



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025 –High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Lindsey Collins (*Trustee*), and Kelly Henning (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa McCully (Secretary)

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 – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Jacob Bissonette shared that the students worked hard helping community members during the Annual Rake N' Run held last week and thanked the NHS members who went out over the weekend to complete the additional homes. He also shared they have begun planning for the upcoming Holiday and Snowcoming assemblies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows reported that the Finance Committee met on November 11, 2025. Topics included the possibility of amending the 2025-26 budget due to additional revenue and expenditures, reviewing the waiver language in the Per Pupil Mental Health and School Safety - section 31aa grant, and hiring additional elementary personnel. Mrs. Henning shared information on the district's increased costs for health insurance.

Mrs. Collins shared that the Executive Committee met earlier this evening on November 17, 2025. Topics included, the Superintendent's evaluation, recommendations will be shared with a plan to finalize the evaluation during the December meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Collins.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$767,552 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$754,494 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2025, and October 31, 2025 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Collins.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Board of Education schedule of meetings as presented was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.

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

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with limited open enrollment for students K-5 and unlimited open enrollment for students in grade levels 6-12 in all programs for the second semester of the 2025 – 2026 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Henning.

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

Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the October 31, 2025 financial report and provided the revenue and expenditure increases to the 2025-26 budget. She then answered all board member questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Community Recreation

Mr. DeKeyser introduced Ann Kehn, Aquatic and Recreation Director. Mrs. Kehn presented an overview of the new programs being offered and a quick update on the seasonal activities offered to children, adults, and seniors in the Community. She also was happy to report that they will be giving swim lessons to students in first through fourth grades, during the school day, again this year.

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The Board acknowledged the resignations of Montessori Infant Teacher Assistant, Jayline Presley, and Elementary Paraprofessional, Amy Warren, and the hiring of Zalynn Becker-Chase as Montessori EduCare Team Member, Julia Hamrick and Kim Studer as Food Service workers, and Alexis LaCruze as the Bowling Coach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Patti Kobeck, Middle School Drama Club Director, announced that the HS Drama Club will present their performance of 'Puffs' over the weekend of November 21st – 23rd and the MS Drama Club will showcase their musical performance of 'Disney's Dare to Dream Jr.' on December 5th through the 7th.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole updated members on information from the township Parks and Rec Committee meeting that he recently attended.

Mrs. Collings announced that the Education Foundation will be awarding \$15,000 in grants after receiving almost \$30,000 in requests from the Foundation Grant Applications.

Mr. Meadows gave a shout out to the Coaches and the Cross County teams for their success throughout the season and being Cross County State Champions for the third time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m. was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Collins

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



Lisa C. McCully, Secretary Board of Education
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Date