



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*) (*arrived at 7:06 p.m.*), 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 President Michelle Kritzman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Eric John Roberts of Ann Arbor, MI introduced himself and shared he is running for election on the Washtenaw ISD Board on June 2, 2025.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Landen Livingston shared they will begin planning for the Spring Fling celebration at the next meeting. He also shared that the Junior & Senior Prom is scheduled for May 10, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows shared that the Finance Committee met on March 3, 2025. The main topic included the additional expenses and revenues to the budget and would recommend approving the amended budget. Other topics included Sinking Fund expenses and renewal, an Energy Bond, and personnel.

Mrs. Collins shared that the Policy Committee met on March 3, 2025. They reviewed several of the policy updates as the first reading and recommend waiting until April due to executive orders that may impact those policies.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$664,521 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$646,703 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 14, 2025, and February 28, 2025 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Marching Band Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal for an overnight WLHS Marching Band Trip submitted by Elisa Fixler, MS/HS Band Director, to travel to Hersey, MI for Band Camp from July 28, 2025 to August 1, 2025 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

2024-2025 Budget Proposal and Resolution

Motion to approve the 2024-25 General Fund Amended Budget Summary as presented was made by Mrs. Cole; supported by Mrs. Henning.

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

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan walked through the 2024-25 Amended Budget Summary with the Board. Mrs. Kerrigan identified the changes made and shared the additional revenue is mostly from GSRP and Act 18 funding. She also shared that the additional expenses reflect increases to special education, utility costs, maintenance repairs, and additional personnel in custodial and transportation departments.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. Henning – yes, Mrs. Collins – yes, Mr. Cole – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Approval of Comprehensive, Performance-Based Energy Conservation Program RFP

Motion to award the bid for the Comprehensive, Performance-Based Energy Conservation Program to Trane for an Amount not to exceed \$3,039,214 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.

Mr. DeKeyser shared this plan came after the August and November election proposals failed. He shared the major HVAC issues still persist and recommended the Board to move forward with the plan due to catastrophic risks of not doing anything, which could include shutting down buildings. He also shared this program would have a cost avoidance starting out at a minimum of \$100,000. He would also recommend the loan to be paid out of the sinking fund to avoid hits to the general fund. He then answered all Board member questions.

School Improvement Bonds Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of bonds and other matters relating thereto as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Collins – yes, Mrs. Henning – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes,
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Facility update – school improvement bond sales are expected sometime in May, with plans to start the repairs and modifications/upgrades at the end of May or early June.
- 2) Announcements – a middle school redistricting meeting with 6th grade parents at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Kindergarten Round-up at the elementary at 6:00 p.m. and a Montessori curriculum night at the main street campus on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole shared he attended the Northfield Township Park & Recreation meeting. Topics included reviewing the park plans with the Northfield Township Board.

Mrs. Henning announced a representative from the Community Scholarship Fund will be present at Kindergarten Round-up to register students for the Future Trojan Scholarship drawing, with a chance to win the \$1000 scholarship, after completing Kindergarten through 12th grade, in the Whitmore Lake School District.

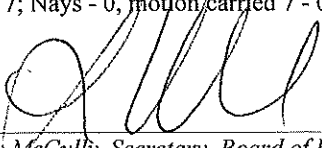
Mr. Zolenski announced the High School Drama Club will perform the 'Descendants' musical this weekend, March 14th, 15th & 16th.

Mrs. Kritzman announced WISD will host an Educational Program on Dyslexia Thursday, March 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:33 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

4/14/2025
Date