



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2025 – 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*), 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 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. Cole. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

WISD CTE Director, Ryan Rowe, presented the board with plans to establish Applied & Experiential Learning, including Career Technical Education (CTE) programming in Washtenaw County. He also shared plans to launch Aviation/Aerospace, Engineering/Construction, and Business/Entrepreneur programs in the fall for the Washtenaw County School Districts.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Landen Livingston shared highlights from Snowcoming week. He also shared, planning for the Spring Fling celebration will begin soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Collins shared that the Executive Committee met on February 3, 2025. Topics included updates on an energy bond, personnel, Red Rover platform for job postings, and safety and security.

Mr. Meadows shared that the Finance Committee met on February 11, 2025. Topics included the budget, recommend amendment in March, funding to improve the district website, GLTW tuition increases, insurance hard caps and updates on an energy bond and personnel

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 Board of Education / Organizational / 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 \$664,962 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$626,241 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 15, 2025, and January 31, 2025 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

MASB Board of Directors Election

Mr. DeKeyser briefed the Board on the MASB Region 7 Candidates. Mrs. Kritzman announced Board members may choose to vote for one of the three candidates representing Region 7 to serve on the board of directors for MASB.

Motion to nominate candidate Cory McLaughlin representing Region 7 to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors for MASB was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

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, 2025 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1) Facility update – RFP was submitted for a Comprehensive, Performance-Based Energy Conservation Program. The request includes energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, and training on HVAC systems. A financial commitment will be necessary in March or April.

OTHER INFORMATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Collins shared that the Education Foundation had their annual Mom Prom fundraiser. She also shared that the ticket sales for the event were down this year, but those that attended had a great time.

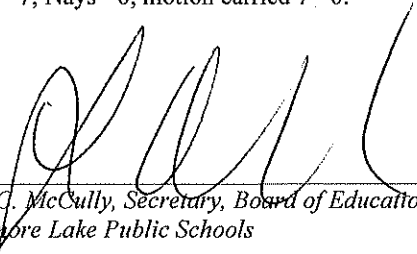
Mrs. Henning announced the Community Scholarship Committee will meet tomorrow, February 18, 2025 to prepare the donation request letters for mailing. Mrs. Kritzman announced that the Board of Education will present two scholarships again this year.

Mrs. Kritzman gave a shout out to the MS Drama club and their Director, Patti Kobeck for a great performance. She also announced she attended the Legislative Breakfast which proved to be very interesting, discussions included federal level politics and the new Dyslexia testing requirement coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m. 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

3/10/2025
Date