



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:15 p.m., and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Dignan (*Trustee*)

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, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, and Athletic Director, Brad McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Schwennesen requested to amend the agenda to add the approval of an overnight band trip in April, 2020 under new business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

State Senator Lana Theis shared information and discussions taking place in Lansing including teacher evaluations, 3rd grade reading requirements, additional forgiveness of school days for the 2018-2019 school year and the high testing requirement for students.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. She will update the Board at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met during the month of March. She shared they discussed the evaluation tool used for the superintendent, WLEA salary schedule, and strategic planning goals.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Board of Education Executive Committee Meeting, the March 4, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting, the March 14, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting, and the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$345,659 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$430,793 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2019 and March 31, 2019 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Overnight Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Elisa Fixler for the overnight trip to New York City from April 30, 2020 to May 3, 2020 with the Band, Choir, and Drama students; grades 7 through 12 made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Stacy Flynn as a full time High School Special Education Teacher for the 2018-19 school year at step 2 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a start date of April 8, 2019 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Board members welcomed Stacy Flynn to the district.

Livingston Classical Academy

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to inform Livingston Classical Academy Board to appoint Kalyndra Craven and John McLaughlin to replace Myranda Fabian and Teren Sechrist respectively on the board of directors for LCA commencing the date upon which the oaths of office are taken was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Athletic Co-operative Program

Motion to consider a resolution to approve an athletic co-operative program between WLPS and Charyl Stockwell Academy regarding junior varsity and varsity football during the 2019 and 2020 football seasons as amended made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.

Athletic Director, Brad McCormack informed the Board the MHSAA requires the WLPS Board, the Charyl Stockwell Academy Board, and the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (MIAC) to approve a co-operative program before they review for approval. He shared if the co-operative program is approved, it could stabilize WLPS numbers with the football program and would permit both a junior varsity and varsity football team at WLPS again. Mr. McCormack also shared WLPS head football coach is in support and the MIAC has approved the co-operative.

Roll call vote required. Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.

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

Financial Report

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the financial report.

Community Recreation Millage

The Board discussed the options regarding a Community Recreation Millage and adding a proposal to the August 2019 ballot.

Motion for Superintendent DeKeyser to work with Thrun Law Firm on proposal language for review at next board meeting made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. WLHS: Varsity Quiz Bowl will be going to Lansing for the State competition, this is the 4th time in the past 5 years. The Trip Club students returned from their Europe trip with many exciting stories.

OTHER INFORMATION

National School Library Month

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, recognized Pam Blount for her hard work and dedication to the district school libraries.

Young Child Recognition

Mr. DeKeyser recognized April 8 – 12, 2019 as the “Week of the Young Child”. He also shared the Early Childhood Students will perform for Board members prior to the end of the year.

Bus Safety Inspections

Board members recognized the transportation department for achieving another 100% pass rate for the school bus safety inspection during the 2017-2018 school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, ~~May 6~~ April 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared the high school band will perform with the WCC band on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at WLHS, Key Club is hosting a blood drive on Friday, May 3, 2019 and WLFEE is hosting their Zumbathon and Silent Auction fundraiser on May 11, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the WLES cafeteria / gym.

Mr. Meadows inquired about Curriculum and School Exploration Night being held April 11th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. DeKeyser shared this is opportunity for parents and students who will be new to the secondary school building to explore our comprehensive academic offerings and learn about our extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the high school Robotics Team, Trobots, competed in Mason. The team made it to the semi-finals and placed sixth out of forty teams.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Schwennesen announced the board may return to an open session to conduct business following the closed session.

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:30 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully. Roll call vote required.

Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes.

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

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 9:23 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen

2019-2020 School Calendar

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year that has been approved by the teachers made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:23 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



Lisa C. McCully, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools

5/13/2019
Date