



**WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes- DRAFT
December 22, 2025 – MSC Administrative Office Conference Room – 6 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Whitmore Lake Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 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 7 - 0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS

Section 31aa of the State School Aid Act of 2025

Motion to direct the Superintendent to rescind the District's opt-in to Section 31aa of the State School Aid Act of 2025 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

The Board reviewed the November resolution and recent court ruling (December 17) affirming constitutionality. Mr. DeKeyser shared the Judge did not clarify perpetual waiver concerns; state indicated waiver intended as annual. He also shared that he was advised there is no legal requirement to act but he recommended meeting for transparency and clarified the voting options: a Yes vote: rescind opt-in (do not take funds), and a No vote: Keep opt-in (accept funds).

Roll Call Vote:

Zolenski – yes; Meadows – no; McCully – no; Kritzman – no; Henning – no; Collins – no; Cole – no

Ayes – 1; Nays – 6, motion failed. District remains opted-in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Organizational Meeting will be held at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:10 p.m. was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. Collins.

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