



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018 – Elementary 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>), Michelle Kritzman (<i>Secretary</i>), Lee Cole (<i>Trustee</i>), Lisa McCully (<i>Trustee</i>), and John Meadows (<i>Trustee</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Ken Dignan.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried
CALL TO THE PUBLIC	None
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	<p>Elementary School teachers, Mrs. Kobeck, Ms. Kief, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Wozniak shared information on a project the 5th & 6th grade students have been working on called Trash the Trash. They revealed a display consisting of weighing one day’s waste from the elementary cafeteria. The students were issued the task on how can they make our cafeteria more environmentally responsible. They shared that students did their research and used Math, Science, Social Studies and ELA skills to produce their exhibits. The Board members were invited to view the exhibits in the cafeteria with the students.</p> <p>Mr. DeKeyser, along with the Board members, thanked the 5th and 6th grade teachers and students for the presentation.</p>
STUDENT COUNCIL	Alaina Di Dio reported that next week is Holiday Spirit Week with the holiday assembly being held on Friday, December 21, 2018. She also shared the theme for Snowcoming scheduled for January 19, 2019 will be “Night of a Thousand Lights”.
CONSENT ITEMS	<p><i>Motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the November 12, 2018 closed session was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0</p> <p><i>Motion to approve fund transfer of \$332,693 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$463,114 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of November 15, 2018 and November 30, 2018 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0</p>

NEW BUSINESS
2019 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2019 Board of Education schedule of meetings made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mrs. Kritzman suggested to have committee meetings as needed during the months when one board meeting is scheduled.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent DeKeyser presented the Board with a summary report regarding first year objectives in the five areas that were identified in the strategic planning process. He then suggested to review the report at the January Board meeting, allowing Board members time to read it.

Mr. DeKeyser also shared the following:

Public Hearing – a public hearing was held early today with the Michigan Department of Education regarding a Pre-Labor Day start for the 2019-2020 school year. He shared that the MDE stated we met the criteria with our Early College Program. Mr. DeKeyser shared we have also have a Career and Technical Consortium with Livingston County that was approved for a Pre-Labor Day start next year. MDE has approved the waiver for 3 years.

WISD Supplemental Services – a proposal will be presented to the WISD Board of Education on December 11, 2019 to enter into a supplemental services pilot plan with WLPS to assist in services/resources.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular/Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman and Mr. Meadows shared the children had an amazing time at the elementary North Pole Night and thanked the PTO for all their hard work. Mrs. Kritzman also shared the production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by the MS/HS Drama was great.

Mrs. Schwennesen expressed thanks to all Board members for their donations to support the Adopt-A-Family program. She also shared the WL Robotics team hosted their 1st “First Lego League Jr.” event for children ages six to ten.

Mr. Dignan shared he attended a fundraiser in honor of Mrs. Carbarry and was very impressed by the community support.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:15 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss the Superintendent evaluation was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully. Roll call vote required. 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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 9:39 p.m. by Ken Dignan

Superintendent Evaluation

The WLPS BOE completed Mr. DeKeyser's annual evaluation with a rating of Effective.

Motion to extend the Superintendent's contract to 2022 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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



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



Date