



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 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*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Dignan (*Trustee*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, and Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan

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. Henry; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio was unable to attend.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$459,407 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$445,988 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2019 and October 31, 2019 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students K – 12 in all programs for the second semester of the 2019 – 2020 school year pursuant to Section 105 and 105(c) of the State School Aid Act was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

2020 Schedule of Meetings

Motion to approve the proposed 2020 Board of Education schedule of meetings made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 - 0

Livingston Classical Academy

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to inform Livingston Classical Academy Board to appoint David Raney on the board of directors for LCA commencing the date upon which the oath of office is taken was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared that Mr. Raney will be replacing Richard Streetman who recently resigned from the LCA Board.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Sinking Fund – bids for updating the security cameras will open after Thanksgiving, with bid award in January, 2020 and installation beginning in February, 2020.
2. Refunding Bonds – refinancing of the School Bond Loan Fund and the 2007 Refunding Bonds with a lower interest rate will realize a savings of 1.9 million in taxes to the residents of Whitmore Lake.
3. China Visit Update – Had a great visit and will continue a discussion with the BCC International Education Group regarding an exchange student program.

OTHER INFORMATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Counseling Office Conference Room.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 9, 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 awarded \$14,500 in grants to WLPS teachers.

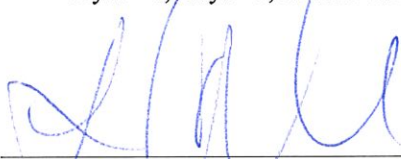
Laura Schwennesen shared the Robotics Jr Team is planning a presentation for the Board at the December 9, 2019 meeting. She also shared the middle school robotics team, Titanium Trojans, placed tenth out of forty teams at their last competition.

Mrs. McCully shared the WL Hockey team has a game at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2019 against Skyline High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:28 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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



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

12/9/2019

Date