



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special / Regular Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024 – Main Street Campus Admin Office Conference Room – 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

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 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. Henry.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$580,708 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$503,823 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of July 15, 2024, and July 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Henry reported the Policy Committee met on July 19, 2024. Mr. DeKeyser shared the policies and administrative regulations updates with the board and answered Board Member questions.

Mrs. Schwennesen announced that the Executive Committee met on August 8, 2024. Topics included the failing of the Bond Proposal and next steps to move forward. She also shared the committee recommends adding a Sinking Fund Millage Proposal to the November 5, 2024 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy as prepared by Thrun Law Firm, made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser engaged in a discussion with Board members

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-4029 Tax Rate

Motion to approve the L-4029 2024 Tax Rate Request as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

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

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Matthew Penner as a full time Elementary Math Teacher at level 11 on the WLEA BA salary scale, and

to approve the hire of Rachel Plummer as a full time MS/HS Math Teacher at level 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale, and

to approve the hire of Suzanne Vivacqua as a full time Early Childhood / Elementary Special Education Teacher at level 7 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a start date of August 21, 2024, made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Facility update – estimated outstanding project costs; theater bleachers at \$300,000, and theater lighting upgrades at \$40,000 paying out of the Sinking Fund. He also shared the emergency repair estimated costs at the Main Street Campus: sewer pump failure at \$25,000, hot water heater failure at \$16,000, at the Elementary School: no air in cafeteria at \$15,000 and additional security upgrades at \$100,000.
- 2) Updated Board members on the Washtenaw ISD ballot proposal.
- 3) Jennings Rd update – 3-story press box tower and bleachers with attached press box is scheduled to be removed this week at the lowest bids of \$5000 and \$8000, respectively. Track repair is not included.
- 4) A Finance Meeting will be held in September.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board also acknowledge all the resignations and hiring of staff as listed on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced that the August 19, 2024 Board of Education is cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

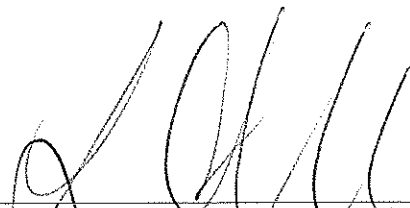
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced that the Education Foundation is hosting a Book Bingo Fundraising Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Whitmore Lake Rod & Gun Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:53p.m. was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole

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



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

9/16/2024
Date