



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Meadows (*Treasurer*), and Lee Cole (*Trustee*),

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 7:02 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 – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows shared Student Council recognized the staff with a luncheon during staff appreciation week. She also shared highlights from the spring sports, reporting that the Track Team received two new school records in both the four by four and the four by eight relays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met on May 9, 2024. Topics included the revised MASB superintendent evaluation tool, administration contracts, an upcoming WISD combined Special Education millage renewal, bond language, and the possibility of new housing development in the area.

Mr. Zolenski reported the Finance Committee met on April 22, 2024. Topics included the WISD budget, retirements in June, budget performance report, Adams Billboard contract, energy bond, and Community Recreation updates and repairs.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired on the savings of an energy bond. Mr. DeKeyser shared they are still gathering information and should have more information over the next few months.

Mr. Zolenski also reported the Finance Committee met again earlier this evening, May 13, 2024. Topics included administration contract extensions, letter from WISD regarding Medicaid overpayment, and the WISD budget / ballot proposal.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$673,896 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$594,586 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 15, 2024, and April 30, 2024 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

WLPS School Bond Proposal

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Bond Proposal for a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired on the reasons for the ballot language. Mr. DeKeyser shared that the law requires proposals to include the purpose of the bond in the language. He then answered all additional Board member questions regarding the language.

Roll call vote: *Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes.*
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution in support of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District 2024-2025 Budget as presented was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mr. DeKeyser shared their budget includes a 1-2% salary increase for staff. He also shared there is no substantial changes to any of the formulas used in distribution of funds.

Roll call vote: *Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes,*
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

SpEd Millage Renewal Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution in support for the WISD's proposed special education millage renewal question, to be placed on the ballot of the November 5, 2024, election was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared this proposal, as she understands, would combine two Special Education Millage's into one renewal with no changes in mills being levied. Mr. DeKeyser concurred and shared this is an important millage for every school district in the county. He then answered all Board member questions.

Roll call vote: *Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes*
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the April 30, 2024 financial report. She also noted an error on the report, and shared the projected amendment amount under the General Fund expenditures should read \$14,820,145. Mrs. Kerrigan then answered all board member questions and added that Food Service recently had their five-year administrative review by the state with an overall good review.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Adams Billboard – finalized contract signed, notarized and the district has received the payment.
- 2) Kudos to Denise Kerrigan for completing the Food Service Administrative review while still preparing for the end-of-year audit and the 2024-25 school year budget.
- 3) Elementary School – cancelled classes on Thursday, due to a power outage early in the morning and an estimated three-hour repair time.
- 4) Met with PFM and Clark who are working together to prepare a website calculator to place on the WLPS website with the bond information.
- 5) Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 2, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. board members should plan to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board acknowledged the retirement of Kris Klump-Ward at the end of the 2023-24 school year. They also thanked her for the many years of commitment and service to the district and students, and wished her well.

The board then acknowledged all other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library. The regular meeting will begin with the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

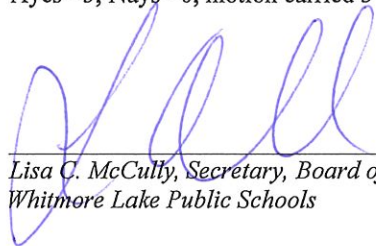
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the MS/HS Band will have their Band Concert on Thursday, May 16, 2024 and fellow alumni will perform with them. She also shared the Board of Education will present two scholarships at the Senior Awards Night held in the High School gymnasium on May 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen

Ayes - 5; Nays - 0, motion carried 5 - 0.



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

6/10/2024
Date