



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, Regular Meeting

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.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Appointed members to the CAC
 - a. Mary Essig
 - b. Andrew Mangels
 - c. Cal Craven
 - d. Ginette Laraway
 - e. Susan Carroll
 - f. Tom Horwitz
 - g. Ameesh Shah
 - h. Patty McHugh
 - i. Cecilia Steinman
 - j. Carrie Tate

SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognized WHS students for participating in Cleveland Clinic Summer Internship Program – Rahil Desai, Deepak Kumar, Laura McDiarmid
2. Recognized WHS students for winning Ohio State Fair Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Award – Theodore Poulos and Peter Slater

3. Recognized WHS student Krish Shah for attaining a perfect score on the ACT College Entrance Exam
4. Recognized Westlake Fire Department, Police Department and Building Department
 - a. Dr. Keenan – we had a decision a year ago to push through on our schedule or go back and listen to a third party regarding our rotunda. Board made decision to follow the third party and do the right thing and re-do the rotunda. We gave a directive to redesign the rotunda. When that happened, we knew that may impact the schedule to the point where things that could have delayed or less read for the opening. However, we learned from the input from the community that the number one thing was to get it done right. You need a lot of cooperation, eyes and help to make sure things are done right. We have exceptional city services from the three departments we are recognizing tonight. Police Department been working with us for years to have officers in all of our buildings. Chief has been wonderful about supporting the schools and the community. They were critical in the traffic patterns, school security input for the final building and during the transition times. Same goes for Fire Department. Chief made it clear from the start safety is a first priority, but flexible coming in on weekends, evenings, early mornings to provide that support. Don Grayem, incredible support from the Building Department. He was extremely communicative and accessible every step of the way. It's one thing to hear our departments have tough standards, but what really makes it work and makes it special for the community is they provide the support to back it up. We appreciate it very much. All three went beyond expectations of what most cities and school districts might find.
 - b. Carol Winter – This really exemplifies a true partnership.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. State testing starts Oct. 8 for Grade 3 reading. The district has been going through MAP testing (measures of academic progress). Hoping it gives us a nice picture of the students coming in to adjust our instruction as the year goes on. MAP is something we chose to do locally, complies with state mandate for Third Grade Reading Guarantee and the ability to formatively assess to guide instruction.
2. Transportation Department continues to make adjustments. Due to cuts from last levy failure routes were adjusted and those within a mile were not picked up/dropped off. It usually takes until end of October to adjust routes for space available requests. This year most were made by Mr. Berwald and his department before the first day of school. We will continue to make adjustments, but need to see how weather, traffic and the adjustments impacted ridership so changes aren't made and constantly changed again and/or reversed. Also wanted to note a very important point. Mr. Berwald is also undertaking the responsibility to plan for redoing ALL district routes after the levy. It typically takes two months to develop a route plan. He is preparing for either scenario with the levy. If the levy passes all routes will be rerouted to accommodate those students within a mile, approximately 200. That would be the area we'd bring back if the levy passes. If the levy fails we would go to state minimum transportation. It is

very important to point out that no matter the result in November, everyone's route will need to change again.

3. Public service announcement sent out regarding community safety circumstance. There was an individual suspicious, pulled up in a van. City does have notification system. Majority of the time we let the city utilize their systems and encourage the community to take part in those. Because it came on the front end of the city's alert system, we put it out there, but it was not a circumstance of children coming to or leaving schools.
4. There was a regional school district affected by a bomb threat. We notified all schools to review that procedure here. We had several calls asking how we responded. We do have quarterly safety meetings, but it's a good time to remind ourselves things are going on.
5. Ribbon cutting went extremely well. Excited to open the high school that way. As the year goes through the building is going to be more operated as intended. We are just learning technology in rooms and some of the features of the building. A lot of efficiency measures put in. Hoping to attain LEED gold certified as we go through all four seasons. This room is a STEM room (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This room is built for large group projects. As we continue to utilize those programs, these rooms will be fantastic. We had a lot of input from community members, staff and other professionals.
6. Received a phone call this morning and informed the Police found the individuals involved in the vandalism of the new HS as it was going through the final stages before opening. Confessions, charges being pressed. Five individuals. Adolescents. None are WCSD students. Happy to hear the individuals were found. The police department did a tremendous job of tracking things down. We indicated from the beginning we would seek full restitution and we will take those next steps with the police and prosecutor.
7. Southwestern Conference notified by Brecksville-Broadview Heights they will leave the conference. North Ridgeville is looking to join the SWC. Another possibility is a 12- or 14-team conference. We have expressed our desire to make geography a heavy priority. One thing about SWC is we don't have a ton of travel, which adds an expense and a late evening for students. We want schools with similar academic backgrounds to keep a competitive balance and mix of schools.
8. Homecoming last week was tremendous. Our King and Queen were a great story, showing our schools don't view this as a popularity contest. Jacob and Holly were chosen because of the type of people they are. The real gem is the validation of our kids getting our vision and mission.
9. Barb Leszynski – Wondering about another open house once the lots are in. [Dr. Keenan – We should make every Homecoming an invitation for alumni to come back and the community to come in and take a look.]
10. Tom Mays – following Holly and Jacob and the acceptance of diversity, I recommend we look for other schools with diversity to expose our students to a variety of populations

