

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – Work Session
Thursday, June 3, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
Administration Building
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Beal
Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

Acknowledgment of Visitors – President LeChaix welcomed all visitors in attendance.

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

A. Porter Public Library Tax Budget Hearing

- Paula Miller, Judy Dobbs and Dave Berns discussed the proposed 2005 tax budget for the Porter Public Library.

O'Malley – Asked if the library's funding formula will be adjusted in the near future.

Paula Miller – Indicated the State formula is currently intact, but the local funding formula is set to expire in 2005.

O'Malley – Is concerned with competing levies (schools/library) on the ballot at the same time.

Dave Berns – Addressed the Board regarding the recent issue of library consolidation.
O'Malley – Agreed with Mr. Burns' statement regarding the efficiencies of the Porter Public Library.

B. Action Items

1. Resolution to Approve Porter Public Library Tax Budget 2005 Exhibit B-1
2. Resolution to Authorize Board President and Treasurer to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Copy Machines Exhibit B-2

C. Work Session – None.

D. Discussion

1. Third Quarter Financial Update
 - Treasurer Pepera presented the financial report for the third quarter. The treasurer indicated to the Board that the current financial forecast indicates a significant deficit balance in the 2006-07 school year. The treasurer indicated further the Board needs to consider an operating initiative sometime in calendar year 2005 in order to support our current and projected operating needs.
2. Field Maintenance
 - The history of the annual maintenance on the district recreation fields was discussed.

LeChaix – Commented that the City recreation director, Mike Rump, indicated that the City was willing to take over field maintenance if this would not pose a conflict with the district's collective bargaining agreement.

Slocum – Indicated he recently received a letter from Mr. Rump, City recreation director, declining to take over the field maintenance for the recreation fields.

Board – Unanimously agreed to send a letter to the City baseball and soccer associations explaining the district's position on summer field maintenance. The superintendent, business manager and Board president agreed to coordinate this communication.

E. Board Items

D'Ettorre Wargo – Would like the exterior of the school buildings to be better maintained.

O'Malley – Would like the issue of inside millage discussed at the upcoming finance committee meeting.

O'Malley – Would like the Board to discuss the recent Bradley Road property purchase request initiated by the City.

1. Action Item

RES. # 04-158

Motion to reject the purchase agreement by the City for the board-owned property on Bradley Road. In addition, the Board would like to extend an offer to the City to lease the additional 20 acres located on the site based upon the same terms as the current lease.

Motion by Mr. O'Malley

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

Beal – Mike Killeen, City Council President, indicated he would meet with Board representatives later in June to discuss tax abatement issues.

Rocco – Asked the Board if they would consider the issue of redistricting?

Costanza – Discussed upcoming district issues concerning classroom space at the elementary buildings.

Beal

- Asked the Board if there was any interest in adjusting the class size at the third and fourth grade levels.
- Inquired about Holly Lane's performance on recent proficiency tests.
- Indicated the Parent Connection seems to be expanding their role regarding diversity and wondered if this was beyond their initial scope.

E. Executive Session – Personnel – None.

F. Adjournment

President LeChaix adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

President

Treasurer

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EXHIBIT B-1
RES. #04-159

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2005 PORTER PUBLIC
LIBRARY TAX BUDGET

RESOLVED THAT
the Westlake Board of Education approve the 2005 Porter Public Library tax budget (see
attached).

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BOARD PRESIDENT AND TREASURER
TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COPY MACHINES

RESOLVED THAT

the Board President and Treasurer are authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the Xerox Corporation for the lease of district copy machines under the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Group Purchasing Contracts terms and conditions.

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>