



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:04 p.m., and Bob Henry (*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, 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 Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. Representative, Jordan Craven shared events planned for Spring Fling week. She also shared Student Council recognized the staff with a luncheon during staff appreciation week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Meadows shared the Finance Committee met on April 15, 2019. Topics included the Food Service Budget, 2019 – 2020 Budget Assumptions, and the Community Recreational Millage. Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met on April 29, 2019. The Executive Committee Meeting minutes are included in the board book.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the April 8, 2019 closed session, the April 15, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting, and the April 29, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$436,945 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$413,960 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 15, 2019 and April 30, 2019 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

OLD BUSINESS

WISD Biennial Election Resolution

Motion to approve the WISD Biennial Election resolution; further, the Board designates Trustee, Lee Cole, as its representative and Secretary, Michelle Kritzman as its alternate representative to serve on the 2019 electoral body responsible for electing Members to the WISD Board of Education and directs

*the representative to vote for candidates Diane Hockett and Mary Jane Tramontin on the first ballot taken at the June 3, 2019 election meeting made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Roll Call vote: Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.
Ayes – 7; Nays - 0*

NEW BUSINESS
WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to support the WISD Budget for 2019-2020 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Superintendent DeKeyser summarized the WISD Budget for 2019-2020 with Board members. He shared that both the General Fund and the Special Education budgets have increased in accordance with property taxes, and federal grants received.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Community Recreation Millage

*Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Millage Proposal to Provide Funds to Operate a System of Public Recreation as prepared by Thrun Law Firm made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows. Roll Call Vote required: 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*

2020 Mackinac Island Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the 3rd and 4th grade overnight trip to Mackinac Island, MI on May 13, 2020 submitted by Elementary School Teacher Carolyn Otterman made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Dignan.

Mrs. Wanamaker shared this trip is scheduled every other year. Mrs. Kritzman shared Bob Rogers Travel offers two (2) scholarships to help students who are unable to pay.

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

2021 Europe Trip Proposal

*Motion to approve proposal for a WLHS overnight Trip submitted by Jill Henry, Director of Instruction, and Candy Huddleston, High School Teacher, for a spring break trip in 2021, for 10 days, to Europe made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0*

Athletic Co-operative Program

Motion to consider a resolution to approve a varsity athletic co-operative Ice Hockey program with Ann Arbor Huron High School and Milan High School during the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 school years as amended made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Superintendent DeKeyser, shared with the Board there is minimal cost to WLPS. This would be for grade levels 9 – 12 and would be for 2 years. Mrs. Kerrigan shared this is considered a winter sport.

*Roll call vote required. Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes,
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Thanked Board members for recognizing staff members during staff appreciation week with a yogurt truck. He also thanked Elementary Staff for their work with 'Girls on the Run', and Junior Class Sponsor, Jen Taylor for an event-free and safe prom.
2. Early Childhood Speech and Language Pathologist, Nancy Magnani has submitted her letter of retirement with an effective date of June 30, 2019. He also thanked her for all her years of service at WLPS.
3. Band students in grades 5th – 12th will have a concert this Thursday, May 16, 2019.
4. Sinking Fund Update – Summer projects include replacing server switches and classroom technology upgrades.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.

The High School Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

High School Wrestling Team Assistant Coach, Joe Kurth shared his concerns with adding another winter sport to the program.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared WLFEE raised \$3,608.00 during their Zumbathon and Silent Auction fundraiser held on May 11, 2019.

Mrs. Schwennesen thanked staff and administration on behalf of the Board for their hard work and support to our students. She also shared a design submitted by Natalie Meadows was chosen to be placed on the Fourth of July T-shirts.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 8:00 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole. Roll call vote required. Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes.

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

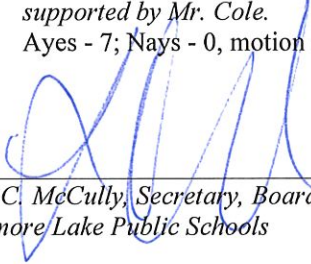
Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:42 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:42 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

6/10/2019
Date