



# Westlake Board of Education

## *Board Notes from Monday, Sept. 28, 2009*

**SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS:** Presentation of the ODE Banner for 10 years of excellence. State Rep. Nan Baker delivered a proclamation for 10 years of excellence.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** The Board recognized four elementary students -- Abigail Falcone, Sam Falcone, Paula Del Rincon Martinez and Rodrigo Del Rincon Martinez -- who donated funds from a lemonade stand to help the district's facilities. The Board recognized Eleanor Batty and Julie Wang for their perfect scores on the ACT exam.

WHS block scheduling officially began. Count week occurs in October for enrollment purposes. Fall testing is coming up for third graders. Parkside Mohican trip is underway. Safety plans have been updated. Policy subcommittee reviewed 11 policies and three notices.

**TREASURER'S ITEMS:** Financial forecast has been slightly revised. In going through the new budgeting model, we've learned the state eliminated bus purchase dollars (\$47,000 last year). The state is cutting about \$100,000 in funding from the state. Factored into forecast. Another thing on the horizon is the tax valuation closer to Christmas. Issues at the county level related to property valuation are up in the air.

Approved issuing a Then and Now certificate for air duct cleaning at Bassett and body work on bus #8. Approved student activity purpose statements and budgets for WHS Inservice, WHS Computer Club, WHS Spanish Club, WHS work study lab, WHS bowling club, WHS Key Club, WHS Pep Club, WHS Class of 2012, WHS Class of 2013. Approved adjustment of FY10 temporary appropriations. Adopted FY10 permanent appropriations.

**DONATIONS:** Accepted gifts and contributions from Bill's Golden Shear Barber Shop, Bob Evans Restaurant, Champs Americana, Daffy Dan's Energizer Company, Geiger's Clothing & Sports, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Holick, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Huntington Playhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kopcak, Lehman's Deli, Max and Erma's, #1 Express Car Wash & Detail, NorthCoast Challenge, Rebecca Ross and Brad Davidson, Ted and Kathie Siller, TGI Friday's, WHS PTSA, Westlake Soccer Association, XIM Products Inc., Abigail Falcone, Sam Falcone, Paola Del Rincon Martinez, Rodrigo Del Rincon Martinez.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Approved certified parental leave for Kathleen Basen, Hun Piazza, William Primrose, Sue Weitzel, Jen Williams. Approved amended certified employment for Amy Fife, Judy Buffington, Kathy Burkart, Judy McMasters. Rescinded classified employment of Larry Matus. Approved classified medical leave for Mary Scavelli. Approved classified resignation of Kim Higgs and Judy Croyle. Approved classified resignation for the purpose of retirement for Mary Scavelli. Approved classified employment of Tamera James, Gary Pelfrey, Shelly Perkins and Diane Hill. Amended classified employment of Madonna Faragher, Diane Hill, Donna Corrigan, Patricia Sherwood and John Heiman.

Approved certified substitute resignation of Anne Morrison, Gregory Valent, Rachel Powers, Kathleen Sebastian. Approved classified substitutes Peter Kodysh, Shelly Perkins, Elizabeth Morley, Christina Baaklini. Approved certified substitutes Claudia Blaha, Lindsey Buhrman, Michael Columbro, Jennifer Dusenbury, Amy Fife, Kathleen Golden, Michelle Guerra, Kristen Holy, Eileen Johnson, Jessica Novotny, Paul Palmer Jr. II, Kristi Pavlik, Stacie Peltz, Katherine Rankin, Jessica Reedy, Scott Rhee, Emily Schlueter, Jessica Tindira. Approved supplemental contracts for Jessica Dye, Jeff Short, Brendan Zepp, Nick Hillman, Matt Stricker, Tom Shiban, Jim Egan, Doug Foster, Traci Edmunds, Duane Miller, Travis Haselswerdt, Paul Hammond, Kristen Stuckart, Jeff Mannies, Jacob Schober, Dan Berkheimer, Adam Purdy, Tim English, Mark Campo, Brianne Kenneally, Jilline Fuleki, Nick Hillman, William Primrose. Approved employment of Adult Basic Literacy Education Personnel Karen Groppe, Jessica Untch, Julie McAulay. Approved Project Link personnel Nancy Kendall. Approved certified home instruction by Tabatha Devine and Geoff Friedrich. Approved certified disability leave benefit for Kathleen Bartos.

Approved employment paid from grants for Cindy Archer, Trudy Pauken, Leslie Telloni (Title I FY10); Rachel Meyrose (ARRA: Title I FY10); Hun Piazza (Title II-A FY10-Improving Teacher Quality); Celina Bigio (Title III FY10-Limited English Proficient); Kathryn McGinty (Title IV FY10-Safe & Drug Free Schools); Kristina Hamilton, Patricia Wasko (Title VI-B FY10-Special Education IDEA); Kelly Hoover, Valerie O'Connor (ARRA: Title VI-B FY10-Special Education IDEA); Kelly Carroll (ARRA: Early Childhood Special Education FY10); Karen Kane (Early Childhood Special Education FY10). Approved stipends for Local Professional Development Committee members Sandee Erdman, Hun Piazza, Colleen Steidel, Geoff Friedrich, Paul Roth, Jennifer Williams.

