



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 18, 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, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, 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 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows shared the following; spring sport season has begun, many students participated in the Key Club Blood Drive, and the 7th and 8th grade students will begin their Washington field trip tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met on March 7, 2024. Topics included the Adams Billboard, 2024-25 enrollment projections, administration contracts, Bond updates, amended budget, personnel, and heard about a positive relationship with our School Resource Officer, Officer Piatt.

Mr. Meadows reported the Finance Committee met on March 11, 2024. Topics included the General Fund budget amendment, Adams Outdoor Billboard and final agreement, 2024-25 assumptions, personnel, and Jennings Road Track repairs.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$785,144 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$639,852 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 15, 2024, and February 29, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the February 29, 2024 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

2023-2024 Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2023-24 General Fund Amended Budget Summary as presented was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan walked through the 2023-24 Amended Budget Summary with the Board. Mrs. Kerrigan identified the changes made and shared the additional expenses reflect increases to special education, van purchase,

family health insurance costs, pupil instructional increases. She then answered all board member questions.

Roll Call Vote: *Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – Yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – no, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 1, motion carried 6 – 1

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Kindergarten round up – 61 students attended the event held last week.
- 2) Bond update – Denise and I along with Thrun Law Firm, Kingscott Architects, Clark Construction Managers and PMF Financial Advisors met with the State Treasury today. Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds will be presented at the April 8, 2024 Board meeting for a 2.55 mills bond.
- 3) Facility updates – storm drain failure at WLHS parking lot, cost to repair approximately \$25,000. Jennings Road Track surface removal on hold, looking into additional options to continue, demolition of press box will continue. Theater bleacher demolition in the WLHS Theater will begin Monday, March 25 2024, sound and lighting will be evaluated in that area, which will be paid through a grant
- 4) New Policy Committee – Mr. Henry, Mrs. McCully, and Mrs. Kritzman will meet once per month to review new policies and report during board meetings.
- 5) Interest from Pinckney Community Schools to have boys’ soccer co-operative with WLPS. Athletic Director, Brad McCormack is looking into the possibility, a decision by the board will be requested at the next meeting.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the hiring of Mary Hafner, Charlotte Tatara, and Katie Glupker at Community Recreation, Leahkadia Billow at GLTW Daycare, and In Athletics, Shaun Turkelson as Head Varsity Baseball Coach and Don Muchow as MS Softball Coach,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

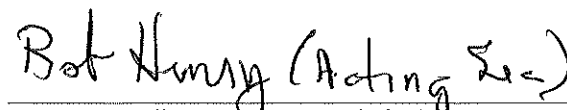
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Zolenski shared he attended a great performance of “The Little Mermaid” by the High School Drama Club. He also shared the costumes looked like they were purchased from Hollywood.

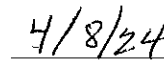
Mrs. Kritzman shared the BOE will present two Scholarships at the Senior Awards Night on May 22, 2024, and the Community Scholarship reading will be on April 6, 2024, Board members interested in helping should let he know soon. She also shared the WASB met last week and discussed how funding for special education works.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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



Date