

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 17, 2025 — 7:00 p.m. Whitmore Lake High School Barb Huang Library



WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mission Statement

Partnering with students, parents, and the community to provide exceptional, personalized education.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, February 17, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School Barb Huang Library 7430 Whitmore Lake Rd. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

"The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

BOARD CLARIFICATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ryan Rowe, WISD CTE Director, will present plans to establish Applied & Experiential Learning, including Career Technical Education (CTE) programming in Washtenaw County.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Landen Livingston will present the student council report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of minutes from the January 13, 2025 Board of Education Organizational / Regular Meeting. (Attachment 1)

Approve fund transfer of \$664,962 in payments from Accounts Payable as per attachment 2; further, to approve the transfer of \$626,241 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of January 15, 2025 and January 31, 2025. (Attachment 2)

NEW BUSINESS

MASB Board of Directors Election

Attachment 3 contains the MASB 2025 Board of Directors Election booklet with information about Region 7 candidates: Guillermo Lopez, Cory McLaughlin, and Jack Temsey. All Boards of Education listed in Region 7 may vote for one candidate and must cast their vote by 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025. A motion will be required.

Financial Report

Attachment 4 contains the Budget Performance Report for January 31, 2025. Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan will update the Board with information regarding the financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

OTHER INFORMATION

Personnel

The following people recently submitted their resignations; Elementary Math Teacher, Matthew Penner, MS/HS Custodians, Anita Fahey and Kayla Schweitzer and GLTW EDU Care Assistant, Jasmine Thompson.

David Greene has accepted the position as Swim Instructor in Community Recreation with a start date of January 29, 2025.

Misty King has accepted the position as MSC Custodian, and Tadd Muirhead and Michael Brief have accepted the positions as MS/HS Custodian. These positions have a start date of February 10, 11, and 12, 2025, respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Kritzman, Mrs. McCully, Mr. Meadows, and Mr. Zolenski

ADJOURNMENT

Please fill out a "Public Participation Request" form if you wish to address the Board prior to the Public Comment section of the meeting. Please include your name, address and topic you wish to speak on. Those wishing to speak in Public Comment are limited to three (3) minutes.

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0160 - MEETINGS

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- A. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- B. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- C. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.

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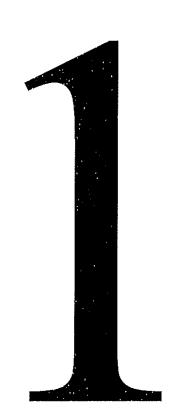
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- A. The recorder must operate the device within the area designated by the principal or director of the activity.
- B. The camera must not block the view of any other attendees or interfere with others who seek to record the activity.
- C. Those who record or assist a recorder must not block any passageways nor interfere with any other attendee's participation or observation of the activity.
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Whitmore Lake Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (President) (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Frank Zolenski (Vice President), John

Meadows (Treasurer), Lisa McCully (Secretary), Lee Cole (Trustee), Lindsey Collins

(Trustee), and Kelly Henning (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, and Student Services

Director, Melissa Heuker

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents, and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Frank Zolenski.

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected Board Members, Lindsey Collins and Kelly Henning were sworn into office

by Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Zolenski, called for nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board for the 2025 calendar year.

Mr. Meadows nominated Mrs. Kritzman as President, Mr. Zolenski as Vice President, and Mrs. McCully as Secretary. Mr. Zolenski nominated Mr. Meadows as Treasurer and inquired if there were any other nominations.

Motion to close all board officer nominations for the 2025 calendar year was made by Mr. Cole; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Michelle Kritzman, as President of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Frank Zolenski, as Vice President of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. McCully.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of Lisa McCully, as Secretary of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mrs. Collins.

Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried

Motion to approve the nomination of John Meadows, as Treasurer of the Board until the next Organizational meeting held in January 2026 was made by Mrs. McCully; supported by Mrs. Collins.

Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried

2025 ELECTED OFFICERS

Elected officers assumed their respective positions. Vice President Zolenski assumed the Board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, staff and many student organizations from each building presented board members with gifts and tokens of appreciation.

