



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, Regular Session

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.

SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Holly Lane Positive Behavior Supports & International Baccalaureate
 - a. Carter Birk, Sabrina Ali, Megan Forshey, Tommy Garland – third graders presented
 - b. Staff members who participated – Kristi Fortuna, Colleen Mudore, Lisa Forshey

CAC REPORT

1. Project update

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/MASTER FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

1. Thursday, Oct. 23, we held a community meeting to discuss Phase II of our master facilities plan. It incorporated a lot of review of Phase I. We had about 75 people in attendance that evening. Topics included assets, need for operating funds, options for elementary buildings. Our intention is to post and answer those questions on the website. We also have the PowerPoint presentation and working on uploading a video of that presentation online. We will be reaching

out through a small community survey to gather feedback on specific questions related to neighborhood v. grade-level buildings, renovation or new construction, etc. The 20/20 Committee moving forward will carry the ball on this. We will have additional community meetings through the process to keep everyone up on what is happening.

- a. Carol Winter: Survey? [Through email requests]
 - b. Questions at the community meeting? [State uses a 2/3 rule. If the cost of a renovation meets or exceeds 2/3 of the cost of new construction, the state recommends building new. We have time from now to January to whenever a decision is made to move forward. There was discussion about the debt drop off covering the cost of Phase II. With the sites we have it would be a challenge to do new construction while we occupy it.
2. Last couple of meetings we've talked about communications and the need to update some processes. We had some concerns with our Blackboard Connect system. We evaluated some alternatives and will be transitioning to School Messenger, which fits well with other parts of technology in the district. They are business partners with PowerSchool. It allows easy connection to social media, one of the focuses of our communications. Another piece we will add is a personalized Westlake app that will run on smartphones so parents can download that application to keep track of notifications. We should be up and running by mid-November.
 - a. Tony Falcone: Did we have any kind of contract issue? [Palmer: We're working on that. Very similar pricewise maybe a little bit less. Highly recommended system that is gaining a lot of traction]
 - b. Palmer: The big part will be getting in and doing that Registration Gateway piece. We're having discussions about grade card stuffings as a communication mechanism in place.
 - c. Carol Winter: It's a challenge for working parents.
3. As we're in the elementary buildings, we're on the verge of cold and flu season. We've been working with our custodians of enhanced cleaning of common spaces to help control the spread of germs. That is something they will be taking on as part of their regular activities. At this time of year you can't clean enough.
4. IB visit s are happening at our elementary schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Issued Then & Now certificates
 - a. Forecast 5 Analytics
 - b. Avon Truck Center
 - c. Gordon Food Service
 - d. MKC Associates
2. Established fund for Pay to Participate
3. Establish OHSAA tournament FY15 appropriations
4. Authorized transfer of funds from General Fund to Athletic Fund
5. Amended resolution #14-301 FY 15 permanent appropriations – other funds
6. Adjusted FY15 appropriations

7. Authorized treasurer to secure all available tax advances from auditor for funds lawfully due the school district
8. Authorized refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding 2010 Build America Bonds
 - a. Allows us to refinance our bonds at a lower cost as well as to prevent future issues with any federal bonds (i.e. government shutdown).

NEW BUSINESS

9. Accepted gifts and contributions from:
 - a. Anonymous
 - b. David Courtney
 - c. Discount Drug Mart
 - d. Ohio Savings Bank
 - e. Jersey Mike's Subs
 - f. Bill Soeder Landscaping
10. Approved resignations
 - a. Dennis Byrne
 - b. Virginia Fadenholz
 - c. Kelly Hoover
 - d. Julie Lindsey
11. Approved FMLA
 - a. Brianne Huber
 - b. Jeff Huber
 - c. Cynthia Hronek
 - d. Carol Yehlik
 - e. Dennis Byrne
 - f. Jaclyn Nara
12. Approved Classified Employment
 - a. Sarah Kubincanek
 - b. Paula Kneisly
 - c. Terry Janmey
13. Approved certified home instruction
 - a. Daniel Jennings
14. Approved employment of Project Link personnel
 - a. Angela Johansen
 - b. Ashley Galant-Conaway
15. Approved classified substitutes for 2014-2015 school year
 - a. Julie Crawford
 - b. Lestina Crawley
 - c. Aida Delic
 - d. Daniel Fallon
 - e. Katherine Hayes

- f. Eunae Hwang
 - g. Debra Kay
 - h. Lynda Machuca
 - i. Bhanumati Maheshwer
 - j. Kathy Mauldin
 - k. Kirsten Nagel
 - l. Sophie Paul
 - m. Jed Pearlman
 - n. Kim Peterson-Hayes
 - o. Karen Pruitt
 - p. Kevin Saari
 - q. Linda Worthington
16. Approved licensed substitutes for 2014-2015 school year
- a. Caitlin Baker
 - b. Rana Eadeh
 - c. Dawn Gear
 - d. Rachel Gorrell
 - e. Terence Hayes
 - f. Shannon Lynch
 - g. Pamela McVetta-McKinney
 - h. Duane Miller
 - i. Margaret Miller
 - j. Scott Rhee
 - k. Wendy Schnittger
 - l. Amanda Shmelter
 - m. Emily Sinclair
 - n. Cynthia Stuart
 - o. Florina Toma
 - p. Linda Worthington
17. Tabled revision to steps for supplemental contracts
- a. There has been some discussion and disagreement on contract language
18. Approved resignations and employment of supplemental contracts
- b. This relates to the above item that was just tabled. Resolution amended to approve supplemental contracts at last year's steps.
19. Approved stipends for Mohican Outdoor Educational Program
- c. Shannon Basile
 - d. Katie Beachler
 - e. Bill Bowles
 - f. Kerry Brickman
 - g. Verlene DeWitt
 - h. Jessica Dye

- i. Darlene Fossesco
 - j. John Gast
 - k. Julie Milkie
 - l. Jeff Short
 - m. Laurie Skvarek
- 20. Approved payment of game personnel for OHSAA soccer playoff game
 - 21. Approved official pay scale approved by the Southwest Conference for the 2014-2015 school year Employment
 - 22. Approved entering into an agreement with an online auction service for the sale and disposition of excess and surplus district equipment

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. NEOLA policy discussion
 - a. Barb Leszynski: we met with the NEOLA representative. I feel very comfortable recommending this. Most of our neighboring districts are with NEOLA. 2/3 of districts in the state use NEOLA, which makes policy its primary function. OSBA may be out of this business in the near future anyway.
 - b. Tony Falcone: This makes the process easier for us with searchable documents.
 - c. Palmer: We will provide a link to their server for our policies, so they will be hosting.
- 2. Approved NEOLA policy review and update with electronic publishing service

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- 1. Karen Herzberger: What's the monetary difference between OSBA and NEOLA for policy?
 - a. Similar. There will be some initial additional costs, similar to a major policy review under OSBA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. To prepare for bargaining sessions with public employees and to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Monday, Nov. 17, at 6pm at Hilliard Elementary School.

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