

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 13, 2012 – Work Session - 5:30 PM
Administration Building - 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:31 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>
Ms. Rocco	<u>Present</u>

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

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 Mays thanked all in attendance and discussed the alternate setup in the room due to the scheduled Board development session.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Winter

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>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. Presentations

1. Alternative to Board Docs Presentation (Lynda Appel)

Lynda Appel, District Webmaster, presented on an electronic alternative for board meeting agenda preparation and dissemination. The Board, Dr. Keenan and Mr. Pepera then discussed

the pros/cons of using such an alternative. The discussion concluded that the proposal will be given further consideration, but at a minimum the District will post the full audio of all board meetings on the web.

2. Expanding Link After-School Education (Mike Waters)

Mike Waters, Project Link Director, provided a proposal to expand the community education program citing the increased demand to expand enrichment opportunities, world language offerings and community education. Board members expressed a concern about coordination efforts with other municipal entities. Mr. Waters indicated the proposal would only enhance community services. Dr. Keenan noted he is looking for Board support on this concept so that he can move forward.

B. Discussion Items

1. Process for Filling Board of Education Position

President Mays discussed the current process to fill the vacancy and noted it is the same process used for the last three Board vacancies. He stated the Board met on January 30th, agreed on an interview process, and reminded Board members that they are to have interview questions submitted to him by the end of this week. Mr. Cross stated he agrees with a structured interview process but doesn't see the need to forward the questions at this time but rather in sufficient time before the interview process. President Mays then reminded Mr. Cross of the agreement reached by all members of the Board on January 30th and asked him to submit his questions by the end of the week. Mr. Falcone, Ms. Rocco and Ms. Winter affirmed they were in agreement with the process reached by all on January 30th.

2. Public Hearing - Comment on Intent to Rehire Retired Employee Anna Bakalar, Secretary, St. Bernadette School

Public Comment:

Harry Applegate: Stated he highly recommends Anna Bakalar and supports her re-employment.

3. Board Development - Introduction to Process and Board of Education Self-Assessment (Ed Flanagan & Tom Giffels)

President Mays discussed the wish of the Board to engage in Board development opportunities. He introduced two attorneys, Ed Flanagan and Tom Giffels, and stated they will be facilitating Board development sessions over the next 12 months. The Board then engaged in a self-assessment exercise which will be summarized at their next work session.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Bob Plantz: Stated he is encouraged with the information presented at tonight's meeting and requested the presentations be made available for the public. He further commented that Porter Library would be more than willing to partner with Mr. Waters' expanded community education program.

C. Adjournment

Motion by _____ Mr. Falcone _____

Seconded by _____ Mr. Cross _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Cross	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

President Mays adjourned the meeting at 7:58 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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