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved Then and Now Certificates
 - a. North Coast Council

- b. John Carroll University
 - c. Northwest Evaluation Association
 - d. Bailey Communications
 - e. Gymnasium Equipment Co.
 - f. Avon Truck Center
 - g. AT&T
 - h. Action Automatics
 - i. Oksana Demianczuk Consulting
 - j. The John F. Gallagher Co.
 - k. Sentry Fencing
 - l. Ray Esser & Sons
2. Approved student activity purpose statements and budgets
 3. Authorized treasurer to transfer funds - \$10,000 for the city's lease of the pool. It covers the cost of the diving well in 25 \$10,000 payments.
 4. Adjusted FY13 temporary appropriations
 5. Adopted FY14 permanent appropriations and five-year forecast - overall totals for proposed budget has not changed. .19% increase from previous year's request. More discretionary requests (line items) still at FY2011 levels. Five-year forecast identical to the one presented at the last meeting. We're still using estimates. We receive some revenues from the state, but no material changes at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accepted gifts and contributions from:
 - a. Westlake Wrestling Boosters
 - b. Advanced Property Tax
 - c. Westlake Demons Club
 - d. Westlake Soccer Association
 - e. Jennifer Psota Dougherty, DDS
 - f. RSTT Inc.
 - g. Michelle Strong
 - h. Merglo Inc.
 - i. Celebrate Westlake/North Coast Challenge
2. Approved FMLA for Ashley Leukhardt, Jennifer Butler and Megan Haniford
3. Approved parental leave for Jennifer Butler and Jessica Neimeister
4. Approved retirement of Kitty Loving
5. Approved resignations of Elaine Moore, Kathleen Kiczek, Karen Jones and Patricia Wasko
6. Approved classified employment
 - a. Phillip Cooper
 - b. Karen Jones
 - c. Jam Kmitt
 - d. Laura Kuhn

- e. Matthew Sprosty
 - f. Loretta Diederich
 - g. Laura Kuhn
 - h. Dale Mitchell
 - i. Mary Gardener
 - j. Heather Lopez
 - k. Susan Dvorak
 - l. Maricica Onciu
 - m. Patricia Wasko
 - n. Carnell Sledge
 - o. James Foerster
 - p. Karen Jones
 - q. David Gamon
 - r. Susan Kantner
 - s. Linda Clemons
 - t. Kevin Saari
 - u. Cathy Rasmussen
7. Approved classified substitutes
- a. Danielle Ames
 - b. Craig Belak
 - c. Laura Bratina-England
 - d. David Delzeith
 - e. James Foerster
 - f. Heidi Garza
 - g. Kathy Hale
 - h. Linda Herman
 - i. Jillian James
 - j. Kaja Jensen
 - k. Bethia Kummer
 - l. Bernadette Liggett
 - m. Sean Mahoney
 - n. Mary Petronella
 - o. Bobbie Roach
 - p. Sandra See
 - q. Stephen Shipacasse
 - r. Julia Sipler
 - s. Richard Skvarek
 - t. Allison Stephenson
 - u. Megan Szabo
 - v. Nichole Borecki
8. Approved certified substitutes

- a. Danielle Ames
- b. Kelly Applegate
- c. Wesley Bombik
- d. Dana Brulport
- e. Jeanmarie Burant
- f. Marquette Cain
- g. Mindy Deckert
- h. David Dybowski
- i. Victoria Embom
- j. Lisa Feldner
- k. Maureen Gibel
- l. Anne Goyetche
- m. Kyle Graver
- n. Kathy Hale
- o. Mark James
- p. Marlene Jenkins
- q. Kaja Jensen
- r. Suzanne Jones
- s. Bethia Kummer
- t. Nicole Murton
- u. Kourtney Philips
- v. Maria Ripich
- w. Bobbie Roach
- x. Erica Robbins
- y. Rachel Roeder
- z. Lisa Schlichtig
- aa. Erin Stanowick
- bb. Sarah Stevens
- cc. Eric Walborn

