



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, 6/29/10, Regular Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: CIP Summit was well attended with about 120 participants. A small core team will begin writing the plan. New plan should be completed by August. Televising of meetings: Approached Les Szekely about televising meetings. He teaches on Monday nights at CCC. Working to get a student officer to do a dry run taping of the meeting. We will use it to see how it works. May need to be re-done in August when Les is available.

Met with architects and construction management group today. Starting July 12 will have an update meeting before the Board meeting. Board members will check their schedules and follow up. At that meeting went over the proposals that went out. More discussion on the Red Brick meeting. Sent a statement created with Red Brick Arts Group. The current economic climate has made it difficult to secure funds for a project the size of saving the Red Brick building (\$3million+) and the potential for doing so in the near future is unlikely. While the dream of saving the building will not be realized, the long-term potential for having a community arts center need to remain a possibility and will continued to be sought through working with the Red Brick Arts Council. We will turn efforts to WHS building to use that facility as a possible way to make this happen. May use parts of Red Brick building to install in new middle school or WHS building. We can make sure art rooms are closely related to the PAC. They would supply the programming. We want to work with them to realize that vision. Will work with MKC and Turner to look at the best way to use that site and taking down the Red Brick. Depending on abatement, could be as early as October that building could come down or as late as December.

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS: Advanced funds; Adjusted FY10 appropriations. Approved FY11 temporary appropriations. Designated depository for active and interim funds from June 28, 2010, to July 7, 2011. Provided for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$84,056,066 for constructing, renovating, remodeling, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities and acquiring, clearing and improving their sites.

CAC REPORT/PROJECT PRESENTATION: Going Green, Laura Steinbrink and Jan Litterest.

Looked at energy efficiency, curriculum design. Sustainability is the focus, recognizing where environmental practice comes into play. Green curriculum and designs for new schools. Green curriculum is often tied to the school building and what it has to offer. Key components to think about are opportunities to leverage. Buildings looked at as learning opportunities foster creativity. Architects and construction managers can be key contacts with teachers/students.

Design principles and lessons learned and best practices to consider: thrilled a commitment to design toward LEED standards. Build schedule around funding opportunities. Look for sustainability competitions for students. There should be no additional cost to LEED design.

CAC willing to get involved in fundraising on green building/sustainability programs. We're done studying but will keep the team together to make additional reports. We sense other opportunities for individuals.

NEW BUSINESS: Accepted gifts and contributions from Rep. Nan Baker, William Boor, Julie Donahue, Cathy DuBois, Dr. & Mrs. Julian Earls, Jeff Galvin, Daniel Grigson, James Haas, Robert Michelich, Robin Moodley, Michael Rebholz, Skorenzy family, Loree Weiss Connors, Alson Jewelers, Cleats Westlake, Craftsman Custom Flooring, Energizer, Hyland Software, Lakewood Village Tavern, McCarthy's Downtown, McDonalds #4435, McDonalds #6841, Nordson Corporation, Poly One, Rockwell Automation, Saucy Bistro Westlake, Sweetwater Sound, Ritz-Carlton, Viva Fernando, Westlake Town Criers, Mr. & Mrs. William Baddour, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Beyer, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Squeri, LBMS PTA, Westlake Garden Club.

Approved resignations for purpose of retirement for Barbara Italiano. Revised Certified contract status for Jacob Schober. Approved extended school year services for Jan Schmitt. Approved classified substitute employment for Lisa Hlava, Mary Toth, Sandra Lee. Approved certified substitute employment of Cathleen Collins. Approved supplemental contracts for William Wilson. Approved WHS summer school staff Sally Falatach, Kate O'Leary, Chad Patridge.

Approved reduction in force for certified staff member Staci Peltz. Approved WHS department chairs Cris Filmer & Scott Kutz (art/industrial tech/music); Sue Tarr (computer), Lela Bakos (English), Nicolette Miller (foreign language); Debra Voss (Guidance); Art Daniels & Joe Schofield (health & physical education); Jacy Nichols (library); Duane Miller (math); Daniel Berkheimer & Keith Ohnhaus (science); Paul Hammond (Social Studies). Approved classified staff seasonal resignations of Joan George, Angie Robinson, Connie Beallor, Ryan Falin, Deborah Bittinger. Approved seasonal employment of Alyssa Karim, Anthony Kazel, Robert Antognazzi, Colleen Wolanin, Erica Jennings. Approved seasonal employment change of Denis Mone and Matthew Schmitz.

