



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*) (*arrived at 7:25 p.m.*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Lindsey Collins (*Trustee*), and Kelly Henning (*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, and Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents, and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Frank Zolenski.

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected Board Members, Lindsey Collins and Kelly Henning were sworn into office by Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Zolenski, called for nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board for the 2025 calendar year.

Mr. Meadows nominated Mrs. Kritzman as President, Mr. Zolenski as Vice President, and Mrs. McCully as Secretary. Mr. Zolenski nominated Mr. Meadows as Treasurer and inquired if there were any other nominations.

Motion to close all board officer nominations for the 2025 calendar year was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Michelle Kritzman, as President of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Frank Zolenski, as Vice President of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Lisa McCully, as Secretary of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of John Meadows, as Treasurer of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Collins.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

2025 ELECTED OFFICERS

Elected officers assumed their respective positions. Vice President Zolenski assumed the Board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION	<p>In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, staff and many student organizations from each building presented board members with gifts and tokens of appreciation.</p> <p>Mr. DeKeyser thanked the Board for their devoted service to the students and district.</p>
STUDENT COUNCIL	<p>Student Council President, Landen Livingston was not able to attend. Student Council Representative, Lydia Stefanovski updated board members on the festivities planned during Snowcoming week, which begins January 27, 2025. She also shared the theme for Snowcoming this year is “Carnival”.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>None</p>
CONSENT ITEMS	<p><i>Motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the December 16, 2024 closed session was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0</p> <p><i>Motion to approve fund transfer of \$531,937 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$647,244 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of December 13, 2024, and December 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
<i>School of Choice</i>	<p><i>Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students in K – 12 in all programs for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105 (c) of the State School Aid Act was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Meadows.</i></p> <p>Mr. Meadows inquired about second semester. Mr. DeKeyser shared that a decision for second semester could be done at a later date. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0</p>
<i>Personnel</i>	<p><i>Motion to approve the hire of Denise Smith, as the Elementary Special Education Resource Teacher at Level 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with an effective date of January 6, 2025 was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Meadows.</i></p> <p>Mr. DeKeyser shared that Denise recently completed the Paraprofessional-to-Teacher Certification Pilot Program led by WISD in partnership with local school districts and Eastern Michigan University, receiving her special education teaching certificate. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0</p>
<i>Financial Report</i>	<p>Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the December 31, 2024 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.</p>
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	<p>Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board on the K-5 English Language Arts curriculum review process and schedule for recommendation by BOE.</p>
OTHER INFORMATION	<p>The board acknowledged the resignations of Lifeguard and Aquatics Supervisors, Daniel Kehn and Conor Trotter, and Under-18 Lifeguards, Chaille Guilloz, Ajax Coleman, and Kate Ralls in Community Recreation</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.</p>
CALL TO THE PUBLIC	<p>None</p>
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS	<p>Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Henning expressed their gratitude becoming a member and look forward to working with the other Board members. They also shared that they will be attending the CBA 101: Fundamentals of School Board Service scheduled on Saturday, January 18, 2025.</p>

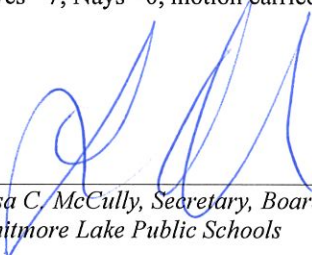
Mrs. Kritzman reminded the Board members of the Legislative Breakfast on January 27, 2025 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the WISD. She also announced the MS Drama club will be performing "How to Get Away With a Murder Mystery" A Murder Mystery Spoof by Don Zolidis, in the high school theater on February 7th & 8th at 7:00 p.m. and on February 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. McCully welcomed the new Board members and shared she is looking forward to working together.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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

2/17/2025

Date