Mr. DeKeyser thanked the Board for their devoted service to the students and district.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Landen Livingston was not able to attend. Student Council Representative, Lydia Stefanovski updated board members on the festivities planned during Snowcoming week, which begins January 27, 2025. She also shared the theme for Snowcoming this year is "Carnival".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the December 16, 2024 closed session was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$531,937 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$647,244 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of December 13, 2024, and December 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole. Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

School of Choice

Motion to approve Whitmore Lake Public Schools as a School of Choice district with unlimited open enrollment for students in K-12 in all programs for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year pursuant to Sections 105 and 105 (c) of the State School Aid Act was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mr. Meadows inquired about second semester. Mr. DeKeyser shared that a decision for second semester could be done at a later date. Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried 6-0

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Denise Smith, as the Elementary Special Education Resource Teacher at Level 1 on the WLEA BA salary scale with an effective date of January 6, 2025 was made by Mr. Zolenski; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Mr. DeKeyser shared that Denise recently completed the Paraprofessional-to-Teacher Certification Pilot Program led by WISD in partnership with local school districts and Eastern Michigan University, receiving her special education teaching certificate. Ayes -6; Nays -0, motion carried 6-0

Financial Report

Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, updated the Board with information regarding the December 31, 2024 financial report. She then answered all board member questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent DeKeyser updated the Board on the K-5 English Language Arts curriculum review process and schedule for recommendation by BOE.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board acknowledged the resignations of Lifeguard and Aquatics Supervisors, Daniel Kehn and Conor Trotter, and Under-18 Lifeguards, Chaille Guilloz, Ajax Coleman, and Kate Ralls in Community Recreation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Henning expressed their gratitude becoming a member and look forward to working with the other Board members. They also shared that they will be attending the CBA 101: Fundamentals of School Board Service scheduled on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

Mrs. Kritzman reminded the Board members of the Legislative Breakfast on January 27, 2025 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the WISD. She also announced the MS Drama club will be performing "How to Get Away With a Murder Mystery" A Murder Mystery Spoof by Don Zolidis, in the high school theater on February 7th & 8th at 7:00 p.m. and on February 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. McCully welcomed the new Board members and shared she is looking forward to working together.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.

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



Whitmore Lake Public Schools Business Office Transactions

For the Month Ending: January 2025

Payroll Transactions	January 15, 2025 January 31, 2025	\$ \$	300,256 325,985
	•	\$	626,241
Accounts Payable Transactions		\$	664,962







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2025 ELECTIONS

MASB Bylaws - Article IV - Membership

Section 2. Active Members. The board of education of any public school district in Michigan may become an active member of the Association. Active members of the Association shall be divided into eight regions. The regions shall be designated according to intermediate school district boundaries. The regions shall be as follows:

Region 1. Copper Country ISD, Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, Dickinson-Iron ISD, Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD, Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD, Marquette-Alger RESA and Menominee County ISD.

Region 2. Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD, Charlevoix- Emmet ISD, Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD, COOR ISD, losco RESA, Manistee ISD, Northwest Education Services and Wexford-Missaukee ISD

Region 3. Ionia County ISD, Kent ISD, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Montcalm Area ISD, Muskegon Area ISD, Newaygo County RESA, Ottawa Area ISD and West Shore ESD.

Region 4. Bay-Arenac ISD, Clare-Gladwin RESD, Clinton County RESA, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Midland County ESA, Saginaw ISD and Shiawassee RESD.

Region 5. Genesee ISD, Huron ISD, Lapeer County ISD, Sanilac ISD, St. Clair County RESA and Tuscola ISD.

Region 6. Allegan Area ESA, Barry ISD, Berrien RESA, Branch ISD, Calhoun ISD, Heritage Southwest ISD, Kalamazoo RESA, St. Joseph County ISD and Van Buren ISD.

Region 7. Eaton RESA, Hillsdale County ISD, Ingham ISD, Jackson County ISD, Lenawee ISD, Livingston ESA, Monroe County ISD and Washtenaw ISD.

Region 8. Macomb ISD, Oakland Schools and Wayne RESA.

Active members shall also be divided into the following seven groups based on pupil membership.

Group I	All intermediate districts;
Group II	School districts with a pupil membership of 0 - 1,400;
Group III	School districts with a pupil membership of 1,401 - 2,500;
Group IV	School districts with a pupil membership of 2,501 - 5,000;
Group V	School districts with a pupil membership of 5,001 - 11,000;
Group VI	School districts with a pupil membership of 11,001 - 40,000; and
Group VII	School districts with a pupil membership more than 40,000.

