



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Aug. 31, 2009

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The district received its 11th straight excellent report card. Ranked Excellent with Distinction. We met Adequate Yearly Progress and Value-Added measures. Preschool opened today. Lockdown and safety drills will take place in September. On Friday afternoon there was a tornado warning issued. Sent out two AlertNow messages about holding buses.

TREASURER'S ITEMS: CFO/Treasurer Mark Pepera made a financial presentation on a draft 2009-2010 budget. Retirement incentive program, controlled adding additional FTE positions through attrition, additional health care concessions from employees, new budgetary model that helps control expenses -- all have helped our bottom line. Major things impacting us are the economy. Our tax valuation is projected to decline a little over 4%. We're looking at a period of time of stagnant growth for three or four years. School funding at state level cut 1% for next year and 1% the following year. Loss of local portion of personal property tax. Looking at an operating issue in fall 2012. We are looking at a 2% increase in the budget due to state requirements and special needs requirements.

The Board approved the quarterly report and financial forecast. Approved a Then & Now certificate for Cardinal Bus Sales & Service to lease two buses. Approved student activity purpose statements and budgets for WHBS-TV, Parkside band activities, WHS athletics, WHS vending machine athletics, WHS swimming pool. Accepted funds from Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Montessori children's School, Westlake Montessori, St. Paul, St. Bernadette, Le Chaperon Rouge, Entry Year Program for Teachers FY09, ABLE Instruction FY10, EL Civics, Title VI Special Education Part-B IDEA, title II-D Technology Fund, Title III LEP/Immigrant, title I, Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools, Early Childhood Special Education, Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality, Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus fund, and American Recovery & Reinvestment Act federal funds. Authorized the treasurer to advance funds from General Fund to Uniform Supply. Approved establishing new funds, Title II-D Technology FY10. Approved adjusting FY10 temporary appropriations and temporary appropriations-other funds. Designated Tri-State Capital Bank as a depository for active and interim funds.

DONATIONS: Accepted a donation from Michelle O'Meara.

NEW BUSINESS: Approved certified resignation for the purpose of retirement from Katherine Abarbanell. Approved certified employment of Judy Dubil, Melissa Duns, Heather Eichenberg, Elizabeth Noren, Staci Peltz and Michael Thoms. Approved classified resignations of Daniel Opris, Beth Hudak and Bruce Ashwood. Approved classified employment of Beth Hudak, Kimberly Higgs, Kelly Carroll, Catherine Rasmussen, John Heiman, Donna Corrigan, Patricia Sherwood, Angela Baker, Larry Matus, Jacqueline Massa, Laurie Bowles, Barbara Detwiler, Lisa Hanna, Sarah Freeman, Gail Heiman, Larry Schenkelberg, Dane Holman, Brian Gottfried, Hannah Stroh.

Approved classified substitute resignations of Kathy Lowery and Donna Martin. Approved certified substitute resignations of Donna Martin, Valerie Buza, Janet Tabler, Larry McLean, Carrie Sirna, Michelle Kensinger, Sarah Marsh, Elizabeth Noren, Holly Sammon, Julie Martin, Stephanie Coad, Maryann Ryan, Karen Hannes, Julie Wise. Approved classified substitutes Clarence Kock, Tracy Martello, Renee Golick, Mary Fazekas, Carol Karohl, Joanne Dunphy, Gary Pelfrey, Sheri Toole, Shelly Perkins. Approved certified substitutes Elizabeth Grusenmeyer, Margaret McKinley, Thomas Bindernagel, Amy Blenkhorn, Heather Deblock, Sandy McManamon, Lauren Antolino, Kelly Foster, Nancy Giesser, Joanne Dunphy, Maria Isabella, Kaja Jensen, Rachel Krause, Jeana Kuhn, Monica English, Brendan Kolman, Nancy Martin, Gregory Valent, Emily Williams, Lynn White, Karen Wong, Kelly Stoyanoff, Valerie Purdy, Mark Scholtz, Mark Saksa, Sarah Koesel, Kathleen Bosl, Susan Brelo, Donald Jessie, Sarah Anders, Melissa Duns, Staci Peltz, Julia Hale, Gaye Rule, Sarah Zehe, John Nesbit, Emily Harris.

