

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 3, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – 27200 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order Time: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance – President Winter 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.

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Winter thanked all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

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

- A. Special Report – Westlake High School International Baccalaureate Consortium Diploma Program – Timothy Freeman and Carol Froehlich

WHS Principal Tim Freeman made a presentation on the WHS IB Diploma program (DYP) and recruiting efforts with area schools to date. Superintendent Keenan explained the rationale of the program and the formation of the DYP cooperative (Westlake, Rocky River, Berea and Avon Lake). He stated that much of the funding to implement this program has come from various State and local grants.

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

B. Action Items

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| 1. Resolution to Approve Policy EEA-R - Student Transportation Services -
First and Final Reading | Exhibit B-1 |
| 2. Resolution to Approve Westlake High School Course of Study for 2014-2015
School Year | Exhibit B-2 |

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

C. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Purpose: To Discuss Negotiations with Legal Counsel

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Others in Attendance: Keenan, Pepera, Eric Johnson, Board Attorney (via phone)

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:24 p.m.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 8:26 p.m.

Purpose: Evaluation of District Employee

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Others in Attendance: Keenan, Pepera

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:47 p.m.

E. Adjournment

Motion by _____ Mr. Falcone

Seconded by _____ Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter _____ AYE

Mr. Falcone _____ AYE

Mr. Finucane _____ AYE

Mrs. Leszynski _____ AYE

Mr. Mays _____ AYE

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

President

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
RES. #14-89

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICY EEA-R
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - FIRST AND FINAL READING

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the revised Policy EEA-R – Student Transportation Services.

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

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

File: EEA-R
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

1. Effective March 31, 2014, students in Grades K-8 who reside 1 mile or less from their school are not eligible for transportation. A child at a care provider that is 1 mile or less from their school is also not eligible for transportation.
2. The criteria for establishing bus stops is: Kindergarten - 4th Grade children will not walk more than 0.25 miles from their home to the stop, and stops will be established at street corners and mid-blocks taking into consideration the conditions specified in #6 below.
3. Grades 5-8 children will not walk more than 0.30 miles to a bus stop, and corner and mid-block stops will be established, taking into consideration the conditions specified in #6 below.
4. Space available may be requested. Space available is applicable when a student lives within the non-eligible area and does not qualify for transportation service. The student may be assigned, and walk to an established bus stop on an established route, if there is sufficient room available for all eligible students. Additional bus stops will not be created if space available is granted.
5. Distance shall be calculated in accordance with ODE Administrative Code 3301-83-01(G 1 a) – “Measurement of distance originates at a point on the traveled portion of the roadway nearest the primary entrance to the place of residence and then along the most direct route traversable, excluding interstate routes by motor vehicle, to the school bus loading area nearest and opposite the entrance door used by pupils transported.”
6. Exceptions to the established non-eligible areas may be made for the following reasons:
 - A. where, in the judgment of the superintendent or designee, conditions for those students who are not eligible for transportation, but are not limited to:
 - 1) lack of sidewalks
 - 2) lack of traffic control devices/crossing guards
 - 3) traffic flow
 - 4) road or residential/commercial construction
 - 5) age of students
 - 6) number of students
 - 7) a cul-de-sac turn-around does not meet the turning radius of an 84-passenger school bus
 - B. where students with medical conditions are not eligible for transportation, making it unsafe, difficult or dangerous.
 - C. where necessity dictates the reassignment of students to another building.
7. Buses transporting students will pick up and discharge students only at the designated pickup points as determined by the Transportation Director and approved by the Board.
8. To provide timely transportation for students to and from school with the goal of students arriving 15 minutes before school begins (not to exceed 45 minutes before) and to transport students from school within 15 minutes of dismissal (not to exceed 30 minutes waiting for a bus after school). Students should not be on the bus for more than 50 minutes within the city of Westlake.

File: EEA-R
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

9. The Board shall not be required to transport to and from a nonpublic school where such transportation would require more than 30 minutes of direct travel time. The travel time shall be measured by school bus, from the student loading location of the public school building the child would attend to the student drop-off location of the nonpublic school the student is attending. The timing will be made during the regular morning bell time schedule of the nonpublic school. Timings will be conducted on each segment of the round trip. The parent or guardian may suggest the routes. Appeals to the District timing are available to the Area 8 Coordinator of the Ohio Department of Education.
10. Transportation will be provided to accommodate those resident elementary students who are under the care of a childcare provider or day care center at a location other than the student's residence before and/or after school under the following circumstances:
 - A. A custodial care form is filed with the Transportation Department a minimum of five working days before the required service. For service to start during the first three weeks of school, the completed form must be received by the Transportation Department prior to July 31.
 - B. The service must be for five days per week. Service is for the entire school year or until permanently changed.
 - C. The location of the childcare provider to or from which the student is to be transported must be located in an area designated by the Board as eligible for bus transportation to the school of attendance. Should a student be placed at a building other than their home school of attendance by District initiative, transportation will be provided to/from the school of attendance or home school area. Students in grades 5-8 and all nonpublic student attendance areas are defined as the entire city of Westlake.
 - D. The provision of transportation for such students must not cause the District to incur any additional costs or require the establishment of new bus routes. Such transportation shall be provided only if there is sufficient space for pupils on the appropriate bus after space has been made available for all other students qualified for transportation.
11. When necessary, students may be required to provide identification as a prerequisite to riding a school bus.

Adoption Date: May 23, 2002
Revision Date: August 12, 2013
Revision Date: August 26, 2013

Revision Date: December 9, 2013
Revision Date: March 3, 2014

EXHIBIT B-2
RES. #14-90

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL
2014-2015 PROGRAM OF STUDIES

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the 2014-2015 Program of Studies for Westlake High School.

Discussion:

Superintendent Keenan noted that staffing cuts will likely be reduced from 33 to the mid-twenties pending the outcome of the unanticipated tax revenue.

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

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

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