Board of Directors' Elections—Candidate Information and Email Voting Procedures

This year, eight seats on the MASB Board of Directors are up for election.

The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of 23 members, including three at-large directors. Sixteen directors shall be elected from the eight regions, with two elected from each region; and one director per group shall be elected from Groups V, VI and VII. Directors are elected by active member school boards and, each year, several seats are up for election. The MASB President will nominate a member to serve as an at-large director, subject to Board approval.

Board Limitations:

Article VIII, Section 6 of the MASB Bylaws permits only one director to be elected or appointed from any one local or intermediate school district board.

According to MASB Bylaws Article VIII, Section 8, if any nomination for the Board of Directors is unopposed, the Board of Directors shall declare the unopposed candidate elected without conducting an election for the uncontested group or region.

This year, the following seats on the MASB Board are up for election (one seat each, three-year terms unless otherwise noted): Regions 1 (two-year term), 3, 4, 6 (open seat; one-year term), 7, 8 (open seat) and Groups V and VI. If you're unsure of your district's region or group, please see the list on page 2.

- Region 1 will continue to be represented by Kristen Cambensy, Marquette Area Public Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)
- Region 3 will continue to be represented by Rick Dernberger, Zeeland Public Schools and Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)
- Region 4 will continue to be represented by John Tramontana, DeWitt Public Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)
- . Group V will continue to be represented by Stephen Hyer, Clarkston Community Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)
- Group VI will continue to be represented by Marc Slegler, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)

Voting in Regions 6, 7 and 8 will take place via an online ballot. No local district/ISD funds can be used to campaign for anyone running for a seat. To help your board make an informed decision, the following pages contain background information and statements from each of the candidates.

Each district received ONE ballot, which was emailed to the superintendent secretary on record with MASB on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025. These ballots **CANNOT** be forwarded to anyone else. Once your board makes a decision on which candidate it wishes to vote for, please convey this information to your superintendent secretary.

Completed ballots must be cast and confirmed by the superintendent secretary by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Unofficial election results will be available on the voicemail recording at 517.327.5915 as soon as possible, but generally after 2 p.m. on the deadline date. They will also be sent out via email that afternoon. Official results will be approved at the March 14, 2025, Board of Directors' meeting, which newly elected directors should plan to attend.

To summarize:

- Ballot deadline is 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.
- MASB would like to remind all candidates for the MASB Board of Directors that no school district funds can be used for
 campaigning during the election. This rule prohibits a candidate from using their school district email account to send messages
 to other school board members. Therefore, a personal email account must be used for campaigning purposes when running for
 the MASB Board of Directors. If you have any questions about what may or may not constitute an expenditure of school district
 funds, please contact MASB's Legal Counsel Brad Banasik, J.D. at bbanasik@masb.org or 517.327.5929.
- An electronic file containing the physical addresses and email addresses for the voting group or region shall be made available
 to each candidate running for election to the board of directors. The revokable license to use the addresses shall be limited to
 contacting school board members to share information about the MASB Board of Directors' election.
- Have questions? Contact Cheryl Huffman at 517.327.5915 or chuffman@masb.org.



Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Guillermo Z Lopez (MelMain)

Lansing School District, Ingham County

Time served on this board: Offices held: President, and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award Award of Merit Award of Distinction Master Boardmember

Election Statement:

As we welcome the new year, we are also aware that changes in education funding from the federal government are very possible. As your director from Region 7, I will work closely with our MASB staff and pay close attention to how these changes may affect our educational system here in Michigan. I will also continue to support the work MASB has done in the area of equity in education in all its forms. Additionally, I will continue supporting districts that need training but are not in a position to cover the costs. I very much appreciate MASB staff who are continually looking at ways that we can expand these funding efforts. Finally, I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter coming directly from Region 7.

2025 ELECTIONS



Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Cory McLaughlin

Jefferson Schools, Monroe County

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember (CBA 101)

Election Statement:

Since joining the Jefferson School Board in 2014, I have been dedicated to ensuring that every decision we make is in the best interest of our students. I am passionate about creating opportunities for all learners and believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality education that meets their unique needs and aspirations.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are a priority for me because they provide students with real-world skills and open doors to meaningful careers. I also strongly advocate for advanced classes to challenge and inspire high-achieving students, ensuring they are prepared for post-secondary education and beyond. Equally important is my commitment to special education, as I believe every child, regardless of ability, deserves the resources and support to thrive.

