



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, 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.

INFORMATIVE REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

1. WHS student ALERT U presentation/Scott Kutz
 - a. Talked about having the app come to fruition and on the open marketplace
 - b. Also might be able to link to an app on iTunes
2. CAC Report/Tom Horowitz
 - a. Midterm report: Examining effectiveness of communicating non-traditional educational curriculum at the high school (AP/IB/CCP). Developed 2 surveys - 1 for parents and 1 for students.
3. Superintendent's Report
 - a. LBMS had the FBI evidence team in for a unit
 - b. WHS parent night on AP/IB/CCP programs. This year we have 2 CCP programs. Next year we will have 17.

- c. Transition of administration with Tim Freeman retiring, Paul Wilson taking over at WHS and Beth Dagostino taking over at LBMS. Nice to see the send-off for Wilson showing he was appreciated, and the send-off at WHS for Freeman. Family type atmosphere at the high school.
 - d. 2 PTA celebrations - Reflections art program and Founder's Day.
 - e. Elementary conceptual designs laid out to elementary staff, PTA and Bassett 4th grade classroom. We'll continue these conversations about the new building. PTA recommended a SuperChats to get the message out. Also working to call back the Strategic Planning Committee to lay out design concepts and discuss location.
 - f. OneSchool, OneBook program at all elementary buildings.
4. Treasurer's Report
- a. Last week we did the second part of the bond sale of \$24.4 million in bonds. On Wednesday we received 6 bids on those bonds. The lowest group was CitiGroup was at 3.93% as a total interest cost. Pleased with process. Will report back after analyzing competitive and negotiated sales as information becomes available. We were expecting a 4.4% interest rate. We're coming in at 3.86% interest rate on both sales. Means we can save the community money as they are repaying debt over the next 33 years. We received responses from 2 dozen residents seeking to invest in our issue. After the bids were reviewed and awarded, we passed on that information to those residents. Asking how much our residents invested in this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Treasurer's Recommendations
 - a. Authorized treasurer to advance funds
 - b. Approved tree removal at the site of the new elementary building project
 - i. Hopkins: Reviewed both sites. Concern that came up about prepping the sites for construction and the removal of trees. In this area of Ohio, two endangered bat species. Under the law, we can only take down trees between Nov. 1 and March 31 to avoid destroying habitats. We won't move forward until we have a site picked, but this allows us to enter into a contract immediately upon identifying a site by that March 31 deadline. Also possible we won't need to remove trees.
 - ii. John Finucane: Eye opening to me about the various aspects about a building project. Felt confident that group of people will do a good job for us and look out for the best interest of the community.
 - c. Approved student activity purpose statements and budgets for Hilliard Garden Club
 - d. Adjusted FY17 appropriations
- 2. Superintendent's Recommendations
 - a. Accepted gifts and contributions
 - i. Anonymous
 - ii. Barnes & Noble
 - iii. Bassett PTA

- iv. Thomas Ehni, MD
- v. Richard Phillip Holland
- vi. Hyland
- vii. Christina Mars
- viii. Joseph & Jacqueline Massa
- ix. Play It Again Sports
- b. Approved staff recommendations
 - i. FMLA
 - 1. Laura McLean
 - 2. Melissa Graham
 - 3. Joe Heiland
 - 4. Kate Gallo
 - 5. Trisha Milano
 - 6. Chris Milano
 - ii. Classified employment
 - 1. Christina McLoughlin
 - 2. Kristen Voyten
 - 3. Mary Togh
 - 4. John Shipacasse
 - 5. Kelly Harrish
 - 6. Peter Kodysh
 - iii. Exempt employment of Kami Headings
 - iv. Supplemental contracts
 - 1. Tom Shiban
 - 2. Traci Edmonds
 - 3. Doug Foster
 - 4. Larry Mosley
 - 5. Steve Grife
 - 6. Jeremy Coleman
 - 7. Matt Krupa
 - 8. Brian Stepanek
 - 9. Kevin Walz
 - 10. Erin Kehn
 - 11. Jacob Schober
 - 12. Travis Haselswerdt
 - 13. Daniel Berkheimer
 - 14. Thomas Jenkins
 - 15. Aaron Perkins
 - 16. Paul Hammond
 - 17. Dana Bail
 - 18. Duane Miller
 - 19. Kyle Romansky

