



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, March 30, 2009

SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS: The Board recognized a number of students for various achievements:

1. Holly Lane Elementary students selected as exhibitors for the Ohio Art Education Association Exhibition (Isabella DiStefano, Sara Massa, Brian Corrigan, Anna Tsirambidis, Janie Wu).
2. Lee Burneson Middle School Lego Team won 1st place Research Quality Award Trophy in the FIRST Lego League competition (Pranav Idnany, Evan Kelemen, Sam Kelemen, Elizabeth Kobe, Ashwen Ravichandran, Aakash Shah, Adler Smith, Kevin Wang, Sam Yun).
3. LBMS and Parkside Intermediate students for placing first in the MathCounts competition (Ishaan Bakhle, Kartik Dhinakaran, Elizabeth Kobe, Ashwen Ravichandran, Aakash Shah, Krish Shah, Chris Tsuei, Kevin Wang).
4. LBMS students for participation in the St. Edward Math Classic (Kevin Wang, Elizabeth Kobe, Ishaan Bakhle, Apshara Ravichandran, Paavani Reddy, Krish Shah)
5. Elizabeth Kobe was recognized for being Ohio's top scorer in the American Mathematics Competition.
6. The Westlake City School District was recognized by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Cleveland Southwest Safety Council for outstanding efforts in safety

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: District Leadership Team (32 stakeholders) looking at CIP to create smart goals to target the classroom. Hilliard Celebrate the Arts Day brought in 15 different artistic activities for our students to participate in on one day. Parkside held its first of two DARE graduations for fifth graders. We continue to meet about the funding system. We have reason to believe they will amend the Senate Bill put forth to change the school funding system. Have met with state leaders about this. Developing a joint position with districts that will similarly be impacted by the state budget. Pushing for Ohio Schools Facilities Commission adjustments. Curriculum Subcommittee meeting discussed changes, including keyboarding move from LBMS to Parkside. Policy Subcommittee met to review Ohio School Board policies.

Communication efforts on facilities stepped up to inform community about challenges. Met with staffs, PTAs. Progressing with videos. Web site has been updated. Tour of high school given to Porter Library Board. The city will run a ticker on their channel to indicate a student video will be running on WHBS-TV. A facilities reference is on ProgressBook. PTA newsletters including facilities information. Met with OSFC to create a timeline of what would happen if we were to place an issue on the November ballot. Presenting facilities information to local groups and organizations, as well as preparing information to have available at community and school events.

In five sports we won 4 conference championships. Drama Club will perform this weekend.

TREASURER'S ITEMS: Authorized the treasurer to return an advance from Project LINK to the General Fund. Advanced funds from the General Fund to ABLE. Adjusted FY09 appropriations. Issued a Then and Now Certificate for the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.

DONATIONS: Accepted gifts and contributions from Peter Kolodgy of Advirtuosity, Joan Dee and Denny Dreher, and the Westlake Town Criers.

NEW BUSINESS: Approved FMLA leave for Tom Urich, Cheryl Pikel, Amy Davey and Elena Prohaska. Approved parental leave for Sarah Gorius. Approved classified resignation of Nicole Grillo, Doug Kuns and Bobbi McVey. Approved certified employment of Anne Frantz, Kristin Stuckart and Penny Meade. Approved classified employment of Nicole Grillo, Angela Baker, Christine Malone, James Muzychak, Doug Kuns, Christina Young, Jerry Slabaugh, Diane Hill. Approved employment of substitutes for staff members: Rebecca Brayton, Nicholas Hartman, Janet Jacobs, Tamera James, Denise Joseph, Robert Karohl, Stephanie Karohl, Barbara Massien, Judith O'Brien, Nida Ramahi, Kathleen Ritchie, Kathy Siller, Cynthia Spinelli, Beverly Tomcho, Karen Wong, Andrew Keefe, Eric Toulouse. Approved reclassification of certified staff members Thomas DeLuca, Charles Dubil, Julie Milkie, Elena Prohaska, Colleen Steidel. Approved supplemental contracts to Amy Schillinger, Adam Purdy, Ray Walczuk.

Approved home instruction by Heather Eichenberg, Karen Kane, Geoff Friedrich, Sarah Reichert. Approved administrator contract renewals for Mark Bregar, Mary Flanagan, Timothy Freeman, David Puffer, Timothy Rickard, Paul Wilson. Approved job sharing for Tracy Sicafuse and Michelle Kasunick, Jennifer Doyle and Tina Fouts, Lois Leonard and Michelle Patton, Kim d'Acunzo and Lisa Forshey, Claire Bookman and Kelli Butler, Shannon Basile and Christine Latham, Amy Davey and Tracy Sidloski. Approved extended time for the communications coordinator. Approved resignation of Judy Bates.

Approved amending the agreement for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services through the 2010-2011 school year for the Ombudsman Program. Authorized participation in Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Program to advertise and receive bids for waste and recycling services. Approved the summer reading intervention program at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. Approved Sunday building use for St. Bernadette grade school track practice and meets. Approved the revised 2009-10 school calendar. Approved the 2009 Camp LINK parent/student handbook. Approved Camp Link rates, hours of operation, locations and dates for 2009. Approved 2009 summer enrichment and intervention programs.

Authorized the WCSD to advertise and receive statement of qualifications for architecture services. Authorized WCSD to submit a waiver application to the Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children for the 2008-09 school year. Adopted an agreement with the OAPSE Local 319 for an extension and modification of the present contract. Approved field trip for LBMS 2009 Environmental Excellence Awards & Summit. Approved the Lake Erie Educational Computer Association service agreement for 2009-2010. Authorized the district to advertise and receive bids for mobile classrooms, temporary or additional structures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The Board had first reading on a number of policies, including sexual harassment, nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, commitment to accomplishment, school board powers and duties, organizational chart, bidding requirements, student conduct on school buses, equal employment opportunity, staff conflict of interest, staff conduct, personnel records, criminal record check, family and medical leave, professional staff supplemental contracts, reduction in professional staff workforce, support staff pupil activity contracts, programs for gifted and talented students, Title I programs, parental involvement in education, school volunteers, acceleration, early entrance to kindergarten, school admission, hazing and bullying, student records, public conduct on district property, public complaints, public complaints about the curriculum or instructional materials, public complaints about district personnel.

BOARD ITEMS: The district has the ability to file a challenge against the taxable value of the property. We saw significant discrepancies valued by the auditor v. what they recently sold for. About 20 properties ranging from \$100,000 to \$1.4 million variances. In the past we have not pursued anything on the residential side. Deadline to file complaint against these is March 31. The school district's share would be around \$82,000. The Board did not vote on challenging these valuations.

Fundraising: There was a question about the processes followed when doing fundraisers.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT: Applied to the Ohio Department of Development for asbestos abatement grant to abate asbestos materials at the Red Brick building. Will cost \$200,000 or more. The Red Brick continues to age. We've had to board up windows, add locks. Applied for Ohio EPA grant to retrofit 20 diesel buses with emission devices. Cuts admission between 50% and 75%. Copier renewals are up in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: The Board adjourned into executive session twice for the purpose of student discipline-expulsion appeals.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, April 27, 5:30pm, at the Westlake Schools administration building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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