

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 11, 2011 – Special Meeting - 7:30 AM
Board of Education – 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Exited the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

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

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Mays thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Discussion Items

1. Update on Plan to Address Governor's Proposed Budget Reductions

Keenan: Updated the Board on the negative financial impact the Governor's biennial budget proposal will have on the school district. He further commented the District is pursuing a legislative amendment with Representative Baker to 'cap' the total proposed funding loss at approximately 20%. In addition, he spoke about his plan to formulate necessary budget reductions and other cost containment measures. He asked the Board for further direction with respect to his budget reduction strategy. The Board continued to dialogue about the biennial budget, the proposed legislation and the Superintendent's budget reduction strategy. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, President Mays stated the Board needs to work with Dr. Keenan to make some tough decisions and be prepared to address this issue again on April 18th.

2. How Reduction Recommendations for April 18 will be Developed in Each Category
Superintendent Keenan provided his methodology for his budget reduction plan to be unveiled on April 18th.
3. Other
Board Comment on Budget Reduction Plan:
Rocco: Indicated to Dr. Keenan he should use the CIP as compass, and stay as far away from the classroom with proposed reductions.

Ms. Rocco exited the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Russell Ezolt: Spoke about his concerns with respect to the proposed reduction plan.

Jeffrey Wrapp: Requested a copy of presentation given by the Superintendent this evening.

Harry Applegate: Spoke about a statement made by Mr. Sullivan with respect to state funding and the need to differentiate between a bond and operating issue.

Duane VanDyke: Commended the District for working with legislators on alternative proposals and made some suggestions for potential communication on the District website.

Denny Wolf: Asked a question about the school budget and the proportion of the proposed reductions in relation to the budget.

B. Adjournment

Motion by _____ Ms. Winter

Seconded by _____ Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays _____ AYE

Ms. Winter _____ AYE

Mr. Sullivan _____ AYE

President Mays adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.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.