



## Westlake Board of Education

### *Board Notes from Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 Special Session*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Following the Board of Education's organizational meeting, the Board had a special session to discuss and take action to preserve the potential for a special needs project. If we want to allow for the potential of a May or November issue to exist, our overall debt would be beyond 4%. Our current debt is below 4% of our total valuation. If we add \$126 million, at most, in a bond issue this would put us past the 4%. This does not commit us to a ballot issue, but enables us to pursue our current facilities planning process. The Board approved a resolution determining that the district is a special needs district, as well as a resolution authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to prepare and file preliminary materials in connection with applications for consent pursuant to Section 133.06© of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Board also approved the employment of Bruce Ashwood and Diane Hill as bus drivers.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The Board will hold a special session on Friday, Jan. 16, at 1pm at the Westlake Schools Administration Building. The next regular Board meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 26, 5:30pm, at the Westlake Schools administration building.

**BOARD ITEMS:** Timothy Sullivan noted that Westlake City Council voted down resolutions authorizing the mayor to enter into discussions/agreements with the school district. These were housekeeping items that had inaction for about one year. Dr. Keenan will follow up with Mayor Clough.

A city water line broke west of the high school on Hilliard Boulevard this afternoon. The city worked with us to keep school in session. We did not have to cancel after school events. We let student drivers go 20 minutes early. We will have extra police officers direct traffic at Dover Center to help ease traffic congestion into the high school.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

<http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/AdminBldg/BOE/BOESched.htm>