



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, Regular Session

Hearing of the Public

1. Harry Applegate: Awarding of air handling units to Johnson Controls. You need to look into this deeply when they are done. Will they follow up? I've had an ongoing problem with Johnson Controls for the past four years. They have not been responsive and have only replaced things that don't work. Look into Johnson Controls more deeply other than they are the low bidder.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. WHBS was supposed was scheduled for taping, will check on it.
2. First Lego League attended a competition in Warren. Regional event with 24 teams from Ohio. Robotics team won creative innovations award for food spoilage award. Judy McMasters was recognized as Outstanding Academic Coach for the NE Ohio region. Also won Core Values and Teamwork award and will advance to Akron competition in January. Gina Slater and Laura Lathem provide parental support.
3. Pam Griebel continues to work at seeing our kids are benchmarked internationally. PISA international test for science and math, we are eligible for a pilot test of international benchmark items. Based on age, 15.
4. Meeting with several superintendents of neighboring school districts to generate a consortium for International Baccalaureate program. Would like to partner with Cleveland State. Interest meeting over break.
5. Hockey team asked us to consider granting Varsity status. While request still stands, spoke with hockey league commissioner. Assured me under our current status they would be fine for eligibility into the league. We do not have to grant Varsity status for them to enter the league.
6. Finishing winter concert season. Senior Seasonal Delights was held. Thank you to Vicki Beck and Pam Griebel for organizing.

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Tax Budget Discussion
 - a. Will present tax budget in January for approval. Can levy additional .1 mill on that tax levy. If you choose to proceed, non-voted levy and some special requirements to do so.
 - b. Tom Mays: In the past Board has not indicated an interest in this because it would be an unvoted tax increase.
 - c. Remaining board members echoed the sentiments of Mays

2. Approved resolution to adjust FY12 appropriations [No – Cross, Yes – Winter, Sullivan, Rocco, Mays]
 - a. Nate Cross: Will vote no on this issue and other resolutions. My belief we should present a spending plan or request the superintendent/treasurer to present a spending plan for a reduction.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Accepted gifts and contributions from:
 - a. Chipotle Mexican Grill
 - b. Girls soccer parents
 - c. Nick Mayer Lincoln
 - d. Boys soccer parents
 - e. John Shumway
 - f. Joyce A. Tanski
 - g. Jimmy Lee
 - h. Antonietta Boccardi
 - i. Mr. & Mrs. David Newman
 - j. Z-Space Technologies Inc.
2. Approved resignations for purpose of retirement for Mark Uline [No – Cross]
3. Approved FMLA for Adam Purdy, Patrick Schade, Paul Roth, Celina Bigio, Laura Keene [No – Cross]
4. Approved classified employment of Terri Janmey, Leona Pennington, John O’Boyle [No – Cross]
5. Approved certified substitute resignation of Karen Wisner [No – Cross]
6. Approved classified substitutes James Jukiewicz, Angela Baker, Therese Laskey, Laura VanHoose [No – Cross]
7. Approved certified substitutes Philip Kearney, Michelle Klepatzki, Erin Noonan, Jeremy Gardner [No – Cross]
8. Approved resignation of supplemental employment of Jennifer Dietrich [No – Cross]
9. Approved supplemental contract employment for Jennifer Dietrich, Andrea Kovacs, Daniel Lammers, Jennifer Butler [No – Cross]
10. Approved contract reinstatement of Lynisse Piskura [No – Cross]
11. Approved stipend for Mohican Outdoor Educational Program for Heather Zepp
12. Approved Saturday School stipend for Jim Bingham [No – Cross]
13. Approved payment in lieu of transportation
14. Approved increase in substitute pay to \$7.70/hour for support staff to meet ORC requirements for minimum wage
15. Approved field trips
 - a. LBMS 8th grade Spanish I students to Costa Rica
 - b. WHS Latin Club to Ohio Junior Classical League Convention
16. Awarded contract for new middle school and high school air handling units to Johnson Controls Inc. of Cleveland [Sullivan – abstain]
 - a. Dr. Keenan: This is a public bid process. Turner, as owner’s rep, goes through a process of scope review after the bids come in, we do have to take lowest responsible bid. Process of interviewing Turner goes through to determine if they are responsible. Turner has vendor provide examples of similar work, checks references. Process takes place before up for board approval. Take lowest responsible bidder.
 - b. High school bids were 9.9% under. Savings of \$600,000 on equipment package. \$3.4 million under estimates as a package for site work.