- 20. Saumil Jhaveri
- 21. Tom Huntley
- 22. Jason Hall
- 23. Rebecca Gutwein
- 24. Joni Patton
- 25. Doug Little
- v. Administrative employment
 - 1. Paul Wilson
 - 2. Elizabeth Dagostino
 - 3. Dameon Headings
- c. Home instruction by Stacey Abfall and Tabatha Devine
- d. Athletic event workers
 - i. Jeff Appel
 - ii. Casey Cipollone
 - iii. Don Cisar
 - iv. Noor Fahoum
 - v. Megan Fleming
 - vi. Rick Hamilton
 - vii. Dana Hartup
 - viii. Laura Jagels
 - ix. Tarek Khawam
 - x. Dan Lammers
 - xi. Joyce Lamp
 - xii. Patty McHugh
 - xiii. Matt Planisek
 - xiv. Dave Rushau
 - xv. Judy Spitzer
 - xvi. Donna Stephenson
 - xvii. Ron Stephenson
- e. Game personnel payroll for OHSAA sectional wrestling tournament and girls basketball sectional games
- f. Employment of Project Link personnel Jacob Hastings, Kristen Boyten and Lynnise Piskura
- g. Step increases for Project Link personnel
 - i. Kimberly Cymbal, Eman Ghabour Hanna, Jasmine Simms and Kristen Voytem
- h. Approved 2017 Camp Link parent/student handbook
- i. Approved licensed substitute Tyler Burke
- j. Approved classified substitutes Tyler Yarian, Robert Winchester, Kelly Harrish, Sandy Houser, Divya Khosla
- k. Approved Title I reading instructor Rosemary Blayney
- l. Approved LPDC member Erin Blahnik
- m. Approved stipend for Adam Purdy for teaching an additional semester class

- n. Approved stipend for online training for Leah Burke
- o. Settlement with MKC Associates, architect on the high/middle school projects. Final approval.
- p. Approved stipends for online training
 - i. Jenny Clark
 - ii. Pam DeAnna
 - iii. Pam Hughes
 - iv. Sue Jennings
 - v. Hannah Lozada
 - vi. Jaclyn Nara
 - vii. Cara Santora
 - viii. Jenni Sammon
 - ix. Wendy Thrasher
 - x. Amy Fife
 - xi. Adam Gordon
 - xii. Melissa Graham
 - xiii. Michelle Kasunick
 - xiv. Doug Kuns
 - xv. Laura McLean
 - xvi. Rachel Meyrose
 - xvii. Tracy Sicafuse
 - xviii. Kim Toncar
 - xix. Kate Applegate
 - xx. Jennifer Bernath
 - xxi. Lois Leonard
 - xxii. Christine Meecha
 - xxiii. Sarah Moennich
 - xxiv. Kayleigh O'Neill
 - xxv. Amy Butcher
 - xxvi. Amanda Caunter
 - xxvii. Kristi Fortuna
 - xxviii. Mary Beth Opron
 - xxix. Hun Piazza
 - xxx. Jennifer Davis
- q. Approved field trip for Latin Club for Ohio Junior Classical League Convention
- r. Amended purchasing agent/authority

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Lynda Appel: Promoting the Rain & Garden Show. Students are asked to contribute in a contest. Asking 7th and 8th grade students to create something out of recycled materials. Reached out to LBMS. This is the sixth annual event for everyone.

2. Jan Schmidt: Parent and employee. Take care of a diabetic student. Very difficult to control her sugar with the food being served at the schools. Sons 26 and 23 who have friends who have passed away due to opiate addiction and suicide. How are you addressing this problem?
3. Harry Applegate: Congratulate Paul Wilson. In past years, Scott Kutz's class takes their designs to the architectural designs to the Home & Garden Show. They used to bring their designs to the board meetings to display them. Would like to see that again.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Carol Winter: Joe Kraft and I reaching out to state representatives. We had a conference call with Matt Dolan about budget talks. He seems supportive of making us whole. As it is now, we'd lose \$70,000 per year. There is a discrepancy in what we receive from the state per pupil and what we have to pay out to a student who leaves for a charter school. Donuts with Dave Greenspan mentioned Monday, 10am, at Porter Public Library, there will be a roundtable about the opioid crisis throughout the state and area. Kathy McGinty does a lot of work at the high school on prevention.
2. Kathy Maxwell, Director of Academic Services: next year we will move forward with a comprehensive health curriculum, K-11, that will address drug awareness. April 11, health and PE teachers will receive training and we will implement that program next year. We're being proactive. A PTA member connected with a nonprofit in Rocky River to help us with training. We're the only district in the area being proactive and addressing this head-on in the classroom. This won't replace DARE. It will be a partnership.
3. Joe Kraft: Attended OSBA leadership conference. Important to let our superintendent know when we are visiting schools. Self evaluation was brought up. Part of our evaluation of our CEO and CFO is how are they helping us to achieve elements of our 5-year strategic plan. Medical marijuana administration issues with students who might be treated, something we should consider.

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss the possible sale/acquisition or property. No action was taken.

The next meeting will be held March 13 at 6pm at Parkside.

For more detailed information on these items, visit
<http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/boe/meetingschedule/default.aspx>.