

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 10, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Road**

Call to Order: Time: 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Rocco	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>

Pledge of Allegiance: President Rocco led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Rocco thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Marinucci
Seconded by Ms. Winter

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. New Business

1. Action Items

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| a. Resolution to Recognize LBMS Students for the Invention Convention | Exhibit A-1-a |
| b. Resolution to Recognize LBMS Students for the MathCounts Competition | Exhibit A-1-b |
| c. Resolution to Approve Staff Recommendations | Exhibit A-1-c |
| d. Resolution to Approve ABLE | Exhibit A-1-d |

2. Discussion Items

- a. Recent passing of staff member
Superintendent Keenan commented on the recent passing of long-time educator Fred Jennings.
- b. Current Events
 1. Tonight: PAC – Substance Abuse Forum

2. Tonight: Winter Sports Banquet
3. Received some calls about schools being open today. The ample clearing of sidewalks is an issue.
- c. Facility Committee Update
Superintendent Keenan provided an update on developing options for a master facilities plan for the district. He commented data is being gathered and shortly a plan will be developed. Input is being provided by key district stakeholders with various backgrounds. The ultimate goal is to provide viable options to address facility needs for the next 25 years.
- d. STEM Grant Update
Superintendent Keenan indicated the grant award was for a total of \$548,000. Pam Griebel is working with higher education and business partners on staff development for this project. District technology to be added includes 34 mounted projectors and inter-write pads, 34 wireless keyboards and personal remotes, mobile lab, district learning lab, calculators, GPS, web cameras, microscopes, share-point server, and robotic engineering sets.
- e. Substance Abuse
Superintendent Keenan again reiterated the district's response to recent substance abuse issues and praised the High School for their proactive approach on these matters:
 1. Develop/implement a five-point plan
 2. Purchase of two breathalyzers
 3. Limiting vending machine options
 4. Restricted hall passes
 5. Restructure senior privilege
 6. Implementation of Progress-book software for parents
 7. Revision of the district attendance policy

***Meeting Open to Public (15 Minutes)**

President Rocco indicated a special Board meeting will be held on March 19, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 5:56 p.m.

Purpose: For Purpose of Student Discipline – Expulsion Hearing Appeal

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

Others in Attendance: Keenan, Pepera, Tim Freeman, Paul Kish, John Shepherd, Attorney, Bryan McGraw, Mr. & Mrs. McGraw.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session
Time: 7:25 p.m.

Board Discussion

President Rocco explained the Board's options relating to the expulsion appeal.

Sullivan: Is the standard of the Board to uphold, reverse or modify the Superintendent's decision?

Rocco: She is not aware of any set standard. The Board just independently reviews the facts and votes on the expulsion decision of the Superintendent.

Sullivan: Was due process followed? In addition, was the decision to expel made under the code of conduct and for good reason?

Keenan: The decision to expel was made in conjunction with applicable board policies and the student code of conduct.

Winter: She appreciates the enormity of the family's situation. With that being said, she will vote to uphold the decision of the superintendent.

RES. #08-81

Board Motion to Uphold Expulsion Appeal Decision of Bryan McGraw

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Marinucci

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

C. Adjourn to Executive Session--Cancelled

Purpose: For Purpose of Student Discipline – Expulsion Hearing Appeal

Note: Mrs. Lucius was not in attendance and emailed the Treasurer she would not attend the hearing tonight.

D. Adjournment

President Rocco adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

President

Treasurer

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*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 A-1-a
RES. #08-77

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE LEE BURNESON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR THE LCCC INVENTION CONVENTION COMPETITION

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education recognizes and congratulates the following Lee Burneson Middle School students for their participation and accomplishments in the Invention Convention sponsored by Lorain County Community College:

John Schulze	1 st Place Award \$500 College Scholarship	Grade 7
Christopher Grimm	Superior Innovator Award \$50 Savings Bond	Grade 8
Scott Hulver	Superior Innovator Award \$50 Savings Bond	Grade 8

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Ms. Winter

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE LEE BURNESON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR THE MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education recognizes and congratulates the following Lee Burneson Middle School students for their participation and accomplishments in the MathCounts Competition:

1st Place Team Members

Thomas Carroll	Grade 8
Jennifer Chern	Grade 8
Jinsung Kim	Grade 8
Kyle Lathem	Grade 8
Bhargavi Maheshwer	Grade 8
Ryan Milowicki	Grade 8
Aakash Shah	Grade 7
Kevin Wang	Grade 7

Overall Individual Awards

Thomas Carroll	1 st Place
Jennifer Chern	2 nd Place
Kyle Lathem	3 rd Place
Ryan Milowicki	4 th Place
Jinsung Kim	5 th Place

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Ms. Winter

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

EXHIBIT A-1-c
RES. #08-79

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBSTITUTES, EMPLOYMENT, FMLA
AND UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE FOR STAFF MEMBERS

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education approves resignations, substitutes, employment, and FMLA for certified staff members as follows:

Substitutes

Diane Campo Library Assistant

Employment

FMLA

Carrie Beatty	03/14/08-03/30/08	Angie Robinson	02/11/08-02/20/08
Marcella Krucek	01/24/08-02/18/08	Lydia Bond	01/03/08-03/23/08
Joan Mitchell	01/08/08-03/03/08	Lorrie Knapp	02/25/08-03/23/08

Unpaid Medical Leave

Joan Mitchell 03/04/08-04/30/08

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RESIGNATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF
ADULT BASIC LITERACY EDUCATION PERSONNEL

RESOLVED THAT

The Westlake Board of Education approves the resignation and employment of personnel for the Adult Basic Literacy Education (A.B.L.E.) Program. Contracts are to be paid out of A.B.L.E. Project Number 045062-AB-S1-2007C, A.B.L.E. Project Number 045062-AB-S1-2008 and A.B.L.E. English Literacy and Civics Education Project Number 045062-AB-S2-2008.

Resignation

Daniel Jennings A.B.L.E. Assistant

Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Sharon Forstchen	A.B.L.E. Teacher	80	\$ 19.00	\$1,520.00

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>