17. Awarded contract for new middle/high school hot water boilers to Gardiner Trane of Cleveland [No – Cross, Abstain – Sullivan]
18. Awarded new middle/high school pump package to Mastroianni & Associates Inc. of Cleveland [Abstain – Sullivan]
19. Awarded contract for new middle/high school chillers to AAF-McQuay Inc. of Minneapolis, MN [Abstain – Sullivan]
20. Awarded contract for new middle/high school switchgear to Professional Electric Products Company of Eastlake [Abstain – Sullivan]
21. Awarded contract for new middle/high school Genset & ATS to Buckeye Power Sales of Twinsburg [Abstain – Sullivan]
22. Awarded contract for new middle/high school doors & hardware to Cleveland Vicon Co. Inc. of Cleveland [Abstain – Sullivan]
23. Awarded contract for new high school foundations and masonry to Foti Contracting LLC of Wickliffe [Abstain – Sullivan]
24. Awarded contract for new high school general trades to Jeffrey Carr Construction Inc. of Massillon [Abstain – Sullivan]
25. Awarded contract for new high school roofing to Meade Construction Inc. of Fredericktown [Abstain – Sullivan, No – Cross]
26. Awarded contract for new high school plumbing to Marvin W. Mielke Inc. of Medina [Abstain – Sullivan]
27. Awarded contract for new high school HVAC to Bay Mechanical & Electrical Corporation of Lorain [Abstain – Sullivan]
28. Awarded contract for new high school fire protection to ABC Piping Co. of Brooklyn Heights [Abstain – Sullivan]
29. Awarded contract for new high school electrical to Eneritech Electrical Inc. of Lowellville [Abstain – Sullivan]
30. Awarded contract for new high school technology infrastructure to Mid-West Telephone Service Inc. of Girard [Abstain – Sullivan]
31. Awarded contract for new high school food service equipment to Burkett Restaurant Equipment of Toledo [Abstain – Sullivan]
32. Approved construction change orders for WHS (Site Tech Inc.) and LBMS (Great Lakes Crushing Ltd.) [Abstain – Sullivan]
 - a. Bob Teitenberg/Turner Construction: Increasing fire main type size from 6” to 8” in accordance with Westlake Fire Department requests for both sites. Middle school lime kiln dust modification is to stabilize the soil. Hard to calculate a building coming out of the ground. We’re on target.
33. Approved resolution to publicly post previously approved construction change orders for WHS (Site Tech Inc.) and LBMS (Great Lakes Crushing) [Abstain – Sullivan]
 - a. More apparent effort to be transparent

MASTER FACILITY PLAN PHASE I REPORT

1. Dr. Keenan: We are going to move forward to look at budget more fixed. Have bids yet to be awarded, but many are on the back end. The next part of the process is now that we know more from the bids we can reallocate money to make sure we provide what’s promised and capital dollars are put in the right places to do so. The process will be similar to what we provide the board each month when we ask you to adjust appropriations from the general fund budget.

2. Teitenberg: On high school and middle school sites, 5-6 bid packages left to go on the street (furniture, landscaping). Not scheduled to go out to bid in Nov. 2012 on remodeling package for existing middle school. Will do electrical re-bid package shortly.
3. Dr. Keenan: We've had a lot of meetings, allocate things less conceptual and more hard costs. Will make budgets more harder numbers and see if savings by doing things earlier in summer.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT

1. Received 5 responses to RFP for photography services and will evaluate in next few days. Some responded for only the high school. Current contract not up until late June.

BOARD ITEMS

1. Set date/time for 2012 organizational meeting: Jan. 9, 2012, 5:30pm, regular meeting to follow
2. All-Day Kindergarten
 - a. Tom Mays: Having full-day kindergarten with a third tier of pricing to make it easier for families is a benefit to our community
 - b. Dr. Keenan: Called ODE Early Childhood Division. Their recommendation is to use federal free/reduced lunch for sliding scale. Take poverty level and 200% is reduced lunch, 175% free lunch. Free lunch means no tuition for kindergarten, reduced is 82%. To go up another 25% and label economic hardship tier. We don't have access to income unless they apply for free and reduced lunch. Clear last meeting for the reasons stated that the Board is not supportive of the recommendation for all-day kindergarten as the base program at this time because of concerns for sustainability, but still wants it considered in the future. Only vote needed is if you want a change in tuition.
 - c. Carol Winter: After hearing about the state's response, on the fence about adding another tier, if it means more costs to monitor. If don't add another tier, fine with status quo.
 - d. Nate Cross: Not convinced best solution is current scenario. Preference would have been realizing a savings. OK stick with what we got.
 - e. Tim Sullivan: voted against current status quo. Not in favor of it and not in favor of voting against it. State took away all-day kindergarten mandate. Why get involved with it if providing a marginal benefit. It's not fiscally responsible.
 - f. Andrea Rocco: for status quo
3. Appointed Present Pro Tem for 2012 organizational meeting: Andrea Rocco
4. Set public hearing date and time for public comment on intent to rehire a retired employee – Feb. 13, 2012, 5:30pm
 - a. Dr. Keenan: Anna Bakaalar retired last year. Expressed desire this fall at St. Bernadette to rehire her. As the building administration became more familiar with the state required process they informed us today they want to proceed.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:

1. Harry Applegate: Curious whether we are awarding the cheapest or the best contracts. When it comes to HVAC, state of the art is VAV. Are we looking at it, have we investigated this? Less expensive over the long run.
 - a. Dr. Keenan: I will address the board. We've gone through quite a bit as a district to meet OSFC standards. There are some items we consider for long-term costs. Working to apply for other paybacks (HB264) on items. A lot of items we'd like to go on the higher end. Consider it within the balance of what we promised to meet the level of threshold we've been given.
 - b. Dave Puffer: Turner does extensive scope review of every bid package we receive. Lowest, most responsible, most responsive bidder. We are using VAV in our HVAC systems.
 - c. Applegate: can the public get a copy of the bid proposals.
 - i. Posting bids online. Go to blog to view.
2. Nate Cross: Thanks to Tim Sullivan for his service on the board for four years and look forward to working with Tony Falcone and Tom Mays and Carol Winter for another four-year term.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is the organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, at 5:30pm.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

<http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/boe/meetingschedule/default.aspx>