



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020 – Virtual Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*) arrived at 7:15 p.m., Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Elementary Principal and ECC Director, Sue Wanamaker, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, Athletic Director, Brad McCormack, and Director of Technology, Karen Sterzik

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Alaina Di Dio shared the members discussed ideas to support school spirit with students during the distant continuity of learning due to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$152,184 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve transfer of \$405,457 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 13, 2020 and March 31, 2020 made Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Sinking Fund and Community
Recreation Fund Update

Mr. DeKeyser informed Board members the recent Executive Order has suspended all construction; this has placed both the district wide video surveillance project and the pool cover replacement on hold until the order has been lifted.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order 2020-35

Motion to suspend applicable board policies in order to comply with the provisions of Executive Order 2020-35 and authorize the superintendent to implement accordingly. The suspension of any and all such policies will be through the duration of the Executive Order and any subsequent orders from the Governor was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Continuity of Learning Plan

Per Executive Order 2020-35, Michigan Districts are required to create a Continuity of Learning Plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. DeKeyser shared with the Board the finished plan and noted it was implemented today. The plan also includes provisions for device and packet distribution, food distribution, budget, mental health supports, and reaching out to families.

Board members had the opportunity to ask questions about the Continuity of Learning Plan. Board members praised the work of the District administrators and staff who developed and have been implementing the plan.

OTHER INFORMATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education Workshop scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020 has been cancelled. The Workshop will be rescheduled to a date yet to be determined.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center, unless the Executive Order still requires to be held virtual.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Education Foundation has cancelled all fundraising events that remain for the school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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

5/15/2020
Date