

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 14, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session  
Lee Burneson Middle School – 2260 Dover Center Road**

Call to Order Time: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance – President Winter led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

**VISION STATEMENT**

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Winter thanked all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda as Amended to switch order of Executive Sessions Items F and G; place Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items after Common Core Presentation Item A followed by Superintendent's Report

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

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

A. Common Core Presentation – Pam Griebel, Curriculum Director

President Winter declared a brief recess at 6:05 p.m. to move the meeting to the Computer Lab and resumed the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Mrs. Griebel presented an overview of the Common Core standards.

President Winter declared a brief recess at 6:40 p.m. to move the meeting back to the Library and resumed the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

\*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

Harry Applegate commended Mrs. Griebel on her presentation but stated we have lost focus on teaching content and have instead shifted efforts on preparing to take a test.

Jack Stipek, representing the entire Westlake CSD Physical Education staff, stated opposition to the Physical Education waiver being recommended by the Superintendent. He then provided rationale for retaining current K-12 program requirements.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Keenan noted the following:

1. The severe weather may impact sports schedules tomorrow.
2. The District will hold a 20/20 Committee meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Lee Burneson.
3. Long range recreation input from the community is being sought from the City of Westlake. The District has extended a generous offer to the City for the use of Parkside school. To date the City has rejected the proposal, but President Winter will send a letter to City officials encouraging this type of partnership.

C. Treasurer's Item

1. Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget      Exhibit C-1  
Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to  
the County Auditor

D. Board Discussion Items

1. Superintendent Vacancy

President Winter provided an overview of the Superintendent vacancy process and preliminary discussions to date. She noted prospective search firms that were being considered and the importance of public engagement in the process. She stated the Board is committed to the process and will consider an interim if the right candidate is not found.

2. Levy Considerations

President Winter commented on various potential levy considerations now that the WTA labor contract has been ratified and the District has a better long-range view of its finances.

Superintendent Keenan reiterated the main goal is still to put the District in the best position to achieve success with voters. To that end and with the changes in spending and staffing reductions, he stated it appears the Board will have the option to go to the voters in August or November using lower millage. He noted that CFO Pepera will follow up with potential financial scenarios at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

E. Policy Revision

First Reading of Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

\*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Ann Beyer thanked the Superintendent for his leadership and the Administration and teachers for their responsiveness to the community. She called on the community to support the schools noting Westlake is a good value.

F. Executive Session

1. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Purpose: To Discuss Negotiations (OAPSE)

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Others in Attendance: Keenan, Pepera

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:30 p.m.

G. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Purpose: Discussion of Employment of a Public Employee (Superintendent Vacancy)

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 9:32 p.m.

H. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mr. Finucane AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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President

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CFO/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. #14-116

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED  
BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY  
TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rate, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

FUND	Amount to be derived from levies	Amount approved by Budget Commission	County Auditor's estimate of tax rate to be levied	
	Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
	Column II	Column VI	V	VI
Sinking Fund				
Bond Retirement Fund				5.70
General Fund			5.80	58.60
Library Fund				2.80
<b>Total</b>			<b>5.80</b>	<b>67.10</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Board Discussion: The Board unanimously agreed to retain the current debt service rate of 5.70 mills and directed CFO Pepera to work on a restructuring plan for a presentation at the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Mrs. Leszynski

Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

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

File: IKF  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet or exceed the minimum standards of the Ohio Department of Education as well as State law and, further, that our high school compares favorably with other high schools in the state that are recognized for excellence.

The Westlake High School minimum requirements for graduation from high school are as follows.

