. Mrs. Heuker then answered all Board member questions.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jennifer Sadowski, and the hiring of Chaille Guilloz, Davis Radde, Sharon Barney, and Elliot Rhodes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Mrs. Kritzman announced that the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, June 26th may possibly change to Tuesday, June 27th do to a schedule conflict. She also advised the public to review the website for updates.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Meadows announced WLPS had eleven students compete at the State Track Meet.

Mrs. Schwennesen announced the annual Washtenaw County Clean-up is scheduled for June 24, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the High School. She also shared that this is for residents of Washtenaw County only and you must show id.

Mrs. Kritzman shared she recently attended the Legislative Breakfast at the WISD. She also shared they had a big discussion regarding the Ypsilanti Community Schools consolidation debt funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Lisa C. McCully, Secretary, Board of Education

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