

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 13, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – 27200 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order Time: 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Falcone	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>

Entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – President Falcone led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISION STATEMENT

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21st Century learning environment. Our district will be characterized by high achievement, actively engaged learners, mutual respect, shared knowledge, pursuit of new skills and capabilities, collaborative learning, willingness to take action, a team commitment to data-driven continuous improvement, and tangible results.

MISSION STATEMENT

WE EDUCATE FOR EXCELLENCE...Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Falcone thanked all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>

***Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items**

Karen Herzberger wanted the Board to consider concerns from the Support Staff with regard to making any change in the proposed school calendar for 2015-16.

A. Board Item

1. Public Meeting – Mr. Falcone afforded members of the public the opportunity to provide input on the issue of re-employing Geoffrey Palmer during his service retirement.

He then provided an overview of the process the Board undertook to date to ensure compliance with the statute. President Falcone noted for the record no member from the public had any comment and that the Board will vote on the issue at their May 11, 2015 meeting.

B. New Business

1. Resolution to Approve 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

Exhibit B-1

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Cecilia Baker read a prepared statement which proposed a few questions regarding how tax dollars are/will be utilized for capital improvements.

C. Board Comments

Mr. Palmer noted Holly Lane Elementary was recognized as a 2014-15 "Hall of Fame School."

President Falcone noted the May 11th meeting will be at the PAC.

President Falcone received a letter from Al Pecota (Town Criers) commending district NHS students for their support at the recent Easter Egg hunt.

President Falcone voiced concern about the anonymous defamatory material received by the Board of Education regarding the intent to rehire Mr. Palmer.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 6:34 p.m.

Purpose: To Discuss Negotiations and Employment and Compensation of Personnel and Pending Litigation

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>

Others in Attendance: Palmer, Pepera, Pyros, McCloskey (via phone)

Ms. Winter arrived at 6:46 p.m.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:14 p.m.

E. Adjournment

President Falcone 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.

EXHIBIT B-1
RES. #15-75

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar.

PROPOSED WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

2015-2016 School Calendar

Attendance Days: 6 August 15 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Attendance Days: 21 September 15 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Attendance Days: 20 October 15 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Attendance Days: 17 November 15 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Opening Staff Day - PAC 08/20/15 Teacher Work Day 08/21/15 Kindergarten Screening 08/24/15 & 08/25/15 First Student Day Grades 1-12 08/24/15 Kindergarten Orientation 08/26/15 Kindergarten First Day 08/27/15
Attendance Days: 14 December 15 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Attendance Days: 18 January 16 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Attendance Days: 19 February 16 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Attendance Days: 18 March 16 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Labor Day - No Staff/No Students 09/07/15 Teacher Work Day-No Students 10/15/15 NEOEa Day - No School 10/16/15 End of First Quarter 10/28/15 Staff Work Day - No Students 11/03/15
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Aug. 24, 2015-Oct. 28, 2015 Q1 45 Oct. 29, 2015-Jan. 15, 2016 Q2 43 Jan. 20, 2016-Mar. 24, 2016 Q3 45 April 4, 2016-June 9, 2016 Q4 47 180	1st Semester: 08/26/14-01/21/15 S1 88 2nd Semester: 01/23/14-06/09/15 S2 92 180	Proposed Calendar		
FORMAL ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE APRIL 13, 2015 BOARD MEETING				
End of Quarter/Semester <input type="checkbox"/>				
Staff Work Day - No Students <input type="radio"/>				
No Staff - No Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Board Discussion:

The Board shared their thoughts on the proposed 2015-16 school calendar. Mrs. Leszynski stated she is unable to support the calendar based on feedback she has received from staff and parents. She further stated that development of the following year calendar should be completed as soon as possible. Mr. Finucane noted support for the calendar due to the fact that parents and students have already made plans based on the information available to date. President Falcone stated his support for the proposed calendar citing other board member comments and agrees with others that development of the calendar should occur on a much earlier timeframe.

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
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Mrs. Leszynski	<u>NO</u>
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Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
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Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
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