



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, November 17, 2025 — 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School

Barb Huang Library



WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mission Statement

*Partnering with students, parents, and the community to
provide exceptional, personalized education.*

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 17, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School Barb Huang Library
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd.
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

“The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.”

BOARD CLARIFICATION

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jacob Bissonette will present the student council report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting. **(Attachment 1)**

Approve fund transfer of \$767,552 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$754,494 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2025 and October 31, 2025. **(Attachment 2)**

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Board of Education schedule of meetings. Approval is recommended. **(Attachment 3)**

School of Choice

Pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act, it is recommended that the Board adopt limited open enrollment for students K-5 and unlimited open enrollment for students grade levels in 6-12 in all programs for the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.

Financial Report

Attachment 4 contains the Budget Performance Report for October 31, 2025. Assistant Superintendent, Denise Kerrigan will update the Board with information regarding the financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Community Recreation

Ann Kehn, Aquatic and Recreation Director, will update Board members on activities planned in Community Recreation.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

Montessori Infant Teacher Assistant, Jayline Presley and Elementary Paraprofessional, Amy Warren have submitted their letter of resignation with an effective date of November 10, 2025 and November 24, 2025, respectively.

The following people have recently accepted positions with WLPS; Zalynn Becker-Chase as Montessori EDU Care Team Member, Julia Hamrick and Kim Studer as Food Service worker with an effective date of November 10, 2025, and in Athletics, Alexis LaCruze as Bowling Coach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Kritzman, Mrs. McCully, Mr. Meadows, and Mr. Zolenski

ADJOURNMENT

Participation Request” form if you wish to address the Board prior to the Public Comment section of the meeting. Please include your name, address and topic you wish to speak on. Those wishing to speak in Public Comment are limited to three (3) minutes.

0000 – BYLAWS

0160 - MEETINGS

0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings

Tape or video recordings are permitted subject to the following conditions:

- A. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- B. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- C. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.

The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment.

M.C.L. 15.253(4)(5)(6), 380.1808

Revised 9/27/2010

Use of Recording Devices

Anyone attending a school event who wishes to record the activity on a visual recording device shall be asked to abide by the following rules:

- A. The recorder must operate the device within the area designated by the principal or director of the activity.
- B. The camera must not block the view of any other attendees or interfere with others who seek to record the activity.
- C. Those who record or assist a recorder must not block any passageways nor interfere with any other attendee’s participation or observation of the activity.
- D. If sound is also being recorded, the recorder must not ask other attendees to be quiet or to change their behavior in order to improve the quality of the sound.
- E. If the District is recording the activity, the principal may arrange for a person to obtain a copy providing s/he agrees to provide a tape and pay whatever the principal may need to charge to cover the costs of transfer.

Where the District does not possess the appropriate license or permission to allow the recording of a copyrighted work or performance, notice will be given, when possible, prior to the exhibit or performance. Announcements shall be made at the beginning of any such exhibit or performance.

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Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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, Assistant Superintendent, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Instructional Interventionist & Montessori Principal, Cory Woodard, Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker, and Communication & 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 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Jacob Bissonette shared that the Homecoming festivities went well. He also shared that a lot of students were able to attend the dance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows reported that the Finance Committee met on October 13, 2025. Topics included state budget updates; per pupil was higher than predicted at \$10,050, food service will be free again this year, some uncertainty exists in categoricals...more information is expected in the coming weeks in particular with at-risk funding. He also reported that the district enrollment is higher than predicted from 700 to 724, and all indicators point to a stable budget this year.

Mrs. Collins shared that the Executive Committee met on October 15, 2025. Topics included, reviewing the Superintendent evaluation process and work to date, the committee will meet again in November to prepare a recommendation to the whole Board to review and discuss in closed session at the December meeting, contractual changes can be made in open session. She also shared that Mr. DeKeyser is planning on seeking approval for a new LCA member, providing updates on the LCA contract and lease renewals, and providing an Athletic and Community Recreation update in November.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025 Board of Education 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 \$701,441 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$668,065 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of September 15, 2025, and September 30, 2025 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Zolenski.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Academic Assessment

