



## **Westlake Board of Education**

### ***Board Notes from Monday, March 12, 2012, Work Session***

#### **RECITATION OF DISTRICT VISION & MISSION**

*Vision Statement:* The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment. Our district will be characterized by high achievement, actively engaged learners, mutual respect, shared knowledge, pursuit of new skills and capabilities, collaborative learning, willingness to take action, a team commitment to data-driven continuous improvement, and tangible results.

*Mission Statement:* We Education for Excellence ... Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Dr. Keenan remembered Bill Robishaw, Holly Lane's first principal and author of a history book on Westlake. Mr. Robishaw passed away over the weekend.
2. Approved rehire of retired staff member/Anna Bakalar

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Board Development – Session 2. Opportunity for the board to have conversations and be led by a consultant.
2. Presentation of new state report card proposal/Academic Services Director Pam Griebel
  - a. ODE submitted to federal government waiver request from NCLB requirements with new standards. Feds asked for innovative reforms. Waiver offers higher student achievement.
  - b. Ohio waiver includes AYP replacement, reforming SES, targeted assistance for low-performing schools, cut red tape, letter grade report cards. Tougher standards and tests are already on the way. Waiver decision will be made in a few months. Changes would begin with 2012-13 school year. New report card change would happen in August 2012.
  - c. Tom Mays: Target assistance for low-performing schools, where will money come from?
    - i. There probably won't be more money, but it may be distributed differently.
  - d. Nate Cross: will this compare us to everyone or like districts?
    - i. All districts in Ohio.
  - e. Mays: Explain the district performance gap.

- i. We haven't been given the calculations yet on how they will determine much of this.

**Adjourned to executive session to discuss appointment of personnel due to BOE vacancy.**

**No action was taken after the executive session.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next meeting of the Board is Monday, March 26, at 5:30pm.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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