



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, Regular Meeting

VISION STATEMENT

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student-centered, 21st 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

1. Lisa Forshey: Addressed the Vision and Mission statements of the district. Encouraged the Board to get all perspectives on the district and develop a plan for moving the district forward. Concerned about the future of the district.
2. Donna Dietrich: Addressing the Vision and Mission statements as well, specifically We Educate for Excellence.
3. Shannon Basile: Westlake teacher. Compared the district to Rocky River, regarding curriculum.

INFORMATIVE REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

4. Bassett student presentation/Deb Wadden & Pam Hughes—International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
 - a. Fourth-Grade Exhibition Project—celebration of what students learned and the research they conducted. Halle Stephens and Ireland Shea presented.

5. WHS PING team recognition—Sneha Ramachandran, Jordan Sherwin, Steve Columbro, Jack Bogart and Nick Erwin. Explained their award-winning photo-sharing app that won the Verizon Innovative App Challenge state and regional awards.
6. CAC Update/Tom Horwitz
 - a. Exploring ways to improve computer science curriculum. Made assessment of current technology/IT, what needs to be improved, current curriculum for computer science.
7. Superintendent's report
 - a. State of the Schools/State of the City Combined Community Update will be held March 16 at 6:30pm at the PAC. Mayor Clough was invited to present.
 - b. Policy subcommittee will be meeting
 - c. Meeting later this week with districts partnering with us in the IB Diploma Programme
 - d. Recommendation for district calendar for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Similar to what we've had the past few years. Matches most closely schools that partner with us in the IB Diploma Programme and West Shore Career Tech program.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Established appropriations for school security grant program II FY 16
2. Authorized CFO/Treasurer to advance funds from general fund to Title I FY 16
3. Authorized CFO/Treasurer to return advance from Title I FY16 to general fund
4. Adjusted FY16 appropriations
5. Approved gifts and contributions
 - a. Judy Dubil
 - b. Joseph Kraft
 - c. Holly Lane PTA
 - d. Westlake Town Criers
 - e. Orley Homes LLC
 - f. Leland L. Jones
 - g. Kevin E. Lodeen
 - h. The Jhaveri Family Foundation
 - i. SWC swim parents
 - j. WHS Lacrosse Club
6. Approved FMLA for
 - a. Deborah Lucas
 - b. Judy Spitzer
 - c. Heather Lopez
 - d. Donna Stephenson
 - e. Randi Kjaer
 - f. Sarah Gorius
 - g. Rob Pace
 - h. Raymond Glenn
7. Approved unpaid leave for Celia Kubincanek

8. Approved classified employment of Lisa Broschk, Wanda Faught
9. Approved classified discharge for Karen Koller
10. Approved licensed home instruction by Adam Gordon
11. Approved Project Link personnel employment of Kimberly Cymbal, Josephine Lux, Jasmine Simms, Emad Ghabour-Hanna, Karen Mitterholzer, William Prebul
12. Approved payroll for game personnel and officials and admission prices for the OHSAA sectional wrestling tournament hosted by Westlake City School District
13. Approved payroll for game personnel and officials and admission prices for OHSAA double-Dual Wrestling Tournament hosted by Westlake City School District approved game payroll for game personnel and officials for home girls' and boys' basketball sectional games
14. Approved stipends for Battelle for Kids instructional leadership workshop series for Julie Wagner
15. Approved substitute for staff members
 - a. Robert Bowles
 - b. Catherine Daugherty
 - c. Dana Wolfe
 - d. Haley Dossa
 - e. Wanda Faught
16. Approved supplemental employment
 - a. Brendan Zepp
 - b. Nick Hillman
 - c. John Gast
 - d. Danny Strodbeck
 - e. Tom Shiban
 - f. Traci Edmonds
 - g. Doug Foster
 - h. Brian Stepanek
 - i. Jacob Schober
 - j. Travis Haselswerdt
 - k. Daniel Berkheimer
 - l. Paul Hammond
 - m. Jen Dietrich
 - n. John Holland
 - o. Duane Miller
 - p. Kyle Romansky
 - q. Kevin Walz
 - r. Adam Sandor
17. Partially rescinded resolution to publicly post previously approved construction change orders
18. Approved amended agreement with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for Luz Bermudez-Klopp
19. Approved two-year district calendar for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Westlake teacher: relayed an average day in the life of a Westlake teacher.
2. Dan Birkheimer: Westlake science teacher. Relayed concerns about teachers and their responsibilities in the classroom.
3. Kelly Smith: relayed story of her pregnancy and her child's medical condition and how much she values her salary and benefits as a Westlake teacher.
4. Tracy Cuglowski: Westlake math teacher. Talked about the lack of time as a teacher.
5. Kelsey Wermer: IB World Language program benefits all students.
6. Karen Herzberger: Questioned calendar typos. Thanked OAPSE members for everything they do each day.
7. Patrick McMorrow: Questioned staff assignments,.
8. Loretta Tindall: Questioned respect for teaching staff.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Approved hiring of Scott Goggin as Superintendent effective Aug. 1.
 - a. Carol Winter: 8 candidates we interviewed came highly qualified. Scott set himself apart. His successful experience at Midview, along with his successful teacher and administrative experience, put him over the top. Intrigued by his discussion about organizational culture and technology.
2. Superintendent Palmer:
 - a. Proud of the work of Academic Services Director Kathi Maxwell for her work with the district.
 - b. \$75,000 in curricular expenditures at Dover Intermediate School alone in last few years.
 - c. Lack of curriculum aligned with Common Core requires a process.
 - d. Teaching assignments based on licensing requirements and mandates from state.
 - e. Negotiations comments border on unfair labor practices. We've tried to keep that process at the table and will continue to do so. The Board's team has been waiting on responses to several proposals as well.
3. Barb Leszynski: We were elected by the community and hear from the community. Asking for respect for community who failed three levies.
4. Carol Winter: Board will not be negotiating in public. Please base comments on facts not rumors. Board elected to be responsible and responsive to the community.

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss possible sale and acquisition of property.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Monday, March 14, 6pm, at Parkside.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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