



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

**February 27, 2017 – High School Media Center – 6:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Dignan (*President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Michelle Kritzman (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Lisa McCully (*Trustee*), and John Meadows (*Trustee*)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, and Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:07 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared the profits earned from the Snowcoming dance will be used for events planned in March. She also shared they are discussing dates to start planning for a Spring Fling assembly.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Henry shared the Finance Committee meet earlier this evening and discussed information regarding the Sinking Fund. Mr. DeKeyser added additional information included reviewing rental revenues from various sources.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Board of Education Regular meeting made by Mr. Bob Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Sinking Fund Update*

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board with information received from Barton Malow regarding the high school athletic field drainage repair that may exceed the sinking fund revenues. Mr. DeKeyser also shared Barton Malow is still reviewing other district areas both internally & externally to estimate the costs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*School of Choice*

*Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students K – 12 in all programs for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*  
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

*Overnight Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Matthew Wozniak for the overnight trip to Fifth Grade Camp on May 16, 2017 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.*

Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Matovski shared with the Board the different activities the students may choose to do while at the Howell Nature Center. She also shared fundraising opportunities that are offered to keep the cost minimal for the students.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. DeKeyser shared information received from a recent school improvement survey presented to students and parents in the community. With around 200 people responding, some of the top likes for our Elementary include the small class sizes, the teachers, and the caring environment. They would like to see more elective and academic offerings in the district.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**At 7:00 p.m. this evening, February 27, 2017 the Middle School Choir will perform a Pre-Festival Concert in the High School Theater.**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she attended the Northfield Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting in February. The committee is interested in working with WLPS on a project called the River Walk located off Jennings Rd. She also shared the High School Robotics Team will have their first competition at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School on March 10, 2017 and March 11, 2017.

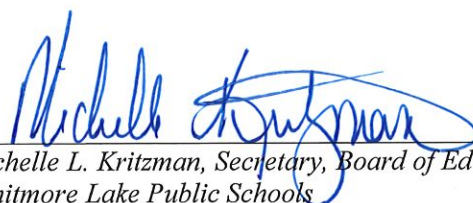
Mr. Dignan shared that he, Mrs. Schwennesen, and Mr. DeKeyser are planning to attend a conference called Changing the Perception of Your District presented by MASB in May.

Mrs. Kritzman shared she attended the Family Dance at the Elementary School and gave great reviews to all who helped put on the event. She also shared that the HS Drama will present A Midsummer Night’s Dream on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the fifth and sixth grade band will have a concert on March 9<sup>th</sup> and NHS will have their annual Lasagna Dinner fundraiser on March 14, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:54 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Henry.*

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

  
Michelle L. Kritzman, Secretary, Board of Education  
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

  
Date