



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024 – High School Barb Huang Library – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Kritzman (*President*), Frank Zolenski (*Vice President*) (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*), John Meadows (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Bob Henry (*Trustee*), and Laura Schwennesen (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

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, 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 6:00 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 – 6; Nays – 0, motion carried

BUGGET HEARING

Director of Finance and Operations, Denise Kerrigan, acknowledged the main purpose of the budget hearing is to set the amounts that will be levied for 2024 per the MCL Headlee rollback. Mrs. Kerrigan then reviewed the levied mills and the budgets they affect with the board, and answered all board member questions. She also shared that WLPS will receive the full 18 mills from our state aid this year.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council President, Natalie Meadows was not able to attend. The 2024-25 Student Council President, Landen Livingston, will present at the June 24, 2024 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$644,841 in payments from Accounts Payable; further to approve the transfer of \$631,498 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of May 15, 2024, and May 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mrs. Schwennesen.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA Resolution

Motion to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the year August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025 was made by Mrs. Kritzman; 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

WLPS Course Catalog

Motion to approve the Whitmore Lake Public Schools student course guide, the Graduation Alliance course guide, and the additional Arts & Communication, and Human Services courses for the 2024-2025 school year was made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry.

Mr. DeKeyser updated the board on the new courses, and recommended approval.

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

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to inform Livingston Classical Academy Board to appoint Stacy Specht, Mike Schmidt, and Doug Pedersen for a 3-year term on the board of directors for LCA commencing July 1, 2024 was made by Mr. Meadows; supported by Mr. Cole.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared that more candidates applied than positions were available. He then gave a quick synopsis on the candidates selected.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Athletics

Athletic Director, Brad McCormack shared highlights and team accomplishments from the 2024 winter and spring sports seasons. He also announced the Girls Track Team broke multiple school records and were the MHSAA Champion in the division. Mr. McCormack then shared that nineteen students were recognized for the Academic All-Conference Award.

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the following:

- 1) Bond Proposal – WLPS will host a Zoom Bond Q&A session in the evening on June 25, 2024 and another session will be held in the afternoon in July.
- 2) Facility update – Bleacher seating in the high school theater began this week, the projected completion of this project is six-weeks.

OTHER INFORMATION

The board acknowledge the resignations of Community Recreation Lifeguard, Davis Radde and Sophia Nielsen, Elementary Paraprofessional, Grace Spencer and GLTW Infant Assistant, Mariana Labra and Toddler Lead Teacher, Libby Militello

The board also acknowledge the hiring of GLTW Montessori Toddler Assistant, Miriam Apostol, Community Recreation Lifeguard and Aquatics Supervisor, Conor Trotter, Waves Assistant Coach/Trainer, Alivia Demeuse, Lifeguard under 18, Katherine Ralls and Jianna Wagenti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Barb Huang Library.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Kritzman announced she recently attended the Legislative Breakfast, sharing most of their discussion involved the amount of time districts spend to apply and receive one-time grant funding.

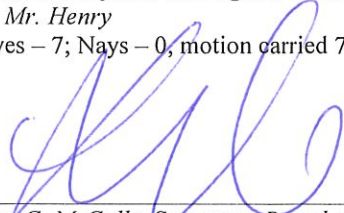
Mr. Zolenski inquired if the Board has ever recognized a coach in the district. Mr. DeKeyser shared that he shares all acknowledgements from the board with the coach or staff member but have never brought them in to a meeting.

Mr. Meadows inquired about the costs and charges for Middle/High School summer school.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:01 p.m. made by Mrs. Kritzman; supported by Mr. Henry

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



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



 Date