

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 26, 2006 – 7:00 a.m. – Special Session
Westlake Recreation Center
28955 Hilliard Boulevard**

Call to Order: Time: 7:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Exited the meeting at 9:49 a.m.
Entered the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mr. O'Malley

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

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

Acknowledgment of Visitors – None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:05 a.m.

Purpose: Discuss Sale of Property: Bradley Road

Motion by Mr. Beal

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

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

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 7:56 a.m.

B. Legal Fee Sharing (Wargo)

- The Board discussed the status of the current legal fee-sharing arrangement and asked the treasurer to provide additional information on the appropriate percentage the costs should be split based on local tax allocation. This analysis is to also include Porter Library.

Ms. Rocco arrived at 8:08 a.m.

C. Financial Update (Pepera)

- Treasurer Pepera provided a financial overview including an updated five-year financial forecast.

D. Strategy Planning (Beal)

- Mr. Beal raised some strategic planning issues the Board may want to explore at some point in the future. He indicated the Board would need to clearly understand community expectations especially as they relate to the physical plant.
- Ms. Rocco indicated the Board may want to explore issues of grade re-alignment or all-day kindergarten. The superintendent indicated that grade re-alignment is a significant issue and the community should be polled prior to any extensive work being completed in this area.
- Mr. Beal also commented on the historical increase in student enrollment and the capacity issue the district will face if the trend continues in the near future.
- Mr. Mays indicated that the Board should also consider capacity issues at the high school with respect to utilization.

The Board then formulated the following questions for possible further exploration:

1. Would a campus setting provide for increased academic achievement?
2. Can economies actually be achieved from a campus environment?
3. Is grade re-alignment a possibility?
4. What are the pros and cons to a campus setting versus neighborhood schools?
5. Should the district offer all-day kindergarten?
6. Is some sort of consolidation possible?
7. Can we obtain information from a comparable district on some of these issues?
8. What is the future of education and what will it look like in the next 10 to 20 years?

E. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.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.

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