



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), Rita LaForest (*Secretary*), Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*), and Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend the meeting. She will update the Board at the next meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 Board of Education Workshop-Retreat meeting, and the August 22, 2016 Regular meeting made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Superintendent DeKeyser shared that Molly Lindeman replaced Ms. Gordon and is teaching 3 sections of math at the High School.

Motion to approve the hire of Molly Lindeman as a part time (.67) High School math teacher for the 2016-17 school year at step 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 31, 2016 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. LaForest.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 - 0

NEOLA

Superintendent DeKeyser shared NEOLA policy, Conflict of Interest, updates and revisions with the Board for a first reading. Any errors or questions should be directed to DeKeyser prior to the next board meeting on September 26, 2016 where approval will be recommended.

MASB

Mr. Dignan shared information about The Michigan Association of School Boards 2016 Delegate Assembly scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016. He also stated that he would not be able to attend. Mrs. Schwennesen shared that she would be interested in attending.

Motion to appoint Mrs. Schwennesen as Whitmore Lake Public Schools 2016 Delegate to the Michigan Association of School Boards Assembly made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 - 0

Building, Site, and Recreation

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following information highlighting areas of the facilities that could require repairs / updates. He also gave Board members a tour of the high school to view areas that could need addressing in the near future.

- 1) WLES - Cracking sidewalks
- 2) WLES – update art classroom to include storage cabinets and sink.
- 3) WLES – update classroom for use as a computer lab
- 4) WLMS – parking lot repairs
- 5) Athletic field – track resurfacing and upgrade to include pole vault, baseball and softball fields drainage issues, and fencing around fields.
- 6) WLHS – Theater seating and floors, stage floor, back stage lighting, theater storage area.
- 7) WLHS Pool area – locker room drain issues and retile, pool cover, lighting and water pump.

Mr. Dignan suggested replacing the cement pad at the east end of the elementary with grass and benches along the walkway. He also suggested replacing the placard located in the HS parking lot walkway. Mrs. LaForest inquired about the concrete repairs at the high school. Mr. DeKeyser shared that some concrete leveling would be required throughout the district facilities.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired about a middle school classroom issue when it rains. Mr. DeKeyser shared there is a draining issue in the court yard and it could be investigated. Mr. Dignan and Mrs. LaForest indicated that area was looked at previously and the option was very costly.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Information discussed at the Board Retreat regarding the wireless infrastructure. He informed the board the Erate quote was lower than expected to maximize the band width for an estimated cost of \$33,000. He suggested including this on the next agenda.

Mr. Dignan shared it is critically necessary for the district to move forward. He also acknowledged that the cost is low when compared to the market. Mrs. Kritzman, and Mrs. McCully shared they agree the sooner we can get the technology in place for students to use, it will help in their education.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she agreed and inquired how much time is required to implement the wireless infrastructure. Mr. DeKeyser shared if implementation started in October 2016 it would be close to December 2016 before it is complete.

Mrs. LaForest inquired when the bid would expire. Mr. DeKeyser shared it is good through December 2016.

Motion to instruct the Superintendent to move forward procuring the necessary technology upgrades for the wireless infrastructure, not to exceed \$40,000, and to present the Board with an amended budget report for approval at a future meeting made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Mrs. Kritzman acknowledged that the \$40,000 would include the wireless capabilities at the athletic field too.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

2) The student enrollment is on target for where we budgeted for the 2016 – 17 school year. Mr. DeKeyser shared detailed information regarding the Elementary School teacher / student ratio and is looking at the numbers daily. He also shared that each classroom is also assisted by Teacher Consultants and Paraprofessionals.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the resignation of the Elementary School Music Teacher and the hiring of Hillary Hawkes as Paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:41 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. LaForest.
Ayes - 5; Nays- 0, motion carried 5-0.*



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

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Date