



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*)

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, Community Recreation & Aquatics Director, Ann Kehn, and Athletic Director, Brad McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents, and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:01 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 – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows was unable to attend however; she sent an update with Mr. Meadows to share. He read, the students had a lot of fun and worked hard helping community members during the Annual Rake N' Run held last week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening. Topics of discussion included food service, a grant for busing, purchase of a van for special education, hiring additional paraprofessionals, and a bond

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired about the purchase of a van for special education and a breakdown of building needs for a bond. Mr. DeKeyser shared the transportation grant along with funding from the county will cover the cost of the van. He also updated the Board on information received from the facility management team's assessment of each building. He shared that the building maintenance updates to include rooftop repair, HVAC repair, sidewalks, parking lot repairs, etc. are approximately thirty million dollars. We are also looking at a modernization of the Elementary School to include updated security of the entryway, windows and classrooms at an estimated fifteen million and the Main Street Campus and Middle/High School updates and repairs would be an additional six million.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$469,073 in payments from Accounts Payable and \$507,345 transfer to Sinking Fund; further to approve the transfer of \$629,747 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 13, 2023, and October 31, 2023 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2024 Board of Education schedule of meetings as presented was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Community Recreation

Community Recreation and Aquatics Director, Ann Kehn shared her list of goals and accomplishments, over the last eight months, in Community Recreation with the Board. She then updated the Board on new programs being added, staffing, the accomplishments of the Swim & Dive Teams, the purchase of bleachers to add additional seating, during swim meets and other events, and the pool inspection & preventative maintenance costs. She also shared information and the inspection update on the recent discovery of a pool leak.

Athletics

Athletic Director, Brad McCormack shared the 2023 fall sports season highlights and team accomplishments. He also announced the Girls Cross Country team broke multiple school records, and are MIAC Champions, Regional Champions and D4 State Champions this fall. Mr. McCormack then shared that the winter sports have begun and answered all other Board member quest

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following;

- 1) Theater bleacher contract – almost complete, discussing start dates, expect to sign by early next week.
- 2) Energy Bond – researching the idea of an energy bond, to replace older equipment with higher energy efficient equipment, i.e. lighting, heating/cooling units at the MS/HS. The savings in energy pays toward the new equipment. An Energy Bond would require Board approval. There is a possibility of a presentation from the company at the December meeting.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the retirement plans for High School Special Education Teacher, Blake Groenhout on June 30, 2023, and the hiring of Robin Armstrong at the Montessori Preschool & Daycare, and Mark Stewart as an Assistant Wrestling Coach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

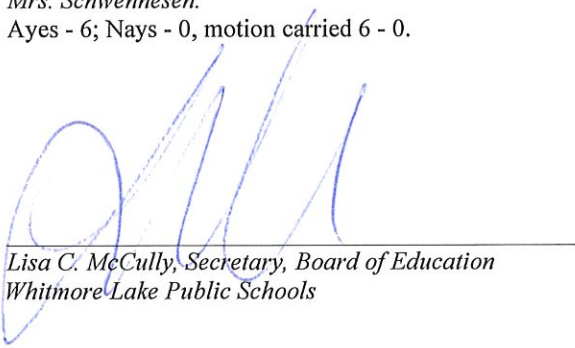
Mrs. Schwennesen reminded Board members she is collecting their donations for the Northfield Human Services Adopt-a Family this year.

Mrs. Kritzman announced the MASB Legislative Breakfasts are scheduled for January 22, 2024, and May 20, 2024. She also announced the WISD plans to have a special education millage renewal ballot at the November 2024 election.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



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

12/11/2023

 Date