



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Dec. 15, 2008

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Keenan reported on the facilities study, which is now surveying similarly sized and ranked school districts around the state about grade level configurations. Facility tours will be held this week for the mayor and city council members to bring them up to date on the process. Dr. Keenan attended the Governor's forum on school funding with our PTA. The forum expressed the problem on funding and collected feedback. The current school funding mechanism has been in place since 1931. At the state level there is talk of budget cuts, with 5% to 25% in cuts expected. The district is looking at ways to cut costs and expenses.

SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS: Members of the WHS Leadership Challenge Team were recognized for receiving the Ohio Department of Education 2008 Asset Builder Award for Exemplary Practices for a School-Based Youth Group.

NEW BUSINESS: Approved FMLA for Erin Blahnik, Ellen Hurly and Joanna Harmon. Approved classified resignation of Charles Anost. Approved certified employment of Kelly Bolton and Elaine Goetz. Approved classified employment of Edward Moran and Bonnie Sliva. Approved Carise Huffman, Angela Baker, Jennifer Wolfe and Patricia Sherwood as classified substitutes, and Margareth Braathen, Andrew Gibson, Linda Krasienko, Michele Milligan, Holly Sammon, Kevin Scipione, Anna Walters, Sharon Forstchen and Julie Budd as certified substitutes.

Approved reclassification of Hun Piazza to MA. Approved supplemental resignations of Cindy Konscak, Sarah Reichert, Stephen Radachi, and supplemental employment of Shaun Koski, Derek Woodske, Kristin Stuckart, William Bowles and Lynn Pettyjohn. Approved home instruction for the school year for Ann Marie Keel, Karen Schmitt, Jim Bingham, Jean Barrett, Kelly Bailey. Approved employment of personnel clerk Virginia Baker.

Approved salary adjustments for Project LINK personnel Cora Miner, Carol Andrews and Judith Mack. Approved stipends for WHS curriculum writing for Kelly Atkinson, Sue Tarr, Kim Cerrito, Laura Miller, Sarah Reichert and Paula Reimueller. Approved a stipend for STEM grant related activities for Kurt Thonnings. Approved stipends for certified staff members for mentor program for Matt Bourn, Lisa Patton, David Ruschau and Colleen Gray. Approved stipends for Mohican Outdoor Educational Program

for Katie Beachler, Bill Bowles, Verlene DeWitt, Pam English, John Holland, Lindsay Kiktavy, Patrick McMorrow, Sue Palchesko, Jennifer Riley, Jeff Short and Laurie Skvarek. Approved teachers' wages and benefits to be paid from Title I funds for Leslie Telloni, Cindy Archer and Trudy Pauken.

Approved agreements for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services for the school year from ESC of Cuyahoga County for audiology services. Approved LBMS and WHS field trips to Science Olympiad Invitational, and ski and snowboard club. Approved Sunday building use for WHS by Sovereign Grace Church of Cleveland. Approved payment in lieu of transportation for 22 students. Approved physician group for referral to confirm employee health matters with West Shore Primary Care.

TREASURER'S ITEMS: CFO/Treasurer Mark C. Pepera presented the Board with the 2009-2010 tax budget. This is required by the County Auditor. There was discussion about asking for the additional .1 mill of inside millage. The Board set the date of the organizational meeting for Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at 5:30pm at the Board Office. Approved a resolution to adjust FY09 appropriations in the General Fund. Approved a resolution affirming and restating the terms of a pick up program for certain employee contributions to STRS and SERS. Approved a resolution to issue then and now certificate to the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.

DONATIONS: The Board accepted, with gratitude, donations from the following: Rick and Rebecca Baker, Bassett PTA, Meredith Bivens, Dean's Greenhouse & Flower Shop, David M. Douglass, Wladyslaw Kowynia, Hilliard Elementary PTA, Lake Erie Basketball League, Ohio School Pictures, Westlake Town Criers, Westlake Varsity prep Basketball and Z-Space Technologies. Thank you!

DISCUSSION ITEMS: First readings on policies dealing with interrogations and searches, and relations with police authorities. None are a change in how the district does business.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT: A few projects starting this week: 2nd floor girls' bathroom at WHS, 2nd phase of ceiling mounted projectors. Waterline break at WHS a few weeks ago – same water line that needed repairing in the past. Another break at Parkside Intermediate. Home Team Marketing has arranged for sponsoring from Bowling Green State University during basketball season. The money will be used to improve facilities. Promethean boards will be installed at elementary schools over winter break.

BOARD ITEMS: Approved Britton Smith Peters & Kalail as school attorneys. Approved a resolution to fix, accept and approved the treasurer's bond. Nominated and elected Andrea Rocco as President Pro Tem for the Jan. 12 organizational meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board adjourned for an executive session for the purpose of negotiations. No action was taken following the executive session.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The Board will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Westlake Schools administration building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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