

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 10, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building - Board Room – 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:31 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 and acknowledged the recent Music a la Mode competition and the success of Issue #14. She thanked the Westlake voters and community volunteers for their support.

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. He thanked the taxpayers for supporting Issue #14.
2. He thanked the staff and Music Boosters for the success of Music a la Mode.
3. Indicated the WHS girls softball team will share the SWC title.
4. WHS boys tennis won the season and tournament championship.
5. Three of four elementaries held art shows last week.
6. There was a power outage on May 9th.

B. Discussion Items

1. Maasai Music Project

Lee Burneson Science teacher Daniel Grigson discussed the Maasai Music Project organized at Lee Burneson Middle School in conjunction with the Environmental Club. He

showcased the students' work and discussed the Africa music project. Several students performed for the Board.

2. Construction Master Facility Plan Update

Superintendent Keenan provided an update on the project and resulting activities due to the passage of Issue #14.

CFO Pepera discussed the recent school district bond rating upgrade from Aa2 to Aa1 by Moody's; the proposed bond financing timeline and the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) process.

3. Policy Review

Winter: She provided an overview of suggested policy revisions.

Keenan: He spoke specifically about a few major policy changes.

4. Race To The Top

Keenan: Indicated the deadline to sign a Memorandum of Understanding is Friday, May 14th. He stated there is still a concern from our bargaining unit about student performance tied to teacher evaluation.

Winter: Indicated she would support the application if the administration and the Westlake Teachers Union (WTA) can come to an agreement on outstanding issues.

Sullivan: Stated he will defer to Dr. Keenan's recommendation on the matter.

Mays: Stated he would support the application if the administration and the WTA can agree.

Rocco: Stated she would support the application if the administration and the WTA can agree.

Cross: Stated he would support the application if the administration and the WTA can agree.

C. Action Items

1. Resolution Requesting Authority to Issue Qualified School Construction Bonds and Authorizing the Preparation and Filing with the Ohio School Facilities Commission Exhibit C-1

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Harry Applegate: Inquired as to what impact will the new construction have on the Westlake High School facilities footprint. He recommended the Board clearly communicate their intentions to the public.

Keenan: Indicated to Mr. Applegate that additional information on this matter should be distributed by the end of the month.

Applegate: Asked the Superintendent if the commissioning agent will make recommendations on sustainability specifications?

Puffer: Stated to Mr. Applegate that sustainability recommendations will be part of the overall design process.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:19 p.m.

Purpose: Conference-with Board Attorney Concerning Disputes Involving Pending or Imminent Court Action

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>

Others in Attendance: Keenan, Pepera, Bill Gagliano, Esq.
Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session
Time: 7:39 p.m.

Superintendent Keenan noted the Continuous Improvement Plan Summit will be held on June 14th and 15th.

President Winter declared a brief recess at 7:40 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

E. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:47 p.m.

Purpose: Discuss Superintendent Contract

Motion by	<u>Ms. Winter</u>
Seconded by	<u>Mr. Mays</u>

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>

Others in Attendance: None.

Keenan and Pepera exited the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan was appointed Treasurer Pro Tem.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:34 p.m.

F. Adjournment

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

President

Treasurer 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.

EXHIBIT C-1
RES. #10-147

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING WITH THE OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION OF AN APPLICATION THEREFOR

The Board of Education of Westlake City School District, Ohio, met in regular session on May 10, 2010, commencing at 5:30 p.m., at the Westlake Administration Office, 27200 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, Ohio, with the following members present, with the following members present:

Ms. Carol Winter

Mr. Timothy Sullivan

Mr. Nate Cross

Mr. Thomas Mays

Ms. Andrea Rocco

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Ms. Rocco moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-147

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING WITH THE OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION OF AN APPLICATION THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as amended (ARRA), the United States Congress has authorized the issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs), whereby qualifying school districts could issue interest-free (or low interest) bonds to be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility, acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed, or acquisition of equipment to be used in such portion or portions of the public school facility that is or are being constructed, rehabilitated, or repaired with the QSCB proceeds;

WHEREAS, under ARRA, the State of Ohio has been allocated a total of \$293,763,000 for calendar year 2010 for QSCBs;

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) is responsible for allocating the authority to issue QSCBs among eligible schools in the State of Ohio applying for such authority;

WHEREAS, this Board of Education proposes to construct, renovate, remodel, add to, furnish, equip and otherwise improve school district buildings and facilities and acquire, clear and improve their sites (the Project) following the voter approval of the issuance of \$84,056,066 of bonds for that purpose at the May 4, 2010 election; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the Project meets the QSCB criteria and desires to apply to the OSFC for the authority to issue QSCBs to finance costs of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Authorization to Request Authority to Issue QSCBs. This Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer and Superintendent to make application to the OSFC for authorization to issue QSCBs for the Project in an amount not in excess of the aforesaid bond issue amount of \$84,056,066, understanding that such application in no way commits the District to issue such bonds.

Section 2. QSCB Issuance and Provision of Funds. This Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to pursue any initial actions that may be necessary to issue QSCBs as authorized by the OSFC, provided that the specific authorization for their issuance will ultimately be made by subsequent resolution of this Board, and to make certain that funds are provided in a timely manner to assist in paying costs of the Project.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered to the OSFC a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Mays seconded the motion.


Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The above is a true and correct extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of Westlake City School District, Ohio, held on May 10, 2010, the time, date and place of which (as shown above) having been established by the Board at its organizational session in January 2010, showing the adoption of the Resolution hereinabove set forth.

Dated: May 10, 2010


Treasurer, Board of Education
Westlake City School District, Ohio