



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**October 28, 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 7:20 p.m., and Ken Dignan (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Henry (*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 7:01 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*  
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend. Student Council Representative Jacob Medina shared that the Homecoming festivities all went well. He also shared that in November plans will begin for the holiday spirit week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met on October 09, 2019 and they discussed student enrollment and a China proposition.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the September 30, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting, and the October 9, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*  
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, motion carried 4 – 0

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$161,196 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$420,015 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of September 13, 2019 and September 30, 2019 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*  
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, motion carried 4 – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Overnight Trip Proposal*

*Motion to approve the overnight trip to Fifth Grade Camp on May 12, 2020 to the Howell Nature Center submitted by Sarah Roberts made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.*  
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0, motion carried 4 – 0

*Financial Report*

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the October 21, 2019 financial report. She also noted that due to the way the funds flow, the food service revenues reflect one month behind of expenditures.

Mrs. Schwennesen inquired if food service purchases have decreased or increased this year? Mrs. Kerrigan shared they have decreased, but is reflective with the decrease of students. Mrs. Schwennesen requested to see additional data regarding the food purchase, meal cost, etc., listed by buildings, at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

*BCC International Education Group*

*Motion to authorize the Superintendent to engage in a contract with BCC International Group for the purpose of establishing an exchange program with Chinese students made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.*

Mr. DeKeyser shared information regarding an opportunity to enroll several students from China at WLHS for the 2020-21 school year under an exchange student program. He informed the board BCC International Education Group has extended an invitation for him to visit China to meet and discuss an exchange student program with our district. He also shared both Dexter Community Schools and Chelsea School District are in their second year with this same type of program.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*Charter Authorization*

*Motion to authorize a request for proposals for charter authorization for the 2020-2021 school year made by Mr. Meadows; Support by Mrs. McCully.*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**  
*MSTEP*

Director of Instruction, Jill Henry provided the Board with an overview of the 2018-19 academic performance results with the M-Step scores & SAT results.

*Athletic Updates*

Mr. McCormack provided the Board with an overview of the 2019 Fall Athletic program since joining the Michigan Independence Athletic Conference. He also shared that the Boys Cross Country, Football and Volleyball all won M.I.A.C Conference Championships.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledged the items of other information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**There will be another Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Dignan thanked the PTO for all their fundraising and support they give to the elementary school. Mr. Meadows shared he attended the amazing Fall Festival sponsored by the PTO at the elementary.

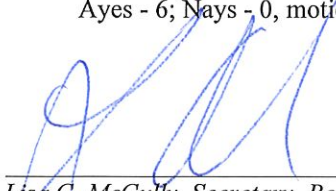
Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation’s raised over \$4,200.00 from their Corn Hole Tournament Event. She also shared there will be over \$12,000.00 in grants given out this year.

Laura Schwennesen thanked all board members for their efforts in fundraising for the scholarship fund.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:38 p.m. made by Mr. Dignan;  
supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

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

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

*11/10/2019*  
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