



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Laura Schwennesen (<i>President</i>), John Meadows (<i>Vice President</i>), Michelle Kritzman (<i>Treasurer</i>), Lisa McCully (<i>Secretary</i>), Lee Cole (<i>Trustee</i>), Ken Dignan (<i>Trustee</i>), and Bob Henry (<i>Trustee</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT	Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry
OTHERS PRESENT	Staff, parents and members of the community
CALL TO ORDER	At 7:04 p.m. by Superintendent Tom DeKeyser.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROCEDURES	<i>Nomination for Mrs. Schwennesen to serve as the temporary chairperson made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays - 0
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried
CALL TO THE PUBLIC	None
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Mrs. Schwennesen called for nominations for the position of President. Mr. Meadows nominated Laura Schwennesen for President of the Board; the nomination was supported by Mr. Dignan. <i>Motion to close nominations and cast a vote for the nomination of Laura Schwennesen as President of the Board through December 2020 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried <i>Motion to nominate John Meadows as Vice President of the Board through December 2020 was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried <i>Motion to nominate Lisa McCully as Secretary of the Board through December 2020 was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried <i>Motion to nominate Michelle Kritzman as Treasurer of the Board through December 2020 was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.</i> Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Board members were recognized for their service to the community with a gift from students in each building.
STUDENT COUNCIL	Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio, shared they have been busy planning for the Snowcoming festivities which begin the week of January 27, 2020 and end with a dance on February 1, 2020.

CONSENT ITEMS

*Motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting, the December 9, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the December 9, 2019 closed session was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$181,405 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$432,589 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of December 13, 2019, and December 31, 2019 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

NEW BUSINESS

Designation of Depositories

*Motion to designate Comerica, PNC Bank, MBIA Asset Management Group and J.P. Morgan Chase MILAF as depository of funds for General Funds, Sinking Funds, 2012 Bond Refunding, 2015 Series A and Series B Bond Refunding, 2016 Bond Refunding, 2019 Bond Refunding, Recreation Millage, and student activity made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Check Signature Authorizations

*Motion to authorize the creation and use of the appropriate electronic signatures as listed for the various school district funds made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Electronic Transfer Officer

*Motion to appoint Denise Kerrigan, Director of Finance & Operations, as the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) pursuant to policy 6144 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Authorization of Investments

*Motion to authorize the superintendent or designee, in consultation with the school district's Board of Education, to invest available monies at the best rate of interest as provided by statute made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Designation of Posting Meetings

*Motion to designate the superintendent and/or his designee as responsible for posting public notice of meetings made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Designation of Official Newspaper

*Motion to designate the Washtenaw Legal News as the official newspaper for legal purposes for 2019 made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Meadows.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Fee for Board Books

*Motion to approve a charge of \$0.10 per page for individuals who request a printed Board packet made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0*

Overnight Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the overnight WLHS Marching Band Camp submitted by High School Band Director, Elisa Fixler to Romeo, MI from August 17, 2020 to August 21, 2020 made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

The Board recommended Mr. DeKeyser adjust guidelines for fall sport athletes who participate in Marching Band due to conflicting dates.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the December 31, 2019 financial report.

Charter Authorization

Motion to accept and approve, as established under Part 6A of the Michigan Revised School Code, the Building Trades School. Authorizing Superintendent of Schools, Tom DeKeyser to negotiate and execute the required authorizing resolution, Charter Contract, and other required charter documents was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Finance – One maintenance vehicle is declining rapidly. A purchase request may be presented at the next meeting. Also awaiting notice of grant award to help purchase buses.
- 2) High School Art Teacher, Megan Ormerod – Staff and students will be assisting with a fundraiser to help the family.
- 3) China update – WLHS will host potential students in early February.
- 4) WISD – will be applying for a pre-Labor Day start for public schools in Washtenaw County beginning the 2020 – 2021 school year.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the items of other information. They also thanked Phil Robinson of Maintenance & Facilities for his many years in the district and wished him well on his retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 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 drama club’s performance of “And Then There Was One” and “And Then There Was One, Two” was amazing. She also shared on February 29, 2020 the high school band will sponsor a mattress sale fundraising event held at the high school gymnasium, and the next fundraising event for the Whitmore Lake Education Foundation will be an A Capella concert on March 13, 2020.

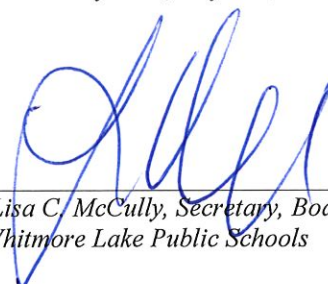
Mrs. McCully shared there are two high school hockey games at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube this week.

Mrs. Schwennesen thanked the Board members for her nomination to serve as Board President for her second year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Organizational-Regular Meeting at 8:06 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

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



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

1/10/2020
Date