



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**November 09, 2020 – High School Theater – 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, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland, and Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker

**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. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council President, Samantha Ogden was unable to attend. Student Council Representative, Jacob Medina shared highlights of the 2021 senior celebrations held outside earlier today in response to college month.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$536,760 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$431,658 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of October 15, 2020 and October 30, was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

*Reaffirm Instructional Delivery*

Superintendent DeKeyser updated Board members on the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan sharing we are still mostly in-person learning, all changes are sent out to parents right away for planning purposes.

*Motion to approve the November Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation report was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.*

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman shared the Finance Committee met last week. Topics of discussion included an amended budget, Grants, and purchase of buses.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Food Service Policy*

*Motion to approve the Food Service policy language in student handbook as presented during the meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. McCully.*

Mr. DeKeyser shared the addition of the wording in the handbook will allow current students to remove previous debt during the times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

*2020 Refunding Resolution*

*Motion to approve the ratification of the resolution authorizing the refunding of Whitmore Lake Public School District's 2020 Refunding Bonds, as prepared by Thrun Law Firm was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – Yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Cole – yes*  
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

*Financial Report*

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the October 31, 2020 financial report. She also shared Food Service is making strides and numbers have increased with students receiving the hot lunch.

*Open WLPS Board Position*

Board President, Laura Schwennesen, announced Mr. Ken Dignan informed her that he plans to resign as a WLPS Board member by the end of the current year.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Welcomed Julia Licata as the new full time Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2020-2021 school year for Early Childhood.
2. Congratulated Mrs. McCully and Mr. Cole on their election results and thanked them for their continued dedication to the students.
3. Shared Livingston County Schools, along with some of the School Districts in Washtenaw County, are planning to go into remote learning due to COVID-19 cases. He also shared WLPS will promote remote learning the week after the Thanksgiving break to protect our students and end of semester exams.

**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, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

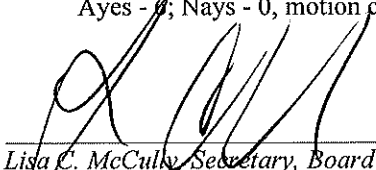
Mrs. Schwennesen announced Board members will again participate in the Northfield Human Services Adopt a Family this year. She also volunteered to do all the shopping for the family.

Mrs. Kritzman announced MASB is offering all new board members 101 classes at no charge.

Mr. Meadows shared the WLHS Cross Country team has three students who qualified for states.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows*  
Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.

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

*12/18/2020*  
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