Approved 2009-2010 supplemental contracts: Tom Urich, district webmaster; Trish Kosik, Kristen Regas, Tom Urich, Amy Butcher, John Gast, Paul Roth, Gary Kincannon and Matt Planisek as building technology support; Kelly Bailey, senior class advisor; Cheryl Bendik, Spanish Club; Jennifer Britton, Drama Club; Jennifer Butler, Chorus Director, Show Choir, Men's Chorale/Octet advisor; Kim Cerrito, Literary magazine; Robert Clancy, Key Club; Mindy Clark, student activities; Jessica Dye, swim assistant coach; Nancy English, football freshman cheer and Pep Club advisor; Christine Filmer, National Art Honor Society; Geoff Friedrich, Junior Class advisor and forensic coach; Paul Hammond, yearbook; Ursula Hays, German Club; Tony Hoty, WHBS advisor; JoAnn Hoty, WHBS technical assistant; Tom Kopcak, WHBS field assistant; Scott Kutz, Tech Mates; Janet Lorincz, Math Club; Ruben Lucio, assistant football coach; Kathy McGinty, Teen Institute and Student Leadership; Catherine McGlaughlin, assistant band director; Patrick McMorro, ski club co-advisor; Laura Miller, newspaper; Nicollete Miller, French Club; John Nesbit, football assistant coach; Sara Neville, Academic Challenge and honor society; Sandy Packis, ski club co-advisor; Mike Passarello, football assistant coach; Lisa Patton, Latin Club; Karen Petrus, Project Support; Adam Purdy, bowling club and computer club; Sarah Reichert, Academic Challenge and AFS; Lauren Thaler, volleyball freshman coach; Ann Marie Thomas, Key Club; Ray Walczuk, Chamber Orchestra, band director, Pep Band, Debonair, Demonette, majorette; Stefanie Xenos, sophomore class; Lynnise Piskura, 7th/8th football cheer and basketball cheer; Mike Allan, Parkside orchestra/strings and Greensleeves/advanced strings; Dawn Dawson, Parkside student council and yearbook; Todd Eichenauer, Parkside choir and student council; Kathy Hale, Parkside band; Patrick McMorro, Parkside ski club; Sandy Packis, Parkside ski club advisor; Kristen Pado, yearbook; Scott Rovniak, Parkside band; Coleen Steidel, Parkside academic contest advisor.

Approved resignation of ABLE personnel Julie McAulay. Approved employment of ABLE personnel: Paula Kertes, Michelle Cseh, Victoria Emblom, Sharon Forstchen; Gloria Muntean, Cheryl Williams, Carol Paulin, Lisa Feldman. Approved extended time for guidance counselor Mark Campo. Approved Karen Schmidt to provide home instruction hours. Approved additional hours for summer school intervention program instruction for Janice Hughes. Approved employment of auxiliary services personnel, Anna Bakalar, Corlett Bine, Barbara Sennhenn, Donna Collins.

For Project LINK, approved resignations of Carol Andrews, Heather Giannetti, Beth Prather. Approved employment of Roberta Ahern, Cora Miner, Nancy English, Erin Fendrbosch, Christi-Ann McCullogh, Stacie Connors, Christine Matejcik, Kelly Pyros, Laura Roeder, Christie Leake, Judith Mack, Matthew Sprosty, Callie Smith, Lisa Morrow, Kristen Berkowitz.

Approved stipend for Celina Bigio as ESL lead teacher. Approved stipends for ALEKS professional development session for Kate Applegate, Claire Bookman, Kelly Bryan, Amy Butcher, Dawn Dawson, Cherry Love, Mary Mann, Debra Oblak, Colleen Steidel, Mike Wooley.

Approved agreements for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau/Monarch School, ESC-Cuyahoga County, Mary O'Doherty-Physical Therapy Services, STEPS Behavioral Consulting Services. Approved a resolution concerning student educational placement. Approved a resolution to amend and authorize a change fund for Food Services. Approved agreements for Title I tutors Meghan Stec and Rebecca Searcy.