9. Approved home instruction by Karen Schmidt

10. Approved supplemental contracts

- a. Sara Latkowski
- b. Dennis Sullivan
- c. Nicole Goshen
- d. Bill Bongers
- e. Kristen Regas
- f. Laura Jagels
- g. Art Daniels
- h. Ray Waczuk

11. Approved extended school year visually impaired instruction by Candice Evans and Sue Del Vecchio

12. Approved stipends for Local Professional Development Committee for Sandee Erdman, Colleen Mudore, Hun Piazza, James Patrizi, Jennifer Williams
13. Approved IB training expenses to Mary Kay Deese through Martha Holden Jennings Grant funds
14. Approved stipends for International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for Kelly Atkinson, Mike Berlekamp, Laura Emmer, Geoff Friedrich, Paul Hammond, Kristen Harter, Lisa Patton, Elena Prohaska, Colleen Stanley, Ann Marie Thomas, Matt Planisek, Beth Noren, Melissa Crist, Anne Frances Saborniak through Martha Holden Jennings Avon Lake Grant funds
15. Approved employment of Project Link personnel – Michelle Scullion, Tiana Billingsley, Megan Szabo, Barbara Kristof
16. Approved stipends for certified professional development
17. Approved stipends for attendance at Summer International baccalaureate meetings and curriculum work, paid through Martha Holden Jennings Avon Lake Grant funds, for
 - a. Mark Campo
 - b. Melissa Crist
 - c. Tim freeman
 - d. Geoffrey Friedrich
 - e. Carol Froehlich
 - f. Pam Griebel
 - g. Paul Hammond
 - h. Kristen Harter
 - i. Terry Kennedy
 - j. Amy Klenz
 - k. Michael Newman
 - l. Jacy Nichols
 - m. Elizabeth Noren
 - n. Vishtasp Nuggud
 - o. Lisa Patton
 - p. Matthew Planisek
 - q. Elena Prohaska
 - r. Mike Rhamy
 - s. Tracie Sidloski
 - t. Anne Marie Thomas
 - u. Elizabeth Zingales
 - v. Anne-Frances Zaborniak
18. Approved agreement for admission of tuition pupils and purchase services with ombudsman
19. Approved publicly posting previously approved construction change orders
 - a. Bay Mechanical, \$258.93, for rework HVAC diffuser and fire damper
 - b. Foti Contracting, \$4130.66, floor burnishing costs
 - c. Foti Contracting, \$5760.15, concrete polish floor
 - d. Jeffrey Carr, \$10,850, provide wood flooring in Red Brick Community Room
20. Approved field trips

- a. LBMS 8th grade American Heritage Tour 2014
 - b. LGMS Environmental club Maasai Music Project III 2014
 - c. LBMS Environmental Club-Cincinnati Zoo Nocturnal Adventures Overnight
21. Authorized participation in the TIPS/TAPS cooperative purchasing program
22. Approved change order for Great Lakes Crushing, \$175,000, soil remediation work at new high school parking lot

BOARD ITEMS

1. Approved policies
 - a. Executive session
 - b. Co-curricular and extracurricular activities
 - c. Interscholastic athletics
 - d. Interscholastic extracurricular eligibility
 - e. Admission of students from non-chartered or home schooling
 - f. Positive behavioral intervention and supports

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- a. Marge Widmar – Been here since 1968 as an art educator. I have seen the community change drastically in all those years. A lot of wonderful things have happened. I want to congratulate the Board on this stunning building. Very much aware of teaching in a functional room. If you have to deal with things to make the room function it's very stressful. When the classroom functions for you properly, it makes your day. I was delighted with the rooms I was in. Incorporation of the Red Brick arch and the influence of the building is really important to community members who went to school in that building. Wish you the best with that levy. We need it. When I first came into Westlake, it took a little while and I bought a condo in Westlake. My uncle told me schools were good for the valuation of your property.
- b. Tom Mays – there is a second levy information night on Thursday at 7pm at Porter Public Library.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, at 5:30pm, at the Administration Building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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