

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 4, 2013 – Work Session - 5:30 PM  
Administration Building - 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Cross	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Present</u>

Pledge of Allegiance – President Mays led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgment of Visitors – President Mays thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda *as Amended to Eliminate Executive Session*

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Cross	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>

**VISION STATEMENT**

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

\*Hearing of Public (Agenda Items - 15 Minutes) – None.

A. Special Report – Food Service Presentation – Cleveland Clinic

Dr. Keenan commented on the outstanding efforts of Dave Kocevar, Beth Spinks and Lisa Zuk in managing the Food Service program.

Dave Kocevar, Director of Business Affairs, commended the Food Service staff and spoke about the partnership between the Cleveland Clinic and the District to create healthier menu choices for our students. Cleveland Clinic representative, Laura Jeffers, spoke about the “Eat Right at School” menu award program. Westlake Schools is 1 of 64 schools in the nation to be recognized.

B. Board Action Items

1. A Resolution Submitting the Question of an Additional Tax Levy for the Purpose of Current Expenses to the Electors of the Westlake City School District, Pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code Exhibit B-1

Board Discussion:

Mr. Cross asked Mr. Pepera about some of the projected expenditures in the area of personnel services, insurance benefits and retirements contained in the updated forecast. Remaining members of the Board then commented on their rationale and support for the upcoming operating levy.

2. Resolution to Approve Certified Staff Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement Exhibit B-2
3. Resolution to Approve Sunday Facility Use Exhibit B-3

\*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Cathy Axcell – Stated she was pleased to see a unanimous vote for the operating levy and that she has a professional team of volunteers immobilized to inform the community of the campaign.

C. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Ms. Winter

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Cross AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

President Mays adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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President

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CFO/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.

EXHIBIT B-1

The Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, met on February 4, 2013, commencing at 5:30 p.m., at the Administration Building, 27200 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, Ohio, with the following members present:

<u>Thomas Mays</u>	<u>Carol Winter</u>
<u>Nathaniel Cross</u>	<u>Anthony Falcone</u>
<u>Barbara Leszynski</u>	

The Treasurer/CFO, or Treasurer Pro Tempore, as the case may be, advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs. Leszynski moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-54**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2013, this Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to levy an additional 5.9-mill tax levy for a continuing period of time and requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer has certified that the total tax valuation of the District is \$1,366,349,250, and that the estimated property tax revenue to be produced by that 5.9-mill additional levy would be \$8,061,460 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains constant throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses in the amount of 5.9 mills for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 5.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2013, the proceeds of

which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2014, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Westlake City School District at an election to be held therein on May 7, 2013, as authorized by law, and that election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY  
WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Westlake City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 5.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 59 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer/CFO of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer/CFO is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and deliver it and any and all other necessary documents to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, not later than the close of business on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Falcone seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<u>Thomas Mays</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Carol Winter</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Nathaniel Cross</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Anthony Falcone</u>	<u>Aye</u>
	<u>Barbara Leszynski</u>	<u>Aye</u>	

### **TREASURER/CFO'S CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 4, 2013, of the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, the date, time and place of which (as shown above) having been established at the Board's organizational session in January 2013, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

Dated: February 4, 2013

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Treasurer/CFO, Board of Education  
Westlake City School District, Ohio

EXHIBIT B-2  
RES. #13-55

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CERTIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the certified staff resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Certified Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

Susan Tarr  
Mary Miller

05/31/2013  
End of 2012-2013 School Year

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Winter

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays \_\_\_\_\_ AYE

Ms. Winter \_\_\_\_\_ AYE

Mr. Cross \_\_\_\_\_ AYE

Mr. Falcone \_\_\_\_\_ AYE

Mrs. Leszynski \_\_\_\_\_ AYE

EXHIBIT B-3  
RES. #13-56

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUNDAY FACILITY USE

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves Sunday facility use as follows:

North-South Organization

Westlake High School  
Educational Workshops

Use of 3 Classrooms  
Sunday, 02/24/2013

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Cross AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

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