Approved lease agreement from auxiliary service funds to John Lance for the property on which the St. Bernadette's mobile unit rests. Authorized the lease of school buses to meet our transportation needs until new purchased buses are delivered. Authorized the purchase of a bus to transport special needs students using ARRA special education Part VI-B IDEA program. Approved 2009-2010 Westlake Schools Early Childhood program handbook.

CAC: The group has met and will narrow down and choose research topics next month. They are interested in helping the district with facilities planning.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT: Our goal is 55 buses in our fleet, we have 7 vans. We have 61 routes in am, 18 mid-day and 63 pm routes. We need one spare bus in the morning and 3 spare buses in the afternoon. Back in April the district submitted a resolution to Ohio Schools Council to participate in bus purchasing. Bids opened June 5 with delivery of buses scheduled for late October/early November. June Ohio Highway Patrol inspections showed three of four spare buses needed significant body work to pass inspection, \$5,000 or more to get them roadworthy. Trade-in value was \$500 to \$1,500. Instead we are leasing \$250/week for 12 weeks. We were unable to borrow buses from surrounding districts.

We've been working with the fire department on a number of code violations over the last two years. There are four areas of concern: exit and emergency lighting, fire and smoke doors, change of use of parts of buildings.

Brick work on the Red Brick is showing signs of deterioration. Asked MKC to look at the structure. They have concerns about the integrity of the building. They are going to provide us with names of masons and demolition folks to see what the cost of securing the building structurally will cost or creating a safety hazard. We applied for \$200,000 for asbestos abatement.

Because of the new high school schedule, we renovated the snack bar in the back to make it a sandwich/full scale snack bar. They've done a lot of business because less likelihood seniors can leave the campus during modified block schedule. There is one lunch period it is very full.

Mobile classrooms at LBMS and Parkside are up and running.

Hilliard Boulevard traffic. Project is behind. We have rerouted all buses off Hilliard unless there are stops. We are not using Hilliard as a transit route. It minimizes our traffic but adds 10 minutes to some routes.

BOARD ITEMS:

HB1:

- The state budget bill with educational reform measures. A lot will be further defined this fall. We lose 1% state funds and another 1% the second year. This may be greater if revenues come in lower at the state level.
- \$788 million stimulus dollars tied to specific things. Most spent on special education, transportation, psychologists and speech therapists.
- In 2012 they say we'll receive same amount per pupil expenditures if this stays in the next budget.
- Class size ratios: FY 2011, 19:1; Fy 13 17:1; after that 15:1. Waiting on answers about how this impacts specials (art, guidance, etc.) and special education students.
- All-day kindergarten waiver through 2011.
- Extending the school year by 20 days.
- Calamity days. This year allowed 5, the following year 3.
- OGT going away and will likely be replaced with ACT.
- Suspended tests: Social Studies and writing going away for budget reasons but may come back.
- Changing educator license to a four-year novice. Tenure moves to 7 years.
- Safety and wellness, will be limited on what to cut with personnel.
- Got rid of Jarod's Law, but replaced with school districts policing themselves. Still held accountable.

Facility Planning, Bond & Levy Timelines: the economy and HB1 mandates are two issues impacting us. Data shows when we waited from 2001 to 2006, the costs doubled. This has been delayed 3x. Dr. Keenan presented a draft timeline on facilities, as well as potential budget cuts to address facilities issues.

Campaign Fundraising: Expectation to assemble a group to begin fundraising asap.

Private Partnership for Turf Field: John Turk is working with the city and wants to pass out information about raising money. Soliciting name, email, phone to donate or fundraise. This is not a school activity, but a private-city partnership.

Westlake Chinese School Request: Would like relief from some fees. They want to use facilities without cost. Board agreed to compromise of not charging custodial fees when building is already being used for school events.

Hearing of the Public: Don Ballman would like permission to do some weeding and restore the trees in front of the Red Brick building at his expense.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The Board will hold its next meeting on Sept. 28 at the Westlake Schools administration building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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