Approved employment of certified home instruction and extended school year/ summer preschool clinic tutors for Karen Kane, Kathy Nash, Kristen Williams, Jean Barrett. Approved stipends for summer school intervention program instruction for Celina Bigio, Nick Miller, Amy Akosi, Kathleen Golden, Christina Grassia, Jestine Knaack, Daniel Lewis, Karen Matthews, Rachel Meyrose, Tina Montgomery, Jennifer Parker, Julie Priebe, Carrie Spelich, Sandy Stanley, Meghan Stec. Approved summer athletic camp employment of Michael Bee, Brad Behrendt, William Bowles, William Primrose, Brendan Zepp.

Approved payment in lieu of transportation to Elyria Catholic High School, Holy Name High School, Montessori Children's, St. Cyril & Methodius, Bethany Lutheran, Lakewood Catholic Academy, Summit Academy-Parma, Incarnate Word Academy. Approved employment of auxiliary services personnel Anna Bakalar, Corlette Bine, Barbara Sennhenn, Donna Collins. Approved 5 administrative per diem days for Athletic Director Tony Cipollone.

Approved agreement for extended school year services with ESC Cuyahoga County Interdistrict Service Area Contract for ESY & Preschool Summer Services. Approved Sunday building use by Bay Village Travel Baseball Association Tournament baseball games and Rock Point Church for church services. Approved participation in Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Programs. Approved contract for services supervised by Local Education Agency with the Educational Service Center of Summit County for St. Paul Lutheran Non-Public School.

Approved health services for non-public schools through PSI Affiliates Inc. and Cuyahoga County Board of Health for St. Bernadette, St. Paul Lutheran and Montessori Children's School. Approved district officials to sign change orders and approve expenditure of allowances for the master facilities plan program – Phase I construction. Awarded district fleet, liability and property insurance coverage to Ohio School plan of Toledo. Accepted bids and awarded bus bids to Cardinal Bus Sales Inc. for three transit school buses.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT: Turner & MKC will be at all board meetings from here on out to update the Board on the construction project.

June 23 met with city officials concerning various projects. Building, planning, police and fire departments in attendance. Overview of construction project. Will be following city's protocols and procedures for plan reviews. Question came up about all-day kindergarten, Internet provider antennae at the football field (Clearwire). Two major concerns were parking during project and traffic patterns during and after the project.

Drove to Kalida, OH, to look at mobile units. We need 1 per elementary building when we offer all-day kindergarten in 2011-12 school year. WE may be buying sooner rather than later. Cost is half of what we paid for prior units and larger.

Working with vendors. Switching vendors on copier paper to save \$11,000; and ice melt in bulk will save \$3,000.

Received e-rate funding commitment letter for coming fiscal year. We will receive \$47,903 in reimbursements from program to telecommunications services. Granted 40% of our expenditures on telephone, cell phone, Internet access and long distance.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 2010-2011 CAC research topics. CAC will have a more formal discussion at their August meeting. Considering citizen and volunteer engagement (researching best practice including

special focus on business community partnerships) and healthy food (local and naturally grown foods used in schools).

- a. Carol Winter: both topics would be beneficial to our school district.
 - b. Jan Litterest: Both topics reviewed by CAC in past. Business-community partnerships addressed things done for the schools by business community. Many things implemented through Chamber of Commerce. Healthy food will look at more involvement from the community.
2. Board will rotate representation at meetings starting in August.

HEARING OF PUBLIC:

1. Dave Centa: Question about school receiving funds from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
 - a. Mark Pepera: Some funds received through state as part of basic foundation formula to offset utility/maintenance efforts. EPA grant to retrofit school buses. Another set of special education funds (English as a second language tutor, school psychologist, handicapped school bus).
 - b. Are we participating in any programs directed out of federal office of Safe and Drug Free Schools?
 - i. Dr. Keenan: Title program going away. Used partially for interventionist position and budget for the high school position. Funding is going away, but we believe it is important to maintain our efforts in this area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Adjourned to executive session to discuss Superintendent evaluation. No action was taken.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, July 12, regular meeting at 5:30pm at the Westlake Schools Administration Building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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