

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005 – 7:00 a.m. – Special Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 7:11 a.m.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>Present</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>Present</u>

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Beal
Seconded by Mr. O'Malley

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>AYE</u>

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President D'Ettorre Wargo welcomed all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Beal
Seconded by Mr. O'Malley

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Smanik	<u>AYE</u>

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

Treasurer Pepera arrived at 7:15 a.m.

- A. Performing Arts Center Construction Update
Representatives present: Mark Dent, Lou Trostel

Dent: Provided a project status report to the Board. He discussed the close-out status with each of the prime contractors: Summit, Fortney and Castle.

Wargo: What is the status of the outstanding contractual issue with the architect?

Dent: The issue is ongoing, and the architect still needs to respond. In addition, there may be another contractual item to discuss regarding some electrical re-inspection work.

Wargo: She feels the Board shouldn't mix the Errors and Omission issue with additional services that might be requested of the architect.

Beal: Agrees with Mrs. Wargo.

Wargo: Concerned with any potential electrical safety issues and recommends the administration develop a mitigation plan immediately.

Smanik: What is the current occupancy status of the Performing Arts Center?

Slocum: The City confirmed the facility is still approved for occupancy despite the minor electrical issues found.

O'Malley: He is also concerned with the safety of the facility, and indicated the District should expedite an electrical review.

Wargo: We should not occupy the facility until an independent review has been conducted clearing the facility for use.

O'Malley: There have been other issues with the electrical contractor in the past. The Board is responsible to make sure there are no outstanding issues.

Wargo: The electrical review issue must be addressed immediately, and stated she is not opposed to placing blame on the appropriate contractor.

Smanik: If the facility is temporarily closed, an approximate timeline for the re-opening should be constructed to allow district groups the opportunity to modify their schedules.

O'Malley: When is the issue with the TV studio going to be fixed?

Slocum: Indicated he is checking with the contractor on the proposed time frame for completion.

O'Malley: Are all costs for this project covered by bond monies?

Costanza: Yes. The costs for this project only use bond proceeds and interest earned on the proceeds.

Smanik: Are as-builts being revised with the changes occurring in the late stages of the project?

Trostel: Indicated he will check on this matter. He is concerned, though, about the electrical as-builts.

Mr. Beal was appointed President Pro Tem.

President D'Ettorre Wargo exited the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

B. Adjournment

Mr. Beal adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

President

President Pro Tem

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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