



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Ken Dignan (*President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Michelle Kritzman (*Trustee*), Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*), and Lynn Slagle (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT Lisa McCully (*Vice President*), and Rita LaForest (*Secretary*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker 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, Taylor Beloskur shared with the Board they are still deciding on a final date to have the Spring Fling. It will be scheduled for the end of April or early May. She also shared they would like to have the assembly outside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mr. Dignan shared that the Community Engagement and Communications Committee met earlier tonight. Mitch Lipon from Ignite attended the committee meeting and shared an overview on the redesign of the WLPS website. Mrs. Kritzman shared there is an informational link put together by the WISD for the upcoming Special Education millage proposal on the WISD website.

CONSENT ITEMS *Motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, and the February 22, 2016 Academic Performance Committee meeting was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.*

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$345,389 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$387,735 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 12, 2016 and February 26, 2016 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Slagle.

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

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 2016 – 2017 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 - 0

Academic Performance

Superintendent DeKeyser presented an analysis of math achievement and recommended the Board strongly consider adopting Everyday Math for grades K - 6.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, shared the following:

- 1) Livingston Classical Cyber Academy is progressing along. Their first Board Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitmore Lake Middle School Library. LCA has extended an invitation to the WLPS Board Members to attend. Mr. Dignan shared LCA has a meeting with the planning commission in Brighton and will break ground immediately when allowed.
- 2) Kudos to Maria Carter-Ewald for another successful pool inspection.
- 3) High School – April 12, 2016, 11th graders will take the SAT test, 9th & 10th graders will take the PSAT test for the first time and 8th grade will begin the M-Step.
- 4) Elementary School – Kindergarten round-up was last Thursday. The number of students who came was similar to what we had in the past.

Building Level Report

Tom DeKeyser and Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker presented the 2nd Quarter Focus School Report for the 2015-16 school year with the Board of Education.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information and welcomed Mallory Lender and Shelby Legel to WLPS district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 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, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS Media Center.

The Board of Education Regular Meeting originally scheduled for next week March 28th has been cancelled.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Elementary School Teacher, Tracy Carbary, offered her appreciation to Community Relations & Recreation Director Maria Carter-Ewald for the good time she and her kids had at the Dive and Swim event held on Friday, March 11th. She also inquired about how useful PeachJar is when promoting these events since there was not a huge turnout.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared she had participated in an online MASB course on school finance which was very interesting. If any board members would like to review the materials, she will share them with you.

Mr. Dignan suggested to add to a future agenda for board members to review the fund balance policy and to adopt a policy that is in alignment with what the state is now looking for and to abide by it.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:09 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.
Ayes - 5; Nays- 0, motion carried 5-0.*



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

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Date