Elementary Instructional Interventionist & Montessori Principal, Cory Woodard, shared that the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) is administered online each spring and is designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards. He then provided an overview of the academic performance results on the spring 2025 M-STEP noting the percentage of Whitmore Lake students who are at or above the state percentage. Mr. Woodard then answered all board member questions.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Student enrollment update – 24 of our 724 students registered, attend the WEOC programs offered through the WISD. The WEOC programs include WAVE (seat-time waiver program) and ECA (Early College Alliance program with Eastern Michigan University)
- 2) WISD CTE Millage – Shared the additional CTE programs that could be offered to WLPS students if the proposal passes on the November 4, 2025 ballot.
- 3) Facilities updates – all lighting upgrades are scheduled to be completed this week, training on the light controls will follow.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the retirement letter received by Middle School Teacher, Eric Kobeck with an effective date of June 2025, the resignations of HS Food Service Manager, Jonelle Lupi, ES Food Service Worker, Renee Anderson and Montessori Teacher Assistants Nicole Pfefferle and Miriam Apostol, and the hiring of Nikki Perez as MSC Custodian, Mercy Brinkerhoff as Swim Instructor, Samantha Price as HS Food Service Manager, Tracey Visser as Food Service Substitute, Cecilia Otero-Villadiego as EDU Care Team Member, Jeni Olney as MS Volleyball Coach, Sydney Pfeiffer as MS/HS Paraprofessional and Danielle Corrie as ECC Paraprofessional.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Collins announced that the Education Foundation Book Bingo was a great success. She also announced that all Foundation Grant Applications will be accepted until November 3, 2025.

Mrs. McCully announced that she is unable to attend the November Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Kritzman announced that she has signed up for the annual Adopt-A-Family, on behalf of the board, again this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. was 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*

Date

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**Whitmore Lake Public Schools
Business Office Transactions**

For the Month Ending:
October 2025

<u>Payroll Transactions</u>	October 15, 2025	\$	366,210
	October 31, 2025	\$	388,284
		\$	<u>754,494</u>

<u>Accounts Payable Transactions</u>		\$	<u>767,552</u>
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Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION 2026 Meeting Schedule

Whitmore Lake Public Schools
8845 Main Street
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
(734) 449-4464

If a BOE meeting will need to be conducted virtually, a link to join the meeting will be posted on the District website under Featured Info & Events.

			LOCATION
January 12, 2026	Organizational/Reg. Mtg	7:00 p.m.	High School
February 9, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
March 9, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
April 13, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
May 11, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
June 22, 2026	Budget Hearing /Reg. Mtg	6:00 p.m.	High School
July 27, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Main Street Campus
August 24, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
September 14, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
October 12, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
November 9, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School
December 14, 2026	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	High School

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in these meetings.

Please note the location is subject to change. View wlps.net for location update.

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Whitmore Lake Public Schools
Budget Performance Reports
October 31, 2025

Revenue	Actual	Adopted Budget	Remaining Budget	% Rec'd	Expected Additional	Projected Amendment
Fund 11 - General Fund Revenue	\$1,251,301	\$14,416,416	\$13,165,115	8.68%	\$730,078	\$15,146,494
Fund 23 - Comm Rec Revenue	\$417,136	\$1,857,200	\$1,440,064	22.46%		
Fund 25 - Food Service Revenue	\$141,362	\$667,300	\$525,938	21.18%		
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$1,505	\$510,000	\$508,495	0.30%		
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted Budget	Remaining Budget	% Used	Expected Additional	Projected Amendment
Fund 11 - General Fund Expenditure	\$4,050,393	\$14,366,016	\$10,315,623	28.19%	\$734,195	\$15,100,211
Fund 23 - Comm Rec Expenditure	\$336,325	\$1,683,700	\$1,347,375	19.98%		
Fund 25 - Food Service Expenditure	\$185,928	\$662,300	\$476,372	28.07%		
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$184,988	\$668,500	\$483,512	27.67%		
Audited Fund Balance 6-30-2025						
Fund 11 - General Fund State Aid Note	\$1,195,566 \$1,770,424					
Fund 23 - Community Recreation	\$385,936					
Fund 25 - Food Service	\$87,510					
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$431,811					