



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Ken Dignan (<i>President</i>), Laura Schwennesen (<i>Vice President</i>), Bob Henry (<i>Treasurer</i>) arrived at 7:09 p.m., Michelle Kritzman (<i>Secretary</i>), Lisa McCully (<i>Trustee</i>), and John Meadows (<i>Trustee</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Lee Cole (<i>Trustee</i>)
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry
OTHERS PRESENT	Staff, parents and members of the community
CALL TO ORDER	At 7:02 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.</i> Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried
CALL TO THE PUBLIC	None
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Jeff Atkins from Barton Malow presented an overview of recommended projects to begin summer 2018 using Sinking Fund dollars. Projects include updating the high school entrances with a vestibule to provide secure entries and energy savings, adding a pole vault to the track area, repairing concrete, paving parking lots and upgrading the playground at the elementary.
STUDENT COUNCIL	Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, was unable to attend. She will update the board at the December meeting.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	Mrs. Kritzman shared the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee met and discussed the three different State outlined presentations. The committee recommends continuing with the abstinence based prevention program. They also recommend a version for students with an IEP to be presented by Michigan Rehabilitation Services.
CONSENT ITEMS	<i>Motion to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2017 Finance Committee meeting made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.</i> Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0 <i>Motion to approve fund transfer of \$420,969 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$232,680 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 13, 2017 and October 31, 2017 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.</i> Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0
NEW BUSINESS	
<i>WISD Parent Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Motion to approve the recommendation submitted by Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, to appoint Gail Chapman as a WLPS representative to the Washtenaw ISD Parent Advisory Committee made by; Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.</i> Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

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 second 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. McCully
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEOLA

Superintendent DeKeyser shared changes required and options for policies regarding criminal history record check, administrator discipline, prohibition of referral or assistance, reproductive health and family planning, staff discipline, student seclusion and restraint and criminal justice information security with the Board for a first reading. Any errors or questions should be directed to DeKeyser prior to the next board meeting on December 11, 2017 where approval will be recommended.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Livingston Classical Cyber Academy

Mr. DeKeyser began a discussion with the Board regarding the possibility of changing Livingston Classical Cyber Academy’s classification from a 6e Cyber School of Excellence to a 6a Charter School. Superintendent DeKeyser shared both positive and negative impacts the change could have on WLPS. He also requested the Board to advise him if he should move forward with a modified contract.

Mr. Dignan shared Mrs. Schwennesen and he recently met with LCCA board members to discuss their plans to modify the agreement. He remarked this change could offer other students in the area who do not attend WLPS an opportunity to attend a public school.

Mr. Henry questioned how many students WLPS could possibly lose to LCCA. Mrs. Schwennesen questioned what benefits would WLPS have other than increased revenue. Mr. Meadows requested to view an updated budget at the December meeting to see the impact it could place on WLPS.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared he would meet with Michigan Department of Education to gather additional information to be presented at the December board meeting as well as if this change can be done.

Strategic Planning

The Board reviewed two strategic plan proposals; one submitted by Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and one submitted by Michigan Leadership Institute. Superintendent DeKeyser shared that MASB would come in with a presentation to the Board in December.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other areas of other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitmore Lake Elementary Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 20, and Tuesday, November 21.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. the High School Media Center.

The Michigan State Police awarded Whitmore Lake Public School District a Certificate of Excellence for achieving a 100% pass rate for School Bus Safety Inspections for the 2016-17 school year.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared how much she enjoyed the excellent performance of The Games Afoot presented by the HS Drama Club this past weekend.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared Middle School Robotics had their first competition this past weekend and received 2nd place at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:32 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; Supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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


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

11/11/17
Date