



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, Regular Session

DISTRICT VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

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.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Recognized LBMS 8th grade basketball conference team as 2013 Southwest Conference Champions, and Coach Sally Falatach

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. OMEA recognitions
2. Science Olympiad – WHS team in 1st place, LBMS JV team in 4th place and Varsity team in 2nd place. Looking forward to results at states.
3. Logan Paul, SWC player of the year/football, and wrestling tournament winner going to states.
4. We may be at 2009 levels for transportation taking into account gas, inspections, # of buses. Governor's budget has not worked its way through the House and Senate yet. Working with Alliance for Adequate School Funding this week. Still awaiting official word from the Governor's office on funding. Other potential concern is city/county dollars that were taken away from the ESCs. Bottom line is the same for us at 0%, but seeing things earmarked differently (special education, gifted education, English as a Second Language learning). Big concern for us. Hoping for flexibility to spend our dollars.
5. CFO/Treasurer Mark Pepera: We have concerns about allocation amounts and restricted nature of the funds. Other concern is mechanics of how those funds will be distributed. Have concerns

about what might be tied to that arrangement. There is a budget process and things will most likely change.

6. Dr. Keenan: They've made it clear from their presentations no school district will receive less. Need to see if we interpret it the same way once details provided.
7. Pepera: Fear that statement may be true, but once you run your district through these formulas it may or may not receive the same amount of funding.
8. Dr. Keenan: there is still a large number of dollars going to charter schools and school choice. We lost \$4.2 million and that is not coming back. I am concerned about that and about the concept that the rules aren't the same for school choice schools.
9. Carol Winter: under the impression the biennial budget is doubling the amount of dollars going to charters and vouchers.
10. Dr. Keenan: For example private schools eligible for choice – play under different rules but receive public funds. They are allowed to not serve IEP, LEP and be selective on who comes into the schools and have different rules for discipline. Like the rules to be the same and they are not. If you are going to give choice, even the playing field. We prefer to put public dollars in the public schools.
11. Parma Movers is dropping off boxes to start packing up our buildings.

MASTER FACILITIES PLAN PHASE I REPORT

12. About 100 workers on site at the high school and 60 onsite at the middle school.
13. At the high school working primarily in the academic wings and roof and decking going up. Also working back in the art room and tech ed areas. Windows going in. Temporary enclosures going in to reduce humidity and increase heat. Windows and roof on in media center. Gotten enclosures on second floor. Continuing to do a lot of what we've been doing. A lot of square footage in the building, so it takes awhile to run electrical and tech lines.
14. A lot more visible stuff at the middle school. Gym ceilings and walls painted. Building walls in kitchen serving area. Stage all done. A lot of flooring down. Delivered the equipment for polished concrete in selected classrooms. Case work being installed in both music rooms. Front doors are in on both exterior and interior side of the building. Can cross to media center and look through glass and see storefronts and doors. Building on target to finish in late April.
15. Dr. Keenan: have remedies from MKC for the rotunda. Going to move forward with their changes. Indicated to all parties we'll determine who's culpable for delays and changes, but elected to move forward so stay on schedule. Will meet eventually to see how we'll proceed with pending litigation. Expect to have change orders come through. Still believe we can do all those things, but there will be a process to make sure Bricker & Eckler to ensure the district is protected. Each contractor will price out the change. There will be a process to determine who is responsible or determine with our contractors how to proceed. Every intent to get the project done on time. WE will likely have to pay for the changes and work to see the responsible parties ultimately pay for it, and to protect the district.

16. Puffer: There are two different sets of change orders – top radial steel beams and lower sections. Masons and general trades contractors are primarily affected, but others still need to be heard from on delays.
17. Dr. Keenan: Option to stop and argue over who does what, or protect our position and approve change to proceed and indicate we will hold responsible parties when that is determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Issued then and now certificates to Gautam & Associates, The Gas House Propane, Michael May, Sue Palchesko, Ben Hodge, Geo-Sci Inc., Triad Research Group, OSBA
2. Authorized to return advance from Project Link to the General Fund
3. Adjusted FY13 appropriations

