



# Westlake Board of Education

## *Board Notes from Monday, Aug. 10, 2009*

**REVIEW OF QSCB BOND AWARD AND DISCUSSION OF NOVEMBER BALLOT ISSUE:** 38 of the 39 school districts that applied for the QSCB bonds through the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission were awarded interest-free bonds. Because they agreed to support such a large number of districts, we found our calculated savings were not the estimated \$10 to \$16 million, but only \$800,000. We were on the low end of awards, being close to \$2 million range.

A dismal economy and a lack of substantial savings from the state bond program led the board to defer a planned ballot issue request to address facilities until possibly next spring.

The Board's decision came after a discussion on balancing the current economic and employment situation with the great need to address the Westlake Schools' aging facilities. The district has been examining its facilities issue for more than a year, gathering input and data from community groups and architectural reports. The bottom line is the district must address aging and overcrowded facilities to maintain its status as an "Excellent" school district.

The Board remains committed to developing a long-range vision for the community that will account for school facilities now and in the future. Stay informed on the facilities process by visiting the district web site at [www.wlake.org/facilities](http://www.wlake.org/facilities).

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board passed a resolution to declare urgent necessity and award contract to install classroom structures. Apple Mobile Leasing cannot install the mobile units at Parkside Intermediate and LBMS before school. The district will contract with Kiczek Builders of North Olmsted to address the issue immediately.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The Board will hold its next meeting on Aug. 31 at the Westlake Schools administration building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit  
<http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/AdminBldg/BOE/BOESched.htm>