



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dignan (*President*), Laura Schwennesen (*Vice President*), Bob Henry (*Treasurer*), Michelle Kritzman (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), John Meadows (*Trustee*), and Lisa McCully (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, Athletic Director, Brad McCormack, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, 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 President Ken Dignan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. DeKeyser introduced Mr. McCormack who presented TCC Lifetime Sports Passes to Bill Wagner and Brad Tanner for their outstanding dedication to Whitmore Lake programs.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The High School Robotics Team shared their 2018 highlights and presented a demonstration of their robot. The Team also presented a check for \$858.95 earned during fundraising events to WLPS to support STEM education.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jay Bennett of Michigan Association of School Boards shared data compiled during the Strategic Planning process. He also presented the Board with a 5 year Strategic Plan that includes a vision and mission statement.

Mr. DeKeyser suggested to add a motion to the agenda to move forward with proposed plan presented by Mr. Bennett. Board members thanked Mr. Bennett for helping with the process.

Motion to adopt the Mission, Vision, Beliefs and Goals presented as the Strategic Plan Summary 2018–2023 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Karolyn Wagner, shared that she recently attended The Brightest & Best sponsored by WXYZ and will be attending MSU in the fall. She also shared Student Council recognized the staff with a luncheon during staff appreciation week.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2018 Board of Education Strategic Planning Workshop, the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting, and the April 23, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$228,233 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$401,286 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 13, 2018 and April 30, 2018 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Student Discipline Policy

Superintendent DeKeyser presented Thrun Law Firm policy on Student Discipline for a second reading. He also shared there are some grammatical changes that will be updated by Thrun Law Firm before posting. Mr. Dignan noted that this would replace all 5600 NEOLA policies regarding student discipline.

Motion to approve the Thrun Law Firm Student Discipline policy with the grammatical changes that will be made in the future made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to support the WISD Budget for 2018-2019 with instruction to the Superintendent to include a letter addressing Act 18 funding to the WISD Board made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.

Board members shared concerns regarding no changes have been made to the formula that is used to distribute special education funding to the districts. Mr. Dignan also shared concerns regarding the WISD 2018-2019 Budget requiring fund balance spending.

Roll Call Vote:
Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Cole – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy as prepared by Thrun Law Firm made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Livingston Classical Academy

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing Livingston Classical Academy to change their authorization from a 6E (Cyber) to a 6A (Charter) school was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.

Roll Call Vote:
Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Athletic Co-operative Program

Motion to approve an athletic co-operative program between WLPS and Livingston Classical Academy at the middle school (6,7,8) and junior varsity levels for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Henry inquired if MHSAA will need to approve this too. Mr. McCormack replied yes; he has informed them of the proposed co-operative program. Mr. DeKeyser shared all districts in the Tri-County Conference

will be voting on this in May. It will require 7 of the 8 districts in the TCC to support the change.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Plans to implement a cross country course on the high school property. Mr. McCormack shared by adding a course WLPS could host TCC meets as well as the Larry Steeb Invitational.

Laura inquired on the cost associated with incorporating a cross country course. Mr. McCormack remarked the cost would be very minimal. There are several people volunteering their time and up to 500 yards of dirt needed to create the hill for the course has also been donated.

- 2) Pat Sailer, HS Administrative Assistant is retiring at the end of this school year. We will be posting for replacement. There will also be a posting for a behavior specialist who would be working off sight through an agreement with our WISD.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.

The High School Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

A Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (meeting time may be changed to 5:30 p.m. if needed) in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared a plan to move forward with fundraising for the sinking fund proposal. The goal is to send out postcards and place signs in yards. Anyone who is interested in helping out please contact her.

Mrs. Kritzman shared she went to Mackinaw Island with the HS band this past weekend. There is Blood Drive at the HS on May 22, 2018, and a 5th-12th grade Band Concert on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Mr. Dignan shared him and his wife are sponsoring this Monday’s match day for the ES playground fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.*


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


Date