

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Parkside Building – 24525 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order Time: 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Kraft	<u>Present</u>
Dr. Stoll	<u>Present</u>

President Winter requested a moment of silence for 2015 WHS graduate Nick Massa

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

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

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.

Acknowledgement of Visitors – President Winter acknowledged all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda as Amended to add Board Comments prior to Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Kraft	<u>AYE</u>
Dr. Stoll	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. Board Committee Reports

1. Legislative Liaison – Barbara Leszynski – None.
Superintendent Palmer provided an update on HB420 (attempts to remedy flaws in District data particularly with performance index scores).
2. Student Achievement Liaison – Dr. Stoll – None.
3. Policy Committee
Superintendent Palmer, Mrs. Leszynski and Dr. Stoll recently received and will discuss updates from NEOLA.
4. Finance/Audit Committee
Mr. Finucane suggested a meeting be scheduled to tie the financial forecast to the proposed strategic plan.
5. Curriculum Committee – None.
6. Community Outreach Committee
Mr. Kraft spoke about the strategic planning process and outreach efforts to date. He shared thoughts for additional outreach to the community.

Superintendent Palmer noted WHS senior, Alex Ikezawa, was selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

B. Discussion Items

1. District Calendar
Superintendent Palmer discussed the District calendar options. He will provide a recommendation to the Board at the February 25th meeting.
2. Strategic Planning
Superintendent Palmer stated the next meeting is tomorrow evening and noted that all activity to date of this Committee is posted on the District website.
 - a. Financial Overview
CFO Pepera provided an overview of his financial presentation made to the Committee.
 - b. Facilities Overview
Mr. Kocevar provided an overview of his facilities presentation made to the Committee.
3. Board Retreat
President Winter spoke of possible agenda items for the upcoming retreat: Board development, communication, goals, strategic plan, BoardDocs, and outreach.

Hearing of the Public

Patrick McMorrow, on behalf of the Westlake Teachers Association, extended condolences to the Massa family.

C. Board Comments

Mr. Kraft read a letter received from a donor to the Frank Sarna scholarship fund.

D. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Stoll

Seconded by Mr. Kraft

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mr. Kraft AYE

Dr. Stoll AYE

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 7:01 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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