

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2005 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:35 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>

Pledge of Allegiance: President D'Ettorre Wargo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgment of Visitors – None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by	<u>Mr. Smanik</u>
Seconded by	<u>Mr. O'Malley</u>

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. Discussion Items

1. Financial Update – 2nd Quarter

- Treasurer Pepera discussed the 2nd quarter financial report with the Board.

2. Bradley Road Property

- The Board discussed the Bradley Road property.

O'Malley: The Board needs to be aware of any environmental issues associated with the property.

Superintendent Costanza: Provided an overview of the Bradley Road property, a 1990 environmental study, and the most recent district facilities study completed by the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

Wargo: The Board needs to first determine if there is enough information to facilitate a discussion on its needs pertaining to facilities. Does the Board want the administration to pursue an independent enrollment study?

Beal: Will the Board ever use the land on Bradley Road to build a school? And, if so, would we close a school?

Rocco: Would the District consider campus schools?

Costanza: Community input needs to be solicited before a decision on campus schools could be made.

Smanik: There ought to be professionals who can facilitate a study on developing an appropriate organization for our buildings.

O'Malley: There is a concept in Fairview Park that would provide a good frame of reference for this discussion. In looking at building a new school, the District would have to build a big enough building on Bradley Road to accommodate the additional capacity resulting from the retired building and increased need.

Beal: The Board needs to consider all program considerations in conjunction with such a change.

Rocco: All-day kindergarten is a possibility.

Smanik: Having property forces one to consider the use of that property. The other issue the Board should discuss is the age of the current school facilities.

O'Malley: The Board needs to remember we originally agreed to lease the Bradley Road property, and we also have some community recommendations. Maybe we should consider some discussions with the City regarding their interest in the Bradley Road property.

Wargo: The Board needs to first decide which way they want to pursue on this matter; then we can discuss it with the City.

O'Malley: Suggests we see what the City is willing to offer regarding the Bradley Road property.

Smanik: Interested in discussing the sale of land to the City as well as the possible future uses of the property.

Beal: Agrees with conducting a study on the potential use of that land as well as finding out the City's intentions.

O'Malley: Suggests the Board president send a letter to President of Council regarding an initial discussion about the Bradley Road property.

Beal: Suggested an alternative lease arrangement whereby the schools might consider financing required infrastructure costs with proceeds from a lease payment.

Motion to schedule a joint meeting with City Council to discuss Bradley Road property:

Motion by Mr. O'Malley

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. O'Malley AYE

Mr. Smanik AYE

3. Treasurer Pepera was directed to issue a notice to move the April 13th work session meeting to April 6th at 5:30 p.m.

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:33 p.m.

Purpose: Negotiations and personnel matters regarding employee discipline and retire/rehire matter

Motion by Mr. Beal

Seconded by Mr. Smanik

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. O'Malley AYE

Mr. Smanik AYE

Others in attendance: Costanza, Pepera, Slocum

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:18 p.m.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

C. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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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