



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Dignan (*Trustee*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, Director of Instruction, Jill Henry, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, Athletic Director, Brad McCormack, Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald, 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 Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$189,578 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve transfer of \$390,194 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 15, 2020 and April 30, 2020 made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Sinking Fund Update

Mr. DeKeyser updated Board members on the status of the district wide video surveillance project. He shared they are about 85% complete with the wiring at the middle school building, when complete they will move on to the high school building and then the elementary school building.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Lease

Motion to approve Superintendent to negotiate a lease with Building Trades School for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. DeKeyser shared information regarding the lease and answered questions from Board members.

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

Personnel
MS/HS Principal and Dir. of Instruction

Motion to approve administrative position Middle/High School Principal and Director of Secondary Instruction for the 2020-2021 school year was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared highlights of the Administrative restructuring for the 2020-2021 school year. He also shared that he will perform the dual role, as Superintendent and Elementary School Principal, for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

ES Lead Teacher/Curriculum and Profession Dev. Coordinator

Motion to approve administrative position Elementary Lead Teacher/Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator and Early Literacy Coach for the 2020-2021 school year was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Mr. DeKeyser answered questions from the Board regarding both administrative positions. Mr. Meadows noted he would like to see an Elementary Principal position return to the building within three years.

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

Athletic Co-operative Program

Motion to approve an athletic co-operative program between WLPS and Livingston Classical Academy at the varsity level and to extend the middle school (6,7,8) and junior varsity levels for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. DeKeyser shared this is a modification of a program currently in existence, this request will add the varsity level and continue the current co-operative for the next two years.

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

2020-2023 Athletic Training Contract

Motion to approve the 2020-2023 Multiyear Athletic Training Management Agreement with MedSport, a Program of the Regents of the University of Michigan was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the resolution to support the WISD Budget for 2020-2021 made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Superintendent DeKeyser summarized the WISD Budget for 2020-2021 with Board members. He shared the supplemental support services provided by the WISD are included with their budget.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mrs. Mrs. Schwennesen – yes.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. End of year events – Graduation; due to COVID-19, and the stay safe – stay home executive order we are looking at end of June / first of July before we can bring large gatherings on campus. Communication will be sent to seniors on events planned. All other events including Senior Award Night, Underclassmen Awards, Elementary School Awards and 6th grade graduation will be held virtually.

2. 2020-2021 school year – We are planning to open the doors on August 31, 2020 unless we hear additional information from the Governor’s Office.

OTHER INFORMATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rescheduled Board of Education Workshop will be conducted virtually via Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 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 and Mrs. McCully sent out a huge thank you to whomever was involved in setting up the adopt-a-senior program and the tribute to staff members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:59 p.m. made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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



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

5/15/2020
Date