



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

March 21, 2016 — 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School Media Center



# WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Mission Statement

*Partnering with students, parents, and the community to  
provide exceptional, personalized education.*

## REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School Media Center  
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd.  
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

## CALL TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC

“The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.”

## BOARD CLARIFICATION

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Taylor Beloskur and Alexis Dancik will present the student council report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of minutes from February 22, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, and the February 22, 2016 Academic Performance Committee meeting. **(Attachment 1)**

Approve fund transfer of \$345,389 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$387,735 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 12, 2016, and February 26, 2016. **(Attachment 2)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *School of Choice*

Pursuant to Sections 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act, it is recommended that the Board adopt unlimited open enrollment for students K – 12 in all programs for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

### *Academic Performance*

Superintendent DeKeyser will review academic performance and update the Board on potential curriculum changes.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### *Building Level report*

Elementary School Principal, Sue Wanamaker, will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Focus School Report for the 2015-2016 school year with the Board of Education.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

MHSAA Classification for 2016-17 school year is Class C. (**Attachment 3**)

Michigan Department of Education authorized Livingston Classical Cyber Academy and issued their district and building codes.

Mallory Lender and Shelby Legel have accepted the position Over 18 Lifeguard at \$9.00 (step 1) per hour. Shelby Legel has also accepted the position as Instructor at \$9.50 (step 1) and Private Instructor at \$14.00 (step 1).

Zachary Nowak resigned March 3<sup>rd</sup> as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor and Denise Lavender resigned as a Lifeguard effective March 11, 2016.

## **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.**

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Henry, Mrs. McCully, Mrs. Kritzman, Mrs. LaForest, Mr. Dignan, Mrs. Slagle, and Mrs. Schwennesen

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Please fill out a "Public Participation Request" form if you wish to address the Board prior to the Public Comment section of the meeting. Please include your name, address and topic you wish to speak on. Those wishing to speak in Public Comment are limited to three (3) minutes.

#### 0000 – BYLAWS

#### 0160 - MEETINGS

#### 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings

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- A. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- B. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- C. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.

The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment.

M.C.L. 15.253(4)(5)(6), 380.1808

Revised 9/27/2010

#### Use of Recording Devices

Anyone attending a school event who wishes to record the activity on a visual recording device shall be asked to abide by the following rules:

- A. The recorder must operate the device within the area designated by the principal or director of the activity.
- B. The camera must not block the view of any other attendees or interfere with others who seek to record the activity.
- C. Those who record or assist a recorder must not block any passageways nor interfere with any other attendee's participation or observation of the activity.
- D. If sound is also being recorded, the recorder must not ask other attendees to be quiet or to change their behavior in order to improve the quality of the sound.
- E. If the District is recording the activity, the principal may arrange for a person to obtain a copy providing s/he agrees to provide a tape and pay whatever the principal may need to charge to cover the costs of transfer.

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**Whitmore Lake Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 22, 2016 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Laura Schewennesen (*Trustee*)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff, parents and members of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representatives, Taylor Beloskur and Alexis Dancik, shared with the Board all the events surrounding Snowcoming. They also shared there is discussion to possibly replace the formal pictures with a photo booth for next year's dance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman shared that the Academic Performance Committee met earlier tonight and went over the M-Step results to recognize areas to focus on. It was decided math should be first. They asked Superintendent DeKeyser to do a formal presentation in the near future on a new K-6 program and would like to recommend moving forward with a new math program.

Mrs. Slagle shared that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee met earlier this evening and went over the program being used for the evaluation. They have scheduled the quarterly evaluation for April 18, 2016.

Mrs. McCully shared that the Building, Site, and Recreation Community met on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Areas of discussion included; the aging HS building, technology, leasing MS grounds property to a different vendor for a carnival over July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and the township's use of Jennings Rd.

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 Board of Education Regular meeting, the February 8, 2016 Finance Committee meeting, and the February 11, 2016 Building, Site, and Recreation Community meeting was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.*

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

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$249,417 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$382,328 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 15, and January 29, 2016 was made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. LaForest.*

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Refunding Resolution*

*Motion to approve the ratification of the resolution authorizing the refunding of Whitmore Lake Public School District's 2016 Refunding Bonds, as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Slagle.*

Director of Business & Operations, Denise Kerrigan shared that Chris Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm is here to answer any questions. This refunding will save \$1,179,000.00 to our tax payers in this district. Approval is recommended.

