



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021 – High School Theater – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, and Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland,

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President John Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Samantha Ogden was unable to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen shared the Executive Committee met on March 8, 2021. Topics included remote learning post spring break, math curriculum, facilities update, Livingston Classical Academy contract, school funding, and a COVID-19 vaccine update regarding staff.

Mrs. Kritzman reported the Finance Committee met on March 15, 2021. Topics included state and federal funding and how that will affect the district, budget planning for 2021-22, anticipated math curriculum costs, and lease updates.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$400,333 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$419,700 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of February 12, 2021, and February 26, 2021 made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mrs. Kritzman.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 – 0

Reaffirm Instructional Delivery

Motion to approve the March Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Report was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board, sharing the student attendance rate has been consistent all year. He added WLPS will continue to follow the original plan offering in-person instruction for all students and parents who selected the option and the district will only engage to remote learning as needed. Mr. DeKeyser also shared all public comments received, are in support of the plan.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Overnight Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal for an overnight trip with the WLHS Marching Band submitted by Elissa Fixler, High School Band Director, to travel to Hersey, MI for Band Camp from August 1, 2021 to August 5, 2021 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mrs. Schwennesen shared concerns with the cost and inquired on options for those unable to pay. Mrs. Kritzman shared band members have the opportunity to participate in several fundraising events to offset the cost.

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

*Livingston Classical Academy
Renewal Contract*

Motion to approve the five year contract with Livingston Classical Academy, to be effective July 1, 2021, confirming the Academy’s status as public school academy in the State of Michigan was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mr. Meadows noted this is a contract and not a lease. Mr. DeKeyser updated the Board with the contract changes requested by LCA. He also added a lease will be presented in April for review.

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

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the February 28, 2021 financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) COVID-19 vaccine update – WCHD held their vaccine clinic in the WLHS today, all employees who wanted a vaccine have now had their second dose. He also shared he received many complements on how well it was run.
- 2) Athletics update – WLHS is hosting the Boys District and the Girls Regional Basketball games as the winter sports are ending. Spring sports may require new COVID-19 testing to all athletes. Expect more guidelines to come from MDHHS and MHAAA soon.
- 3) State testing update – PSAT/SAT testing will begin in April at the MS/HS, waiting on a decision from the state regarding M-Step testing, MAP testing will continue at the elementary and be used for the benchmark test reporting.
- 4) Facilities update – Looking into hiring a company to help prioritize facility essentials and prepare for RFQ for future projects.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the acceptance of Emmanuel Jones for the Community Recreation position as Lifeguard over 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced Drama Club will have tryouts for an upcoming performance on the evening of Wednesday, March 24, 2021. She also announced Varsity Quiz Bowl has qualified to compete at the State and National Tournaments.

Mr. Zolenski shared he received several calls from community members on how great the vaccine clinic was run.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn into closed session meeting at 7:47 p.m. (with a 5 minute break) to discuss contract negotiations was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.
Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mr. Meadows – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried 7 - 0

Call to Order

Open session called to order at 8:21 p.m. by President John Meadows

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m. made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.



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



Date