



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**April 18, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ken Dignan (*President*)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Lisa McCully.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Students from the Early Childhood Program said the Pledge of Allegiance and performed several songs for the Board of Education in the High School Theater.

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser recognized April as the “Month of the Young Child” and thanked the children for a nice performance.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Kritzman shared information regarding the Washtenaw ISD Special Education millage proposal and how it would benefit all students in Washtenaw County. Mrs. Kritzman added that Whitmore Lake could receive an estimate of \$453,000 if the millage passes. Additional information can be found on the WISD website.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the millage would aid both general fund and special education as the dollars allocated from the general fund to cover the special education expenses would go back into the general fund to continue other programs.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representatives, Taylor Beloskur and Alexis Dancik, were unable to attend the meeting. They will update the Board at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. LaForest shared that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening. They discussed the preliminary budget for 2016-17 and the

renewal request of 18 mil non homestead tax and renewal of 2 mil Headlee override which is on this evening's agenda.

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the March 21, 2016 Community Engagement and Communications Committee meeting, and the February 22, 2016 Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Slagle.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$193,092 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$390,549 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 11, 2016 and March 25, 2016 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Slagle.*

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Overnight Trip Proposals*

*Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Shelly Lyon for an overnight trip to Fifth Grade Camp on May 24, 2016 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. LaForest.*

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

*Motion to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. on March 28, 2017 submitted by Genevieve Conzelman and Eric Kobeck made by Mrs. LaForest; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

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

### *Tax Renewals*

*Motion to approve the renewal request of 18 mil non homestead tax and renewal of 2 mil Headlee override on the August 2, 2016 ballot was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry.*

Superintendent DeKeyser shared that the 2 mil Headlee override is required by law. It allows for the variation in the cost of living and caps the amount that can be asked. This is a renewal request for non homestead and would be for 10 years.

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

### *NEOLA*

Superintendent DeKeyser shared NEOLA policy 6620 states that the board shall have a fund balance of 10%. Early Warning Legislation states a school district should have 5%. Updated language would be brought back for a second reading.

Mrs. Slagle and Mr. Henry suggested updating the language to read the board shall strive for minimum target fund equity of 5% of revenue.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, shared the following:

- 1) Sinking Fund – Previous discussion with the Finance Committee on adding a Sinking Fund on the August Ballot.
- 2) Thursday, April 21, 2016 the Washtenaw ISD is presenting their budget. If anyone can attend let him know and he'll provide more information.
- 3) The billboard on US-23 is displaying our upcoming drama presentation.
- 4) Mrs. Schwennesen shared that the Robotics Team did not advance to the World Competition. However overall they placed 70<sup>th</sup> with about 400 teams competing in Michigan putting them in about the top 15%.
- 5) Secondary School - very active spring season with all sports, prom is the weekend of April 30, graduation notifications are going out, and this weekend our drama club will be performing Beauty & the Beast on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

## Building Level Report

Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, shared that this Thursday, April 21, 2016, the elementary will be having a recycling family fun night, Friday, April 22, they are hosting Caricature Tea for the promotion of Beauty & the Beast, and on April 29 they will have an Invention Convention instead of the traditional Science Fair.

## CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The next Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting (closed meeting) will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.**

**The next Community Engagement and Communications Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center. This was changed from a Workshop meeting.**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. LaForest gave notification that judging for the scholarship is on May 4th. She will represent the Board again this year.

Mrs. Slagle shared her frustration with the State of Michigan decisions and funding of the 8 Mile Road bridge, Flint water crisis and Detroit Public Schools but they won't help out small towns.

Mr. Henry shared he read in the Free Press how Charter Schools are claiming they don't have funding for Special Education but as a Public Charter School they get the same funding from the ISD as everyone else.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:05 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) for Superintendent's evaluation made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry. Roll call vote required. Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mrs. Slagle – yes*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

**Call to Order**

Open session called to order at 9:05 p.m. by Vice President McCully.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry.*  
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6-0.

*Rita A. LaForest*

*Rita A. LaForest, Secretary, Board of Education  
Whitmore Lake Public Schools*

*5-9-16*  
Date