



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023 – High School Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Meadows (*Treasurer*)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, Student Services Director, Melissa Heuker, and Communications Director, Maria Carter-Ewald

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by President Michelle Kritzman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the revised agenda as presented made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Kimberlee Ventura was unable to attend the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$705,800 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$564,406 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of April 14, 2023, and April 28, 2023 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Schwennesen reported the Executive Committee met on May 4, 2023. Topics included contract negotiations, passing of the operation millage, pool assessment, pay to play, and a marijuana policy, Mr. Cole added they also discussed sending out a survey to district residents.

Mr. Zolenski reported the Finance Committee met on May 10, 2023. Topics included use of sinking funds for technology and theater seating, General Fund and Community Recreation Budgets, and proposal to renew Sinking Fund to add purchase of buses.

NEW BUSINESS

WISD Biennial Election Resolution

Mrs. Kritzman briefed the Board members on the resolution sharing there are two six year term positions. R. Stephen Olsen is the only candidate on the ballot, the other seat is open to a write-in candidate. Superintendent DeKeyser informed the Board members that he has not been given additional names as a write-in candidate to date and he would inform members the information when he does.

Motion to approve the WISD Biennial Election; further, the Board designates Trustee, Lee Cole, as its representative and President, Michelle Kritzman as its alternate representative to serve on the 2023 electoral body responsible for electing Members to the WISD Board of Education and directs the representative to vote for candidate R. Stephen Olsen on the first ballot, and may elect one candidate as a write-in candidate taken at the June 5, 2023 election meeting was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes, Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

WISD Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Budget and the resolution as presented was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

Mr. DeKeyser shared this is for the General Fund approval. He also shared expenditures for Basic Programs, instruction has the largest increase due to the increase in virtual learning over the last two years. He also shared that the distribution of Act 18 funds still remains undecided rolling into the 2023-24 school year, as the equity formula is being reviewed.

Roll call vote: *Mrs. Schwennesen – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman – yes, Mrs. McCully – yes,*
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the April 30, 2023 financial report sharing the final 2022-2023 will be presented in June.

2025 Europe Trip Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal for a WLHS overnight trip submitted by Jill Henry, MS/HS Principal, and Candy Huddleston, High School Teacher, for a spring break trip in 2025, for 10 days, to Europe was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

1. Athletics – reviewing with Brad McCormack, Athletic Director, on the possibility to impose a capped fee amount with pay to play costs for district students in a high school level sport, to support more athletes. Mr. McCormack has proposed that we maintain the no fee in MS sports and economically disadvantaged students, and adopt a buy two get one free policy for HS sports which would cap the amount of pay to play at \$250 for an individual or \$500 for a family per school year.
2. Sinking Fund – Theater bleacher seating repairs could cost upwards of \$400,000. Will continue to work on getting an estimate of cost and time frame for repairs.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged the resignations of Claudette Lavigne, Mary Kate Mathy, Debra Busuito, and the hiring of Daniel Kehn, Kevin LaMont, Hannah Seely, and Stacy Sloan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. A Budget hearing will be held prior to the regular meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

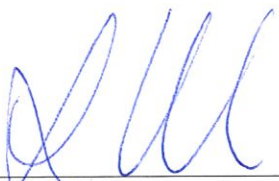
None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman reminded board members of a Legislative Breakfast being held at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023 the WISD. She also announced the MS/HS band concert will be held on Thursday, May 18th, the Senior Awards Night is scheduled for May 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the HS and the Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 4, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m. made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.
Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried 6 - 0.



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

6/12/2023

Date