My experience on the Jefferson School Board has taught me the importance of collaboration, fiscal responsibility and community engagement. I bring a student-centered approach to decision-making and strive to build partnerships that benefit our schools. Serving on the MASB Board of Directors would allow me to expand this work, sharing best practices and advocating for policies that empower all districts to succeed.

I am running for this position because I am deeply committed to advancing education in Michigan and ensuring that every child has access to the tools and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.



Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Jack Temsey Eaton RESA, Eaton County

Time served on another board:

8 years

Potterville Public Schools

Offices held:

Secretary and Treasurer



MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award Award of Merit Award of Distinction Master Boardmember Master Diamond Master Platinum

Election Statement:

As a Board of Education Trustee, I feel we are the voice for our children. We need to utilize this voice to ensure we can offer our children the education they deserve, regardless of the struggles that we face behind the scenes.

We need to direct this voice to those who create legislation that we feel will adversely affect public education, as well as remember to offer praise to those who show us favor and offer to help. I believe the voice of our boards and communities can make a difference. I have strived to become the best board member I can be. One of the ways that I have tried to accomplish this is by becoming certified through the MASB's CBA program. I have gained a wealth of knowledge by attending classes, conferences and other various events as well as networking with board members from around the state.

Public education is as diverse as our country. There are no single fix-all solutions that work for every school district. I feel that bringing the voice of small communities and small districts to the forefront is important. I would like to continue advocating to provide

adequate and equitable funding for ALL districts.

Adequate funding is sufficient funding to provide basic schooling. Equitable funding is based on fairness.

I previously served the Potterville Public Schools Board of Education for eight years. During this time, I served on the Policy, Community Relations and Technology Committees, as well as Secretary and Treasurer. I have been an Eaton RESA Trustee for eight years, serving on the Building and Grounds and Finance and Audit Committees as well as Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. I am currently serving again as President.

Additionally, I have served MASB as a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and Government Relations Committee plus served as its Vice Chairman, also on the Resolutions and Bylaws committee, and as its Vice Chairman. I am currently serving again on the Government Relations Committee as its Vice Chairman.

I would be honored to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to represent you, our Region, and our students. I want to bring your voices to the table to further benefit the future of public education.

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Whitmore Lake Public Schools Budget Performance Reports January 31, 2025

Revenue	Actual	Adopted Budget	Remaining Budget	% Used/Rec'd	Expected Additional	Projected Amendment	-
Fund 11 - General Fund Revenue	\$4,947,748	\$14,118,484	\$9,170,736	35.04%	\$353,304	\$14,471,788	Act 18, GSRP, SpEd, CTE & Filter
Fund 23 - Comm Rec Revenue	\$880,713	\$1,584,425	\$703,712	55.59%	\$50,000	\$1,634,425	Minus ORS Funds, State Aid Property Value Increase
Fund 25 - Food Service Revenue	\$316,615	\$584,000	\$267,385	54.21%			
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$235,886	\$451,750	\$215,864	52.22%	\$45,000	\$496,750.00	Property Value Increase
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted Budget	Remaining Budget	% Used/Rec'd	Expected Additional	Projected Amendment	_
Fund 11 - General Fund Expenditure	\$7,476,262	\$13,983,303	\$6,507,041	53.47%	\$593,454	\$14,576,757	Sp Ed, Theater Lighting, GLTW
Fund 23 - Comm Rec Expenditure	\$790,145	\$1,559,020	\$768,875	50.68%			Custodian, Maintenance & Bus
Fund 25 - Food Service Expenditure	\$326,240	\$600,000	\$273,760	54.37%			
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$415,387	\$536,919	\$121,532	77.36%			
Audited Fund Balance 6-30-2024							
Fund 11 - General Fund State Aid Note	\$1,211,304 \$1,697,430	Editorial contract the contract to the contract of the contract of				\$1,107,316	
Fund 23 - Commmunity Recreation	\$212,18	3					
Fund 25 - Food Service	\$73,942	2					
Fund 41 - Sinking Fund	\$497,438						