

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 6, 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 – President D'Ettorre Wargo thanked all in attendance, especially the following City officials: Mayor Dennis Clough, President of Council Mike Killeen, Council Members Jim Connole and Nan Baker.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by	<u>Mr. Beal</u>
Seconded by	<u>Ms. Rocco</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. Bradley Road Property

Wargo provided a historical overview of the Bradley Road property owned by the Board of Education (see attached). She indicated the Board of Education is exploring its options regarding the viable uses of this property, and the main purpose of this discussion is to focus on the short and long-term uses of this property for the educational needs of the community while also considering the municipal interest in this property for recreational purposes.

Mr. Connole provided additional insight on the history of the Bradley Road property from his tenure on the Board of Education a number of years ago.

The group continued to dialogue on the Bradley Road property.

Mr. Killeen asked the Board whether or not they have decided to sell or lease the property. He indicated the City requires additional space for recreational needs, and they are interested in either purchasing the property or negotiating some lease arrangement.

O'Malley indicated the Board had previously granted a lease to the City for a portion of this property, but the City has failed to move this project forward and use the property for recreational purposes.

Mayor Clough indicated there was some delay to using this property due to additional design studies being conducted regarding field specifications and use. In addition, the City's recreational needs are greater than initially anticipated, and they would like the use of all 40+ acres.

Beal introduced an innovative idea with respect to leasing the Bradley Road property to the City of Westlake. His idea called for a lease agreement whereby the stream of lease payments from the tenant would fund the required land improvements that needed to be made to improve the site.

Mr. Killeen indicated this was an interesting concept and would need to explore this option further with the remainder of council.

Wargo summarized the overall discussion concerning Bradley Road as productive and informative. In addition, she thanked the City representatives that attended the meeting for their time and input on this matter.

Smanik suggested a property appraisal or land use study be conducted to determine an appropriate market value for this property and whether or not it would be needed for district capacity issues in the future.

O'Malley indicated the land use study was a good idea, but it should also include other properties in the district as well when looking at capacity needs.

Smanik indicated these studies would help the Board make a more informed decision regarding the disposition of this property.

The Board unanimously agreed that the district administration should pursue an appraisal analysis and land-use study as soon as possible.

\*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

- Mike Rump indicated that timing is critical to the construction of any recreational facilities. Consideration should be given to the preparation period required for soccer and baseball fields.

B. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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President

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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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