CAC REPORT

1. Community perception report – mid-year report delayed due to technical difficulties
2. Technology report – best practices for implementing informational technology as a tool. Survey of 20 comparable districts has returned only 2 to date. It doesn't appear that anyone in a comparable district is doing anything groundbreaking in IT. Those districts doing a lot more are not comparable to us. Bexley implemented a five-year plan to train teachers on using IT. Working on getting a baseline in districts similar to ours.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accepted gifts and contributions from:
 - a. Westlake Swimming & Diving parents
 - b. Nate Cross
 - c. Tony Falcone
 - d. Barb Leszynski
 - e. Tom Mays
 - f. Carol Winter
2. Approved resignation of Kristina Hamilton for the purpose of retirement
3. Approved FMLA for Bonnie Sliva, Mark Lenczewski, Jacob Percival
4. Approved classified resignation of Karen DiCaprio
5. Approved classified employment of Karen DiCaprio and Victoria Maynard
6. Approved classified substitutes: Jennifer Besel, Katsiaryna Chizhikov, Portia Brooks, Aida Delic, Marie Diamond, Eleanor Kalnn, Victoria Maynard, Kimberly Rush, Kody Shultz
7. Approved certified substitutes: Crystal Abernathy, Jessica Alsayegh, Tammy Cannon, JoAnn Clark, Allison Negus, Kimberly Rush, Frances Stalter, Elizabeth Steinmetz, Scott Stelter, Andrea Wohlleber
8. Approved supplemental resignation of Cameron Bryant
9. Approved supplemental employment of Chris Milano, Meghan Keener, Doug Little
10. Approved employment of Westside Connections Program –Adult Education personnel James Bingham and Lucille Faup from donations

11. Approved stipends for Rising Readers program for Janice Hughes, Michelle Kasunick, Ashley Leukhardt, Rachel Meyrose, Tracy Sicafuse through donations
12. Approves stipends for curriculum writing for Jenny Doyle, Losa Forshey, Karen Glesius, Jenny Larcey, Julie Szucs, Sarah Gorius, Caitlin Jewell
13. Approved stipends for AASCD (alternate assessments for special needs students paid out of grant funds) material preparation for Kate Applegate, Erin Blahnik, Rachael Kane, Doug Kuns, Cheryl Piktel
14. Approved additional hours for ESL and SLO training for Julie Wagner, paid from Title III grant funds.
15. Approved certified home instruction by Lisa Zollos and Dennis Sullivan
16. Approved stipends for International Baccalaureate training for Geoffrey Friedrich, Paul Hammond, Kristen Harter, Terrence Kennedy, Michael Newman, Jacy Nichols, Elizabeth Noren, Elena Prohaska, Dawn Ruebensaal, Betsy Ruper, David Ruschau, Tracie Sidloski, Ann Marie Thoms, Anne-Francies Zaborniak
17. Approved renewal of agreements for Centrex and long distance T-1 line services with AT&T
18. Approved Elementary Camp Link and Intermediate Camp Link for summer 2013
19. Approved 2013 Camp LINK parent student handbook
20. Approved publicly posting previously approved change orders:
 - a. Stafford-Smith Inc., \$2,011.95, provide 2 air-cooled ice machines in lieu of water-cooled.
 - b. Capstone Construction, \$1,878.86, omit windows and replace with lockers in coaches offices
 - c. Castle heating & Air, \$497.60, provide sheet metal divider around bas pipe at chase wall
 - d. SA Comunale, \$817, provide 2 additional sprinkler heads at media center ceiling
 - e. Lake Erie Electric, (\$2,865.39), revise luminaire light fixture type H
 - f. Capstone Construction, \$1,884.95, provide framing & drywall above door frame of odors
 - g. Lake Erie Electric, \$4,337.33, provide fire alarm wiring for an additional PIV per city director
 - h. Enertech Electrical, \$1,036.49, provide 3,000 lf of 3/8" pull rope in main electrical service conduit
 - i. Burkett Restaurant Equipment, \$1,188, provide 3 air-cooled ice machines in lieu of water-cooled
 - j. Jeffery Carr Construction, \$4,012.34, revise selected doors to have vision lites installed
 - k. Jeffery Carr Construction, \$966.69, provide additional brick support steel
 - l. Jeffery Carr Construction, \$678.50, provide 2 louvers through storefront in lieu of single louver
 - m. Approved modification of administrative handbook (our insurance will change as teachers' insurance is adjusted)
 - n. Approved substitute mechanic position and wage

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss negotiations. No action was taken.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Monday, March 11, at 5:30pm, at the Board of Education office.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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