Approved stipends for emerging technology leaders paid from grant funds: Ashley Witman, Wendy Thrasher, Kim Geletka, Mandy Caunter, Catherine Boettcher from Title II-A FY10 Improving Teacher Quality; and Dawn Dawson, Matt Bourn, Cheryl Bendik, Geoff Friedrich from Title II-D FY10 Technology grants. Amended summer athletic camp employment for Kai Hasskivi, Mike Besu and Chris Foutz. Approved reclassification of certified staff members Kelly Atkinson, Tiffany Baskette, Celina Bigio, Catherine Boettcher, Amanda Caunter, Kimberly Cerrito, Sandee Erdman, Lisa Forshey, Debra Gantz, John Gast, Kelly Hoover, Sarah Horbol, Karen Huber, Mary Pat Kahler, Michelle Kasunick, Brianne Kenneally, Shaun Koski, Heather Marinelli, Alison Martin, Brooke Martin, Chris Milano, Julie Milkie, Amal Mustafa, Sara Neville, Jacy Nichols, John Packis, Robert Patton, Jennifer Petticord, Matthew Planisek, Sarah Reichert, Donna Richards, Linda Roush, Eneida Ruiz, Sandy Sopko, Colleen Stanley, Ann Marie Thomas, Claudia Vakos, Krista Wadas, Heather Zepp. Approved stipends for certified staff members for mentor program: Carole Applegate, Brad Behrendt, Dawn Dawson, Gary Kincannon, Kim McCue, Sandy Packis, Kristen Pado, Trudy Pauken.

Approved drivers and Transportation Department employees hours: Angela Baker, Barbara Biel, Margaret Bugaj, James Carlin, Robert Carlin, William Carlin, Anna Cavender, Suzan Chambers, Diane Christian, Linda Clemons, Donna Corrigan, Jennifer Dossa, Madonna Faragher, Carol Flannick, Joseph Gatens, Rosemary Geib, Michael Hannah, John Heiman, Denise Higgins, Diane Hill, Jackie Hollis, Adria Hughes, Joanne Hurst, Barbara Italiano, Tami James, Reda Johnson, James Joyce, Susan Kantner, Kathleen Kelly, Lorrie Knapp, Sandee Kodysh, Celia Kubincanek, Margaret Laskowski, Jerry Lewis, Sandi Lewis, Emma Loving, Steve Maler, Roger Meadows, Carole Metzger, Ronald Mitterholzer, Edward Moran, James Muzychak, Robyn Nock, John O'Boyle, Karen Ormsby, Jody Ovelgonne, Gary Pelfrey, Shelly Perkins, Cynthia Pietrzak, Pam Phillips, Cathy Rasmussen, Dawn Reynolds, Patty Riegling, Angela Robinson, Debra Rooney, Juan Sanchez, Mary Scavelli, William Schmidt, Joseph Selvaggio, Patricia Sherwood, Jerry Slabaugh, Bonnie Sliva, Margaret Smith, Lora Stemmer, Melodie Urban, Jennifer Weaver, Denise Wering, Elizabeth West, Laurie Whiting, Eileen Winter, Donna Wright, Michelle Yehlik, Leona Pennington, Terri Orszak-Sima, Edward Karohl, Paul Klein, David Naymik.

Approved agreements for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services from Applewood Centers-Gerson School, Cleveland Heights/University Heights City Schools, Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism Outreach Service Agreement, Euclid City School District. Approved the Ohio Department of Education model special education policies and procedures. Approved LBMS field trip to Cincinnati Zoo for scientific inquiry-based program. Approved West Shore Career-Technical Education district agreement. Authorized execution and delivery of a retail power sales agreement between the district and endorsed supplier, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT:** Continuing work on fire code issues. Meeting with the state fire marshall. We have a menu analysis for our lunch program coming up for the state. Northeast Ohio Green Building Council Green Schools Action Circle. We are one of three pilot districts in the program dealing with cleaning products, anti-idling policies, retrofitting diesel engines, new buildings.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

*CAC topics:* Topics are Going Green Part II (looking at a piece of going green and sustainability, food services), Service Learning Part II (cost benefit analysis) and Foreign Language at the elementary level. The Board discussed delving deeper into the going green initiative, in terms of greening up buildings, and narrowing the focus for the CAC.

*20/20 Process:* The committee met last Wednesday and was updated on where the district is and where it is going.

*Micropoll:* Not statistically significant in regard to accuracy. Poll of frequent voters. Some great movement:

- \$120 million bond issue: 52.3% support
- Definitely support up to 13.6%
- Half knew about community committee (46%)
- Knowing there is an issue: 54.4%

- Facilities in need of repair: 42% feel they don't know about overcrowding
- 2.6% strongly disagree not good stewards of tax dollars
- 32% think facilities in good condition
- 33% definitely support, 22% definitely won't support bond issue
- Recommend continue communications (fewer words and more pictures)
- People familiar with schools are supportive, those unfamiliar aren't as supportive

Big question is have we made movement on letting people know there's a problem? Yes.

**Hearing of the Public:** Don Bauman asked about trailers to alleviate overcrowding. He also supports additional foreign language classes.

David Santo asked about the relationship between the CAC and the Board. Also asked about how curriculum is developed and approved. He also inquired about the school district's budget.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The Board will hold its next meeting on Oct. 19 at the Westlake Schools administration building at 5:30pm.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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