



## **Westlake Board of Education**

### ***Board Notes from Monday, July 14, 2008***

**Superintendent's Report:** 25 LBMS teachers are attending this week's STEM training session at Lorain County Community College. The district is continuing to gather input on facilities. We have up to 31% staff participation on our survey and 332 community responses. We'll be using that data to put together a plan. Board Notes are now on the district web site for a quick look at the previous night's meeting. Work continues on the CIP with the largest number and widest variety of stakeholders on a committee. A new plan will be presented to the Board in August.

**Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:** CFO/Treasurer Mark Pepera presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial report. The report includes the first full year of collections from the 2006 levy. The district stayed within budget for the last school year and kept commitments to the community, including address technology, purchasing 4 new buses, funding capital improvements. Looking ahead, the state will phase out reimbursement of the CAT tax beginning in 2012. This is the first year the city has seen a decrease in tax valuation, down by 2%. The district lost about 20% of federal grant funding (about \$2,000) for special needs programming. That money will now come out of the General Fund. Budget concerns: rising utilities cost. Looking at a \$12,000 per month increase for utilities. Added \$150,000 to fuel budget for coming year for transportation. Electric will see an 8% to 10% increase coming in January 2009. The district assumes the cost of trash disposal of \$26,000 annually for the next 3 years, although the district petitioned the city not to pass on that cost. The Board approved resolutions to approve the quarterly report and financial forecast, adjust FY09 temporary appropriations for the General Fund, appoint Joseph Marinucci as a delegate and Carol Winter as an alternate for the 2008 annual OSBA business meeting, approve student activity purpose statements and budgets.

**Director of Business Affairs Report:** Dave Puffer reported on sending payment in-lieu-of transportation service letters. Highway Patrol inspections of buses are being conducted. Maintenance crews are cutting back overgrowth along fences, trimming back shrubs in front of the Red Brick building, adding new top soil and seed around the Performing Arts Center, and mulching areas in need. The city donated more than 60 yards of mulch. Other in-house maintenance items include repairing LBMS office A/C and exhaust fans in the arboretum. Also ordering replacement signs. Other summer projects include asphalt

repairs at WHS, Parkside and Hilliard, as well as WHS locker painting and updating of the WHS locker room. Ceiling mounted projects are going up at LBMS and WHS. The district is in talks with T-Mobile to erect a cell phone tower on the WHS football field. The move would net the district \$1,100 a month for the first five year. Five subsequent five-year terms call for a 2% annual increase.

**DONATIONS:** The Board accepted a gift from the Westlake Demons Club for the WHS Athletic Department.

**STAFF ITEMS:** Approved a professional study leave of absence for WHS intervention specialist Trina Powers for the 2008-09 school year. Approved John Heiman as a substitute custodian/cleaner. Accepted the resignations of Barb Hermann at the Administration Building, Jerry Lewis from Holly Lane, Kelly Matousek from WHS and Brandon Schade from WHS. Approved summer employment for Howard Coleman at Bassett, Stephanie Karohl at Dover, Larry Schenkelberg at LBMS, Gail Heiman at LBMS, Anthony Silaghi at WHS, John DeBlasi at WHS and Michele Yehlik at transportation. Approved 183 certified substitutes for the 2008-09 school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Approved agreements for tuition pupils and contracts with PSI Affiliates Inc., Health Aide Service, William Patrick Day Center, Lakeshore Day Camp and Nova Southeastern University Inc. The North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild was approved for their biannual quilt show at WHS on Sunday, April 19. Approved participation in the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Programs for the 2008-09 school year. A second change order for the LBMS HVAC project was approved to North Bay Construction for \$1,870 for increasing the amount of copper piping to be used for the heating lines as recommended by Karpinski Engineering.

**SECOND READING:** Approved two policies regarding interscholastic athletics (Policy IGDJ) and physical examinations of students (Policy JHCA).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** A public meeting comment period was held regarding the intent to rehire G. David Newman, a retired administrative staff member, as LBMS principal. The issue will go up for a vote at the August meeting.

**FALL MEETING SCHEDULE:** The Board will decide on fall meeting locations at school buildings at the August meeting, as well as the creation of a policy review subcommittee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** Two sessions were held to discuss the superintendent evaluation and treasurer employment, and an employee termination hearing. Following the executive sessions, the Board voted to terminate the employment contract of bus driver Daryle Cooke effective July 15, 2008.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, Aug. 11, 5:30pm at the Administration Building.