



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Lindsey Collins (*Trustee*), and Kelly Henning (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*)

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

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent DeKeyser presented plans to the Board to consider redistribution of Pre-K – 5th grade and 6th – 12th grades. He shared he has held meetings with parents whom the change could impact and answered their questions. He also shared, as a growing district, the savings in transportation costs, the additional space needed for the preschool, GSRP, Head Start, and Montessori programs, and the ability to provide a middle school, grades sixth through eighth, with additional programming electives. Mr. DeKeyser and MS/HS Principal, Mrs. Henry then answered all Board member questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Landen Livingston was not able to attend. Student Council Representative, Lydia Stefanovski shared that members are busy preparing for the Spring Fling celebration being held on May 9, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. McCully shared that the Policy Committee met on April 7, 2025. She shared that the Committee reviewed the Miller Johnson Policies and Administrative Regulations revisions and updates 18.01 – 19.11 as presented in attachment 6. Mrs. McCully announced that the Committee recommends approval of the changes as presented, noting that updates to 19.01 and 19.07 (2006 & 2006-AR – Behavior) are not recommended to be changed, and the update to 19.08 (4003-AR – Conditions of Employment) use the Front Load Method.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that the Miller Johnson update 19.02 under Business – 5000 series is non-existent for LEA's. He also reminded Board members that the first reading of the policies is accomplished during the review of the Policy Committee. Mr. DeKeyser and the Committee members then answered all other Board member questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$509,061 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$646,703 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 14, 2025, and March 31, 2025 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 Athletic Training Contract

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Athletic Training Services Agreement with MedSport, a Program of The Regents of the University of Michigan was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Meadows inquired if the agreement is the same as in the past years. Mrs. Kerrigan replied that the agreement is the same but the price increased around 8% and was informed that was due to their internal costs.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Resolution to Consider Designation Of Electoral Representative

Motion to consider the proposed resolution to designate the district's electoral representative and an alternate representative to serve on the 2025 electoral body responsible for electing members of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Biennial Election was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mrs. Kritzman briefed the Board members on the resolution. Mr. DeKeyser shared that there will be a resolution presented at the May 12, 2025 regular meeting for the board to designate a delegate to serve on the 2025 electoral body to elect a member(s) to the WISD Board of Education. Mr. Cole volunteered to be the delegate and Mrs. Kritzman volunteered to be the alternate representative.

Roll call vote: Mr. Meadows – yes, McCully – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. Henning – yes, Mrs. Collins – yes, Mr. Cole – yes
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the March 31, 2025 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

Board of Education Policies

The Board reviewed the recommended Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulations, 2003-AR – Education Records, 3001 & 3001-AR – Curriculum Development, 4003 & 4003-AR – Conditions of Employment, 4004 – Evaluations, Discipline and Discharge, Resignations, 5008 & 5008-AR – Meal Charge / Food Services, 6002 – Safety and Security, 6003 – Firearms and Other Weapons, 6004 – School Crisis, Response, and Closure, 7010-AR – School Visitors, 8002 & 8002-AR – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and 8007.3-AR – Sexual Harassment Under Title IX – Employees and Students for a second reading.

Motion to approve the Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulations as listed and recommended was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Collins.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Redistricting Approval

Motion to approve the Pre-K – 5 and 6 – 12 redistribution plan beginning with the 2025-26 school year was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Henning.

Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Kritzman shared that it is a big change but is excited to expand the possibilities with the change.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1) Thanked Board members for approving the redistricting. He then shared this change will be shared with the staff and public as soon as possible.

2) Facility Updates – Elementary Library will see some remodeling over the summer by volunteers. This will include moving furniture, a mural in the pit area, painting of walls, and possibility of new furniture, through a recently submitted grant, by Heidi Roy-Borland. The Energy Bond Contract was accepted and is being reviewed by the lawyers before signing.

3) Updated Board members with changes presented from the Federal Government regarding Title VI Compliance, cuts to COVID funding used to support schools through the ISD, and cuts to the Head Start Program.

4) MS/HS - informed Board members on the recent changes permitted by the Department of Natural Resources for goose round-up, that include geese being euthanized instead of just being rounded up and released to a game management/wildlife area, as in the past. He also shared they have the right to stop the round-up if they have any issues and should let him know immediately. He then shared that the high school Robotics team, The Trobots, are traveling to Texas this week to compete in the World Robotics Competition.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board acknowledged the retirement of MS/HS Paraprofessional, Yvonne Haynes and 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, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Collins announced that the Education Foundation met and are in the planning stages for their next Book Bingo and Mom Prom fundraisers.

Mrs. Henning announced Jameson Cagle won the Future Trojan Scholarship award. He will receive a \$1000 scholarship, after completing Kindergarten through 12th grade, in the Whitmore Lake School District. Mrs. Kritzman added if you are interested in judging the applications received or presenting the Board of Education Scholarship on April 29, 2025 and May 21, 2025, respectively to let her or Mrs. Henning know as soon as possible.

Mrs. Kritzman shared that the MASB presentation on Dyslexia she attended was great and very interesting to hear everything. She also shared the next Legislative Breakfast will be held on May 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



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

5/12/2025
Date