



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2020 – Virtual Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland, Director of Student Services, Melissa Heuker, High School Dean of Students, Linda Lupi, Athletic Director, Director of Technology, Karen Sterzik, and Community Relations & Recreation Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

OLD BUSINESS

*2019-2020 Final Budget Proposal
and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Final Budget Summary as presented was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that a decrease in revenue, due to unoccupied buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic, will leave the general fund balance below the projected amount.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes

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

*2020-2021 Budget Proposal
and Resolution*

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Original Budget Summary was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mr. Dignan shared his concerns and aggravation regarding the state and unknown foundation allowance. He also shared he is not comfortable using 41% of the Fund Balance to create a budget proposal.

Mr. Meadows remarked we need to be careful with spending and flexible with the ups and downs from the state to deliver the best possible education to our students. Mrs. Schwennesen shared the proposed budget may change many

times, until the state can figure out their budget and what is going to occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call Vote: *Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes.*
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Borrowing Resolution

Motion to approve the borrowing resolution for adoption for the 2020-2021 school year through the Michigan Financial Authority (MFA) for an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Kerrigan shared in order to meet cash flow needs, the district needs to borrow funds. She also shared the increase of \$600,000 is to allow us the cash needed, if we receive a large cut from the state aid.

Mr. Dignan inquired if WLPS would benefit from collecting school taxes in the summer vs the winter. Mrs. Kerrigan shared typically districts who benefit receive more in their tax revenue than from their state aid.

Roll Call Vote: *Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Dignan – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes.*
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Administration Contracts

Motion to approve the renewal contract of Director of Finance and Operations, Denise Kerrigan; and to approve the new contracts of Middle/High School Principal and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry-Peters, and Elementary Lead Teacher/Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator and Early Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Mr. Henry excused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest with the position of Middle/High School Principal and Director of Instruction.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Thanked Board members for attending the Class of 2020 Graduation event and the Northfield Township Department of Public Safety for their part in making it a success.
2. Linda Lupi of the Whitmore Lake Health Equity Leadership Team shared information on a drive-up COVID-19 testing site scheduled on July 11, 2020 from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the former Middle School building on Main Street.
3. Livingston Classical Academy – 2020-2021 Budget was approved last week by their Board. They proposed a forty student increase and a \$500 deduction in State Aid. He also shared that 2020-2021 is the last year of their original five year contract with WLPS.
4. Building Trades School – approved initial four board members, next step is the lease approval. These two items will allow them to begin the process to open for the 2021–2022 school year.
5. July 14, 2020 6:00 p.m. is tentative date for the rescheduled BOE Workshop with Robert Lusk of Lusk Albertson, PLC to continue review of proposed board policies.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office, Superintendent Conference Room, unless the Executive Order still requires to be held virtual.

There will be another Board of Education Regular Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office, Superintendent Conference Room.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Patti Kobeck, mother of a graduate, thanked everyone involved in making the Class of 2020 graduation an amazing event.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

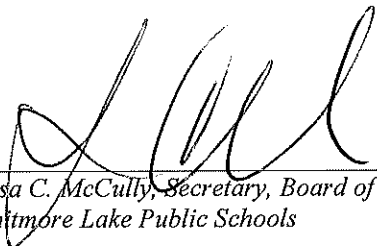
Mrs. Schwennesen announced that July 21, 2020 is the deadline to file a petition with the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office for Board members wishing to seek re-election at the November general election.

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Education Foundation will host an auction at the Whitmore Lake Athletic Golf Outing scheduled for August 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:07 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Dignan

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



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

7/20/2020
Date