



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Principal, Heidi Roy-Borland, Communications and Human Resources Director, Maria Carter-Ewald and Community Recreation and Aquatics Director, Ann Kehn

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 agenda as presented made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Landen Livingston was unable to attend. Student Council Representative, Lydia Stefanovski updated members on the Homecoming festivities planned during the first week of October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zolenski reported the Finance Committee met on September 3, 2024. Topics included the 2023-24 audit review, personnel changes with Paraprofessionals and the Supplemental Service positions, district enrollment and the potential impacts to the General and Special Education funds, Sinking Fund projects, and the status of an Energy Bond.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that a presentation of audit will be given during the October 21, 2024 meeting. He also answered Board member questions regarding an Energy Bond.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$692,301 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$549,025 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of August 15, 2024, and August 30, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BOE Policy 1003 First Reading Waiver

Motion to waive the first reading on the Board of Education policies as listed under new business, in accordance with Policy 1003 - Adoption or Amendment of Bylaws and Policies was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared our current Bylaws state two readings are required, however Board members may waive a first reading and then can move into a motion to accept the policies as presented, and discuss any details on those policies. He also shared that our Policy Committee reading is essentially the first reading.

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

Board of Education Policies

Superintendent DeKeyser presented the Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulation, 1003 – Adoption of Amendment of Bylaws and Policies, 1004 – Conflict Between Policies and Administrative Regulations, 2007 & 2007 AR– Cardiac Emergency

Response Plan, 3005 – Selection of Media Center/Library Materials, 3006 – Parental Objections, 4005 – Other Matters of Employment, 8001 AR – Acceptable Use, 8007 & 8007 AR – Discrimination and Harassment, 8007.3 AR – Discrimination and Harassment Under Title IX Employees and Students, and 8009 & 8009 AR – Digital Communications updates and revisions for a second reading.

Motion to approve the Miller Johnson policies and administrative regulations as presented was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. DeKeyser answered all Board member questions and shared the updated policies will be presented to the appropriate departments.

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

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Sarah French as a full time Elementary Science Teacher at Level 3 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of August 19, 2024 and a start date of August 21, 2024, and

to approve the hire of Holly Young as a full time Special Education Teacher for WLES at Level 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with a hire date of August 21, 2024 and a start date of September 4, 2024, and

to approve the hire of Max Satin as a full time Montessori Elementary Teacher at Level 1 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a start date of August 22, 2024 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Community Recreation

Community Recreation and Aquatics Director, Ann Kehn gave a brief update on the programs offered to the community. She also shared that all the fall sport programs are full with the exception of baton and soccer, they have added additional open times for the pool, and is working within the community to offer additional programs. Ann then shared maintenance updates and additional plans regarding the Jennings Road facility.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board acknowledge all the resignations and hiring of staff as listed on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

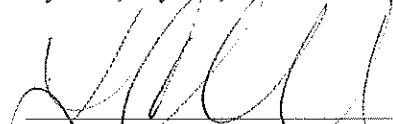
BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced November 4th is the last day the Education Foundation will accept Grant proposals from WLPS employees. She also announced the Education Foundation 21+ Book Bingo Fundraising Event will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Whitmore Lake Rod & Gun Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole

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



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

10/21/2024

Date