



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024 – High School Barb Huang Library – 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 (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker, and Communications and Human Resources Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents, and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:59 p.m. by President Michelle Kritzman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows shared students had a lot of fun at Snowcoming this past weekend. She also shared the MS/HS will have a new service dog named Bo coming to the building soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zolenski reported the Finance Committee met on February 5, 2024. Topics included the budget and survey results received from EPIC MRA. He shared upon reviewing the bond survey results all their questions were answered. Mr. Zolenski then announced the Finance Committee would recommend adding a bond request to the August ballot with a financial ask under three mills. He then shared the committee has requested to review an amended budget during their March meeting.

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met on February 8, 2024. Topics included the budget, personnel matters, and the bond survey. She shared Kelly Sullivan of EPIC MRA went over the survey results and answered their questions. She also shared the survey results were positive overall and show community support for a bond measure. The Executive Committee is recommending the BOE move forward with approval for the August ballot. The committee also recommends the Superintendent to explore options to lower the financial request as much below three mills as possible while still keeping the goals.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024 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 \$710,422 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$584,069 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 12, 2024, and January 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies

Mrs. Kritzman presented the Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulations change options and updates to 1001 – Organization and Functioning of the Board, 2003 – Education Records, 2005 – Communication, 4003 & 4003 AR – Conditions of Employment, 4003.1 AR – Teacher Placement, 4003.2 AR – Teacher Vacancies, 4003.3 AR – Staffing Reductions, 4003.4 AR – Program Reductions, 4003.5 AR –

Recall Process, 4004 & 4004 AR – Evaluations, Discipline and Discharge, Resignations, 4005 – Other Matters of Employment, 6002 & 6002 AR – Threat Assessments, 6006 – Tobacco-Free Environment, 8001 & 8001 AR – Acceptable Use, and 8002 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for a second reading. She also shared there have been no changes since the first reading.

Motion to approve the Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulations as presented was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

2024-2025 Athletic Training Contract

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Athletic Training Services Agreement with MedSport, a Program of The Regents of the University of Michigan was made by Mr. Meadows; 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 January 31, 2024 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

MASB Board of Directors Election

Mrs. Kritzman announced Board members will review and may choose to vote for one of the five candidates representing Region 7 to serve on the board of directors for MASB for a three-year term.

Motion to nominate candidate Sharon Lee representing Region 7 to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors for MASB was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Epic MRA Bond Survey – received the draft survey and executive summary from Epic MRA this week and forwarded to Board members.
- 2) Bond Steering Committee meeting – scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the hiring of Alexa Bloom, Jennifer Chamberlain and Joyce Ramsey at Community Recreation, and Diana Cabrera Silva as an Infant Assistant at GLTW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

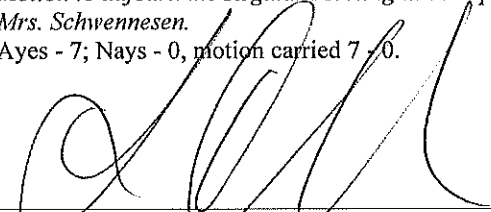
None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman gave a shout-out to MS Drama Club Director, Patti Kobeck, for an amazing job working with the students on their performance over the past weekend. She also announced the High School Drama Club will perform The Little Mermaid on March 8th, March 9th & March 10th, and the Education Foundation raised approximately \$10,000 from the Mom Prom & Auction Fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:31 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
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

3/18/2024
Date