



**Whitmore Lake Public Schools**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

**April 8, 2024 – High School Barb Huang Library – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*),

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), and Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

**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 Athletic Director, Brad McCormack

**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. Cole.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows shared the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students expressed they had a great time and learned a lot while on their Washington field trip. She also shared Student Council members are in the early stages of planning for the Spring Fling celebration.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Zolenski.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*Motion to approve fund transfer of \$736,906 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$613,055 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of March 15, 2024, and March 29, 2024 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Zolenski.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Designate acting BOE Secretary*

*Motion to designate Mr. Henry to serve as acting Board Secretary in the absence of current Board Secretary, Lisa McCully made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Meadows.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*School Bond Qualification Application*

*Motion to approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented by the Administration for filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury and that the Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign the same was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Henry.*

Mr. DeKeyser shared and reviewed the Preliminary Bond Qualification Application with the Board. He answered all Board member questions and shared ballot language, as prepared by Thrun Law Firm, will be presented at the May Board meeting for approval.

**Roll call vote:** *Mr. Meadows– yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mrs. Kritzman - yes.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*Athletic Co-Operative Program*

*Motion to approve the resolution for an athletic co-operative boys soccer program between WLPS and Pinckney Community Schools at the varsity level for the 2024-2025 and 2025-26 school years was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Cole.*

Athletic Director, Brad McCormack shared Pinckney Community Schools, Athletic Director, reached out to ask if WLPS would join a boys' soccer co-op with them. He also shared he has had a few students express interest in a soccer team. Mr. McCormack then answered all board member questions.

**Roll call vote:** *Mr. Meadows – yes, Mr. Zolenski – yes, Mr. Cole – yes, Mr. Henry – yes, Mrs. Kritzman - yes.*

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0, motion carried 5 – 0

*Financial Report*

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Kudos to Mr. Kobeck for his dedication in organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades Washington DC field trip for the past several years.
- 2) Facility updates – the theater bleacher removal is complete, installation of the new seating is scheduled for June. Upgrades to Lighting, doors, and room signs are complete as part of the new security systems, integrations and training are next.
- 3) Thank you to Jennifer Conlin, Michigan State Representative, who donated a defibrillator to WLPS provided by the NFL.
- 4) State testing begins this week, starting with the SAT on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 followed by M-Step testing.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mrs. Kritzman announced the Community Scholarship Committee meets tomorrow, April 9, 2024 to review applications received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry*

Ayes - 5; Nays - 0, motion carried 5 - 0.

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

*5/13/2024*  
Date