



Whitmore Lake Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 30, 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*) left at 8:05 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, and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry

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. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Straus from Maner Costerisan CPA's briefed the Board on the 2018-2019 audit report. He walked the Board through the report and shared there were no significant findings. Mr. Straus noted that the general fund balance had increased slightly. He commends Mr. DeKeyser and Mrs. Kerrigan for applying cost control measures with the decrease of student population, and leaving a 6.4% general fund balance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Stanley Wutka addressed the board to share concerns and inquire if WLPS was aware that the township recently changed the distance of allowing marijuana operations from 1000' to 500' of a school.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared he was not aware of the modification of the ordinance.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. Student Council Representative Jacob Medina shared the Student Council will be meeting soon to finalize the planning for Homecoming festivities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the 2018-2019 audit in detail with Jeff Straus from Maner Costerisan CPA's.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Dignan requested to modify the August 26, 2019 closed session minutes to show he was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented, and the amended August 26, 2019 closed session meeting was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$84,718 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$344,586 from Accounts Payable

to cover the payrolls of August 15, 2019 and August 30, 2019 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS
*School Bond Loan Fund and
2007 Refunding Bonds*

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of Whitmore Lake Public School District 2019 refunding bonds as prepared by Thrun Law Firm made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared that refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate, could potentially realize a savings of 1.5 million in taxes to the residents of Whitmore Lake.

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, motion carried 7 – 0

Financial Report

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the September 27, 2019 financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Secondary Academic Achievement

Director of Instruction, Jill Henry provided an overview of the 2018-2019 academic performance results in the Advanced Placement curriculum. She also shared that AP Calculus was added to the 2019-2020 curriculum.

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. MS/HS – October is known as college month but is also a big month for manufacturing. Fieldtrips are planned for students to travel to local manufacturing companies. He also shared an archery unit was added to the physical education course this year.
2. Sinking Fund – Priority for the next year is updating the sound system in the Elementary classrooms, updating the security system with new cameras and software in all buildings and facilities needs as necessary.
3. Community Recreation Millage – Initiated a road repair and maintenance upkeep by the Jennings Road facility.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Superintendent Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation's fundraising Corn Hole Event is scheduled this weekend on Saturday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. She also shared recently attended the Legislative Coffee held at the WISD.

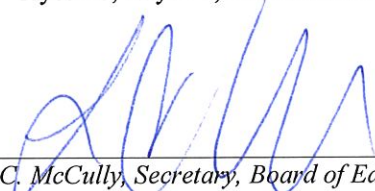
Mr. Meadows shared he attended a few of the sporting events with our new league, MIAC, and all seems to be going well.

Laura Schwennesen thanked Mr. DeKeyser and Mrs. Kerrigan on behalf of the Board for their continued efforts in cost control and growth to the general fund balance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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



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

10/28/2019

Date