

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 12, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building - Board Room – 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Winter thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Keenan reported on the following

1. Students are preparing for the Ohio Achievement Assessments.
2. Jeff Short, WHS baseball coach, has 297 career wins.
3. Recognized Kim Bonvissuto for receiving the mark of excellence award from the National School Public Relations Association for our calendar publication.
4. There are six more scheduled community presentations on Issue #14.
5. The District is in negotiation with a parent group that wants the Board to recognize hockey as a club sport.
6. All known administrative and certified positions have been posted.
7. The District was well represented at the State Engineering and Technology Conference.

B. Discussion Items

1. Planning for Review of District Expenditures - Cost Per Student

Winter: She spoke about suggested parameters for the August analysis and the benefit of discussing this with the whole Board.

Mays: Asked Dr. Keenan what school districts will be included in the cost per pupil analysis.

Keenan: Indicated to Mr. Mays the comparisons will portray other similar districts as defined by the ODE or local proximity.

Pepera: He further explained an overview of the cost per pupil model and complexities that arise in making apples-to-apples comparisons.

Keenan: He stated the overall goal of the District is to run as efficiently as possible and still maintain educational excellence.

Cross: Stated he prefers involvement of the whole Board on this topic and would like to define some target areas as well as understand what is meant by 'similar' districts.

Keenan: Asked Mr. Cross how one might establish appropriate targets without first understanding school operations.

Winter: Stated to the Board that based on the complexities raised, it would be best to let the administration prepare data to be analyzed in greater depth at the August 28th retreat.

Keenan: Restated to the Board that the overall goal should be operating efficiently as possible while still maintaining excellence.

Cross: Indicated the Board should at least develop a broad framework for this analysis as well as determining the scope and timing of the discussion.

Winter: Indicated to Mr. Cross the Board does have a solid over-arching goal and has already proposed the date of August 28th to review the data.

Sullivan: Indicated Mr. Cross' statement is valid in developing some broad goals even though that has to be tempered with potential time commitments of staff.

Rocco: Asked the Board if not another valid goal is to keep our cost per pupil low while still providing expected service.

Sullivan: Stated he would recommend the District set a target number (to reduce costs) over the next generation of students before the August meeting.

Rocco: Indicted to Mr. Sullivan the cost per pupil analysis is not a new concept and in fact is an on-going practice. She stated the administration has always justified expenses in programming and staffing.

Cross: Stated he is wondering if the District is doing as good a job as they can and feels it is a good practice to conduct such an analysis, even though he does not have a specific goal at this time.

2. Report on Broadcasting BOE Meetings

Keenan: Discussed the feasibility of broadcasting the Board of Education meetings.

Cross: Asked Dr. Keenan if the TV studio candidates addressed this issue during the interview process. He also asked whether the candidates asked about community access, the programming rotation, marketing the program or possible partnerships with local businesses.

Mays: He suggested a practice run for taping be conducted at the July board meeting.

Board: Unanimously agreed to have a practice run at the July board meeting and start recording at the August 23rd meeting.

3. Planning an OSBA Board Workshop – Date and Customizing Training

Winter: Ms. Winter provided an overview of customized training by OSBA (Focused on Board leadership) will be held on June 8th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Porter Library. Specific topics to be addressed are: Board member roles, operational goals, and team development.

C. Action Items

1. Resolution to Approve Classified Resignation

Exhibit C-1

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Harry Applegate: Stated it might be better to let the superintendent know that you wish to drop the cost per pupil down by \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500 and then get his recommendation. He further stated if the Board wishes to televise meetings, they need to first address the current WHBS sound issues.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 6:49 p.m.

Purpose: Discuss Superintendent Contract

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Sullivan AYE

Mr. Cross AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

Others in Attendance: None.

Keenan and Pepera exited the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan was appointed Treasurer Pro Tem.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 7:44 p.m.

E. Adjournment

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

President

Treasurer Pro Tem

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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.

EXHIBIT C-1
RES. #10-113

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves resignation of the following classified staff members for the school year 2009-2010:

Classified Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brenda Wirth	Holly Lane Spec. Ed. Aide	04/01/2010

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Sullivan AYE

Mr. Cross AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

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