<b><u>Westlake High School Graduation Requirements Through 2013-2015</u></b>		
<b>Total Credits: 23 / MUST be enrolled in 4 Core Classes</b>		
<u>Graduation Courses</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2013 &amp; 2014</u> 23 Credits	<u>CLASS OF 2015 &amp; BEYOND</u> 23 Credits
English	4.0 credits See Course of Study for junior/ senior requirements	4.0 credits See Course of Study for junior/senior requirements
Math	3.0 credits 1 credit Algebra I	4.0 credits 1 credit Algebra II
Social Studies	3.0 credits 1 credit World History 1 credit American History 0.5 credit Government 0.5 credit Economics	3.0 credits 1 credit World History 1 credit American History 0.5 credit Government 0.5 credit Economics
Science	3.0 credits 1 credit Physical Science 1 credit Biological Science	3.0 credits 1 credit physical science 1 credit life science 1 credit advanced study
Health/PE	1.5 credits	1.0 credits
Practical/Fine Arts	1.0 credit	1.0 credit
Computer Ed/Business/Engineering & Technology Education	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Service Learning	N/A	Class of 2015-53 Hours / 2016 & Beyond-60 Hours
Electives	7.0 credits	6.5 credits
World Language	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>23.0 Credits</b>	<b>23.0 Credits</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade OGT *Subject to legislative mandate	*10 <sup>th</sup> grade OGT	*TBD

The State of Ohio minimum requirements for graduation from high school are as follows.

<u>State Minimum</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Ohio Core</u>	<u>Units</u>
English Language Arts	4.0	English Language Arts	4.0
Social Studies, including ½ unit of American History & ½ unit of American Govt.	3.0	Social Studies, including ½ unit of American History & ½ unit of American Government	3.0
Science, including 1 unit each in Physical Science & Biology	3.0	Science with inquiry-based lab experience, including 1 unit each in Phys. Sci. & Life Sci., & 1 unit in Chemistry, Physics or other phys. Sci., advanced Biology or other life sci., Astronomy, Physical Geology or other earth/space sci.	3.0
Mathematics	3.0	Math, including one unit of Algebra II or its equivalent	4.0
Health	0.5	Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education	0.5
Electives *	6.0	Electives **	5.0
Total	20.0	Total	20.0

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The Ohio Core requirements for graduation include:

1. student electives\* of at least one unit or two half units, from the areas of business/technology, fine arts and/or foreign language;
2. units earned in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies shall be delivered through integrated academic and technical instruction and
3. passing all State required examinations.

The Ohio Core requirements for graduation also include:

1. student electives\*\* of any one or combination of the following: World language, fine arts (must complete two semesters in any of grades 7-12 unless following a career-technical pathway), business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, engineering and technology, agricultural education or additional English language arts, math, science or social studies courses not otherwise required under the Ohio Core;
2. units earned in social studies shall be integrated with economics and financial literacy and
3. passing all State required examinations.

Summer School

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation provided that administrative approval has been given prior to registration for the course.

Educational Options

High school credit is awarded to students who successfully complete Board-approved educational options that count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options

Credit is awarded for courses successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under this section of the Ohio Revised Code counts toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the District. If the District offers a course comparable to the course successfully completed, then comparable credit for the completed equivalent course shall be awarded. If no comparable course is offered, the District shall grant to the student an appropriate number of credits in a similar subject area.

Correspondence Courses

High school courses offered through correspondence courses are accepted for credit toward graduation only when they meet the following criteria.

1. Credits earned in correspondence schools directly affiliated with state universities are evaluated by the school administration for students who wish to qualify for graduation from high school.
2. Credits earned from correspondence schools not directly affiliated with an accredited college or university may not be applied toward graduation.
3. Credits earned from schools that have been established primarily for correspondence study, rather than an institution primarily for residence study, are not accepted toward graduation.

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Coursework Completed Prior to Ninth Grade

Student work successfully completed prior to the ninth grade is applied towards graduation credit if the course is taught by a teacher holding a license valid for teaching high school and is designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Physical Education Exemption

**A student who during high school has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two seasons is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. However, the student is required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study.**

Ohio Core Opt Out

The District offers students entering the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2014, the ability to opt out of the Ohio Core curriculum in compliance with Board policy and regulations and all procedural requirements stipulated by the school.

Adoption Date:	May 23, 2002	Revision Date:	December 17, 2012
Revision Date:	May 24, 2010	Revision Date:	
Legal Refs.:	ORC 3301.07(D)(3); 3313.60; 3313.6014; 3313.603; 3313.605; 3313.61; 3345.06 OAC 3301-35-04		
Cross Refs.:	IGBM, Credit Flexibility IGCA, Summer Schools IGCH, Postsecondary Enrollment Options (Also LEC) JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges IGCD, Educational Options (Also LEB) IGCI, Community Service		