



## **Westlake Board of Education**

### ***Board Notes from Monday, March 21, 2016, Regular Session***

#### **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 Educate for Excellence ... Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

*[President Carol Winter indicated the hearing of the public is indicated for action items the Board is intending to act on]*

1. Lela Bakos: Westlake teacher. Addressed teacher salaries.
2. John Gast: Westlake teacher. Addressed volunteer coaches.
3. Susan Dodge: former Westlake teacher. Addressed teacher salaries and climate.
4. Patrick McMorrow: Westlake teacher. Addressed clarification of Board minutes.

#### **INFORMATIVE REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS**

5. WHS Band & Choir Recognition – Hilary Patriok & Jennifer Butler and student representatives
6. CAC Report – No report. Final report will be delivered in May.
7. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Strategic Planning process nearing its end. Final plan will be presented April 11. 5 goal areas – curriculum & technology, community partnership & communications, culture &

environment, finances. The Board will adopt the plan at the April 25 meeting. Then it will go to a task force formation.

- b. Combined community update was held last week. It's a good tradition and an opportunity for the schools and city to work together. The entire PowerPoint is available on our website. WHBS will post the video soon.
- c. Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner scheduled for May 4, 5pm, in Westlake High School Rotunda. Partnering with Kiwanis and Porter Public Library.
- d. John Finucane: Asked about sign outside the high school. [Superintendent Palmer: This is a residential zoning area that restricts signage.. We will continue discussions on appropriate signage, trying to limit those costs to construction funds.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Awarded then and now certificates to
  - a. North Coast Tutoring Services
  - b. Daily Behavioral Health
  - c. Epiphany Management Group
  - d. PSI
  - e. Multi-Vendor for College Credit Plus
- 2. Authorized treasurer to advance funds from General Fund to Title III LEP FY 16 and Title I
- 3. Authorized treasurer to return advance from Title III LEP FY16 and Title I to general Fund.
- 4. Adjusted FY16 appropriations

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5. Accepted gifts and contributions
  - a. Association of School Business Officials International
  - b. NEOEA
  - c. Mr. & Mrs. David Parchem
  - d. GND LTD
  - e. Donna and Stella Davisson
  - f. Romeo's Pizza
- 6. Approved classified resignation of Jill Miner
- 7. Approved FMLA for Patrick Schade and Lynnise Piskura
- 8. Approved classified substitutes Don Jessie and Kelly Burton
- 9. Approved licensed substitutes Carey Whitehouse
- 10. Approved classified employment of
  - a. Linda Clemons
  - b. Jill Miner
  - c. Nuria Cashell
  - d. Mark Bender
  - e. Cassie Dreher

11. Approved employment of Project Link personnel Mark Bender, Carrie Beatty, Kristen Regas, Kevin Kollaj, Collin Cook
12. Approved home instruction by Trina Powers
13. Approved speech pathologist services by Donna Collins and Colleen Gray
14. Revised supplemental contracts for
  - a. Jacob Schober
  - b. Tom Shiban
  - c. Doug Foster
  - d. Erin Kehn
  - e. Bridget Mental
  - f. Saumil Jhaveri
  - g. Thomas Huntley
  - h. J.D. Ingalls
  - i. Mike Moracz
  - j. Chad Clark
  - k. Vincente Galvin
  - l. Kyle Romansky
  - m. John Gast
15. Approved chaperones for WHS choir Boston/NYC field trip
16. Approved Connect service contract
17. Authorized the treasurer to invoice the State of Ohio via the Ohio Department of Education for refunding the charter school deductions in excess of state funding
18. Approved field trip by WHS Academic Challenge Team to Chicago National Academic Challenge Tournament

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Deb Schrembeck: Westlake teacher. Addressed personal nature of education and teacher salaries.
2. Cheryl Bendik: Westlake teacher. Shared opinions of her students on eight-period high school schedule.
3. Loretta Tindall: Westlake teacher. Addressed excellence.
4. Marge Widmar: Commended the Board on invoicing Columbus for charter school dollars.
5. Harry Applegate: Questioned if the construction budget accounted for a 21<sup>st</sup> century sign in front of the high school. Questioned why public schools have to ask for money back from charter schools.

#### **BOARD ITEMS & COMMENTS**

1. Carol Winter: Impressed by "Swamped" at Holly Lane Elementary. Read to children for One School, One Book program and attended assemblies. All of us are in a tough situation. This is about what we can afford and what the community will support. We will work toward a contract that is fair to all parties.

2. Superintendent Palmer: Clarified funding schools receive comes from Columbus. Deducts and adds are controlled at that level.
3. Barb Leszynski: board members take an oath to listen to the truth.
4. John Finucane: spent time at Dollars for Scholars and Science Olympiad. Great events for community and schools.
5. Joe Kraft: Letter to Columbus is a start. Asked CFO/Treasurer mark Pepera on additional options.
6. Dr. Bob Stoll: As a higher education teacher, we see cost pressures as well. With three failed levies, we have to balance duty to taxpayers and our students. We respect what teachers do. We're doing the best we can and understand those pressures.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next meeting of the Board is Monday, April 11, 6pm, at LBMS.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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