Chirs Iamarino shared that the savings realized come from a lower interest rate over the term of the Bonds.

*Roll call vote require. Mr. Dignan – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. LaForest – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – absent, Mrs. Slagle – yes*

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

### Board Goals & Objectives

Mr. Dignan shared a document listing ideas for goals and objectives. He suggested everyone look it over and inform Mr. DeKeyser of any additional thoughts and ideas. He also suggested the board prioritize what their goals and objectives are for the district.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, shared the following:

- 1) High School – Congratulation to the Varsity Competitive Cheer team for a great season. They are an outstanding group and have advanced to Regionals.
- 2) The HS Robotics team has invited Board members to attend the reveal of their new robot in the MS library on Saturday at 2 pm.

- 3) Elementary School – The PTA held a family dance last Friday that was well received by both parents and students.
- 4) Kudos to 6<sup>th</sup> graders Garret Engstrom and Cole Rinna who participated in the Kiwanis annual Chilly Dip this past Saturday.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS media center.**

**The next Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting (closed meeting) will be held on Monday, March 28, 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, March 28, 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, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS media center.**

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman shared that there is a Band and Choir concert with grades 5 - 8 scheduled for next week on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m. made by Mrs. Slagle; supported by Mrs. McCully.  
Ayes - 6; Nays- 0, motion carried 6-0.*

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

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*Date*





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*Exceptional, Personalized Education*

Board of Education  
Academic Performance Committee Meeting  
February 22, 2016  
6 p.m. – High School Counseling Conference Room

### Minutes

Present: Michelle Kritzman, Ken Dignan, Tom DeKeyser, Jill Henry, Denise Kerrigan

Called to order at 6:04pm

#### Business:

- The committee reviewed the performance results of district state test scores.
- The committee focused mainly on the math performance results.
- Ms. Henry discussed the results of a survey that was conducted at WLES.
- The committee recommended that a presentation be made to the Board focusing on a new math program for K-6.

Call to the Public – None

Adjournment was at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kritzman, Trustee  
Whitmore Lake Board of Education

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**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**Business Office Transactions**

For the Month Ending:  
**February 29, 2016**

<u>Payroll Transactions</u>	February 12, 2016	\$ 189,493
	February 26, 2016	\$ 198,242
		<u>\$ 387,735</u>
 <u>Accounts Payable Transactions</u>		 <u>\$ 345,389</u>

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3/10/2016

Mr. Thomas DeKeyser, Principal  
Whitmore Lake HS  
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd  
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Dear Mr. DeKeyser, Principal:

This letter is to inform you of the basic classification of your high school for the 2016-17 school year. The classification is based on the reported enrollment submitted to the MHSAA. Based on all high school enrollment figures submitted, the following classification breakdown has been determined:

CLASS A - 881 and above  
CLASS B - 412 - 880  
CLASS C - 207 - 411  
CLASS D - 206 and below

Your high school reported 296 students on its Enrollment Declaration Form. Therefore, based on the procedures for determining classification outlined on pages 99 and 100 of the 2015-16 *MHSAA HANDBOOK*, your classification for the 2016-17 school year will be CLASS C.

Within two weeks, the MHSAA will post on its web site (mhsaa.com) the lists of schools in each division in each of the MHSAA tournaments for which all schools actually sponsor the sport are placed in divisions of equal numbers of teams. Those tournaments are **baseball, softball, girls competitive cheer, ice hockey, wrestling, boys bowling, girls bowling, boy skiing, girls skiing, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys golf, girls golf, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys swimming & diving, girls swimming & diving, boys cross country, girls cross country, boys track & field, girls track & field, boys soccer and girls soccer.**

Pursuant to Representative Council action December 2, 1998, the 256 schools that qualify for the 2016 MHSAA Football Playoffs will be placed in 8 divisions of 32 schools each on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

If you wish to have your school play in a higher classification or division in MHSAA tournaments during 2016-17 and 2017-18 you must declare that intention by April 15, 2016 for fall sports, August 15, 2016 for winter sports and October 15, 2016 for spring sports. In each case, a letter signed by an authorized administrator of the school district is required to authorize (or end) a change in a higher classification or division.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. ROBERTS  
Executive Director

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