

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Friday, February 4, 2005 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.

Call to Order: Time: 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>Present</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>Present</u>

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo
Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>AYE</u>

Acknowledgment of Visitors: None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. O'Malley
Seconded by Mr. Smanik

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>AYE</u>

A. Work Session

1. Possible Levy Scenarios and/or Other Financial Alternatives

The Board reviewed possible levy scenarios and other financial alternatives.

Beal:

- Other financial alternatives for additional operating resources the Board might consider are utilizing the permanent improvement fund allocation or any surplus in projected amounts from anticipated health care costs. On the other hand, the Board needs to also remember the District still has some deferred expenditures in the areas of technology, infrastructure, and equipment.

Smanik:

- When considering the timing of the levy, the District must keep in mind collective bargaining timelines. In addition, there may or may not be any additional value in seeking a larger levy amount.

O'Malley:

- Thinks the District needs to take a different approach to funding the schools. Other options they should consider include the sale of land and the alternative funding option explained at a previous Board meeting dealing with inside millage.
- Asked Mr. Pepera if the re-appraisal of property has been considered in the forecast.

Pepera:

- Indicated to Mr. O'Malley that the re-appraisal and triennial update has been factored into the five-year forecast. In addition, he commented that some of the projected revenue increases are being negated by tax valuation reductions.

Smanik: Asked Mr. O'Malley what type of timeline he is looking at in reporting back to the Board on the proposed alternative funding proposal?

O'Malley: Indicated he is currently working with an attorney who is interested in pursuing this project further.

Rocco: Indicated there might be a lot of change on the horizon at the local governmental level and asked Mr. O'Malley if his proposal is reasonable?

O'Malley: Indicated his proposal is reasonable, and it can ultimately change the mechanism that funds schools.

Beal: Stated he is not sure the District will ever use the Bradley Road property. He indicated he is opposed to an outright sale, although he may consider a lease arrangement with the City.

Rocco: Indicated the schools should consider both short-term and long-term funding proposals. The District should aggressively pursue Mr. O'Malley's proposal as a longer term funding solution while heading to the ballot in May to help secure finances in the short term.

Smanik: What is the perception of the Performing Arts Center from the survey?

Costanza: The survey did not indicate any negative reaction.

Wargo: The Board needs to discuss land sale and negotiations at some future date.

Wargo: Instructed the Treasurer to prepare resolutions of necessity for the next meeting on the following levy scenarios:

1. 5.7 Mill Replacement
2. 4.9 Mill Additional
3. 7.9 Mill Replacement
4. 4.5 Mill Additional

2. Dates for Possible Board Action

The Board decided to schedule a special meeting on February 14th at 7:00 a.m. In addition, they commented they will consider initial resolutions at the meeting scheduled on February 11th.

B. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

President

Treasurer

*The public may address the Board during the periods of the meeting designated for public participation. Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time allotted is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board present and voting.

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