



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**June 23, 2025 – High School Barb Huang Library – 6:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lindsey Collins (*Trustee*), Kelly Henning (*Trustee*) (*arrived at 6:09 p.m.*), and Lee Cole (*Trustee*) (*arrived at 6:30 p.m.*)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michelle Kritzman (*President*)

**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 6:05 p.m. by Vice President Frank Zolenski.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Zolenski requested to remove the Curriculum that is listed under new business until the July 21, 2025 meeting.

*Motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, motion carried

**BUDGET HEARING**

*2024-2025 Final Budget Proposal and  
2025-2026 Budget Proposal*

Director of Finance and Operations, Denise Kerrigan, acknowledged the main purpose of the budget hearing is to set the amounts that will be levied for 2025 per the MCL Headlee rollback. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the levied mills and the budgets they affect, sharing that WLPS would receive the full 18 mills from our state aid this year.

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board on the 2024-2025 final budget proposal, reviewing the increases in revenue and decreases in expenses since the amended budget. She also shared the projected 2024-25 fund balance is 7.86%. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the 2025-2026 budget proposal with the board, clarifying that the revenue is based on estimates due to the uncertainty of the state budget and answered all Board member questions.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council President, Landen Livingston updated the board on their election results for the 2025-2026 school year. He then shared that the new Student Council President, Jacob Bisonett, will attend the BOE meetings beginning in the fall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Collins reported that the Executive Committee met on June 2, 2025. Topics included the mid-year superintendent evaluation requirements, WLEA negotiation updates, school calendar, posting of WLES Principal, and 2025-26 Middle School courses.

Mr. Meadows reported that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025. Topics included the Michigan House and Senate proposals regarding the SOM school aid budget, the 2024-25 final budget, the proposed 2025-26 budget, Sinking Fund renewal in 2027, Recreation Fund renewal in 2028, purchase of steamers in food service, Fund 42 to track expenditures and revenue with the energy bond, personnel notes, sewer easement, and energy savings of \$40,000 since pool upgrades.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the May 12, 2025 closed session, and the June 5, 2025 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$700,771 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$676,683 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of May 15, 2025, and May 30, 2025 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *L-4029 Tax Rate*

*Motion to approve the L-4029 2025 Tax Rate Request as presented was made by Mrs. Collins; supported by Mrs. McCully.*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

### *2024-2025 Final Budget Resolution*

*Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget General Appropriations Resolutions as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.*  
**Roll call vote:** Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mrs. Henning – yes, Mrs. Collins – yes, Mr. Cole – yes  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

### *2025-2026 Budget Resolution*

*Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Original Budget General Appropriations Resolutions as presented was made by Mrs. Collins; supported by Mr. Meadows.*  
**Roll call vote:** Mrs. Collins – yes, Mrs. Henning – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

### *Borrowing Resolution*

*Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2025-2026 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

Mrs. Kerrigan shared that in order to meet cash flow needs, the district needs to borrow funds. She also shared that the increase is to allow us the cash needed, until the state aid and taxes are received.

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

### *WISD CTE Millage Resolution*

*Motion to approve the resolution in support of a Washtenaw Intermediate School District CTE Millage (1 mill, ten years) proposal, intended for the November 2025 ballot was made by Mrs. Henning; supported by Mrs. Collins.*

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

### *2026 Washington D.C. Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the proposal for a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. from March 17, 2026 through March 20, 2026 submitted by MS/HS teacher Carrie Starman was made by Mrs. Collins; supported by Mr. Meadows.*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

### *2026 Performing Arts Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the proposal for a middle/high school overnight trip submitted by Elisa Fixler, MS/HS Band Director, over the 2026 spring break, for 6 days, to Lake Buena Vista, FL. Was made by Mrs. Henning; supported by Mrs. Collins.*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

### *Personnel*

*Motion to approve the hire of Molly Bartley as a full time Middle/High School Social Worker at level 1 on the WLEA MA salary scale, and*

*to approve the hire of Rindy Root-Kolic as a part-time Middle/High School Social Studies Teacher at level 4 on the WLEA BA salary scale, and*

*to approve the hire of Margot Moffa as a full time Middle/High School Math and Special Education Teacher at level 3 on the WLEA BA salary scale as presented, with a start date of August 19, 2025, made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Collins.*

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



*Administration Contracts*

*Motion to approve the renewal contract of Assistant Superintendent, Denise Kerrigan, Communications and Human Resources Director, Maria Carter Ewald, and Middle/High School Principal and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry-Peters effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, and*

*to approve the renewal contract of Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, and new contract for Jennifer Petzke, as Elementary Principal, effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2027 as presented was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Collins.*

*Mr. DeKeyser shared that Jill Henry was added to the year-round contracts while Melissa Heuker and Jennifer Petzke would remain under the not year-round contract.*

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

*MHSAA Resolution*

*Motion to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the year August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 was made by Mrs. Collins; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser gave a shout-out to the Transportation Department who jumped in to help install some portable AC units in classrooms at the Main Street Campus during the heat wave to avoid a possible shut down. He also thanked Jennifer Petzke for accepting the position as the new Elementary Principal, and Denise Kerrigan for her endless hours spent preparing the budgets and getting ready for the audit.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The board acknowledge the retirements of Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, with an effective date of August 31, 2025, and District Math Coach, Carolyn Otterman, Mechanic/Transportation Coordinator, Steve Wolk and Transportation Bus Driver, Lloyd Vogel, effective June 30, 2025, and the resignations of Community Recreation Lifeguards, Alaina Carson and Ashlyn Houtman.

The board also acknowledge the hiring of Izaak Angel as HS Assistant Football Coach, Jeremy Bell and Adam Brown as Assistant MS Football Coaches, Gabby Ditto as Sideline and Competitive Cheer Coach, Madison Dutton as Infant Assistant Teacher, Savannah Pomorski as Infant/Toddler Assistant Teacher, Cierra Adams as a part-time Summer Camp Paraprofessional, Isabella Johnson as Lifeguard Under 18 and the transfers of Daniela Paute to Montessori Infant Lead Teacher and Jamie Goyette to Middle School Science Teacher.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Street Campus, Administration Office Conference Room.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

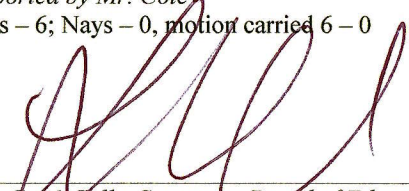
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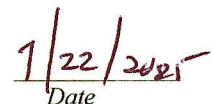
**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:58 p.m. was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

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

  
Date