

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, August 10, 2009 – 3:00 p.m. – Special Session
Administration Building
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Marinucci	<u>Participated by telephone</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>Present</u>

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mr. Sullivan

Seconded by Ms. Winter

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President Rocco thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sullivan

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. Review Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Award and Discuss November Ballot Issue

Keenan: He reviewed the QSCB award and savings analysis prepared by CFO/Treasurer Pepera.

Rocco: She provided a recap of the sequence of events to date and stated that while the need has been clearly established for our facilities, the Board will also need to consider the impact a bond levy would have on the citizens of Westlake during these troubled times and then clearly weigh this against any potential savings.

Sullivan: Stated it is the Board's responsibility to review not only the need but to consider the right timing to take any issue to the community. He thanked the administration for developing the analysis on the bond financing.

Mays: Asked the Superintendent how the financing for this project will be redistributed assuming that some school district bond issues would likely fail in November.

Keenan: Stated at this point he is not sure about the possible redistribution of funds from his discussions with the OSFC.

Mays: Thanked the administration for reviewing all the necessary data to make the decision on the bonds.

Marinucci: Thanked the administration for giving the District the ability to apply for the bonds and consider all options. Stated that based upon the analysis, it seems prudent to wait until May to move forward with a capital campaign.

Winter: She echoed Mr. Marinucci's sentiments and stated the District may have another opportunity to pursue a QSCB award in May.

Sullivan: Stated that while the District has established the need for facilities, the question that remains is on timing due to the state of the economy and community awareness. He further commented the Board should also discuss the impact an issue would have on dropping home values.

Rocco: Commented the Superintendent had previously developed a timeline with respect to pursuing a capital issue and in conjunction with an operating issue. The Board should revisit this timeline and consider moving forward.

Sullivan: Responded to Ms. Rocco asking if the 'need' coincides with the right timing.

Rocco: Asked Dr. Keenan if the Board should consider another community survey.

Keenan: He indicated that as previously discussed in June, and in the absence of any substantial savings, the District needs to continue to raise community awareness about its facilities needs which would include the possibility of a survey.

Sullivan: He stated the District made the right decision in their process to not pursue the bond financing.

Mays: Stated while it is never a good time to go on the ballot and the economy is poor, we must consider what is best for the students and take the opportunity to pay it forward. He further commented the District should pursue an issue in the Spring and take the necessary steps to engage the community.

Winter: Stated she agrees with Mr. Mays. The Board needs to take a leadership role in this area.

Keenan: Indicated the Board has shown commitment to this issue and certainly understands these unprecedented times. He further indicated that while it will be difficult, he is hopeful the Board will continue conversations on this topic and move forward with pursuing a capital initiative in the Spring.

Marinucci: He stated the Board took prudent action on the matter concerning the bonds and looks forward to considering the issue again in May.

B. New Business

1. Resolution to Declare Urgent Necessity and Award Contract to Install Classroom Structures Exhibit B-1

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

C. President Rocco adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.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.

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE URGENT NECESSITY
AND AWARD CONTRACT TO INSTALL CLASSROOM STRUCTURES**

WHEREAS, the Westlake City School District needs additional instructional space at Parkside Intermediate School and Lee Burneson Middle School for the start of the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Westlake Board of Education supports the need for adequate instructional space in its facilities, in keeping with the District's mission and vision statements; and

WHEREAS, the Board awarded the contract to purchase and install classroom structures at Parkside Intermediate School and Lee Burneson Middle School to Apple Mobile Leasing of Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Apple Mobile Leasing has stated that they will not be able to have these classroom structures installed by the start of the 2009 – 2010 school year, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Westlake Board of Education hereby declares an urgent necessity exists and the legal requirements for competitively bidding the installation of this additional instructional space shall be waived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board awards the contract to install classroom structures at Parkside Intermediate School and Lee Burneson Middle School to Kiczek Builders of North Olmsted, Ohio at a cost of \$30,190.

Board Discussion

Keenan: Briefly discussed the reason for the delay of the mobile unit installs at Parkside and Lee Burneson.

Puffer: Stated that due to an issue with permits, Apple Mobile Leasing was unable to install the mobile units in time prior to the start of school. As an alternative, the District recommends the Board pass an urgent necessary resolution to have Kiczek Builders handle the installation. He further commented that Apple Mobile Leasing will credit the District \$25,960 as a result of this action.

Rocco: Stated that in the future, she is hopeful that timelines will be met on situations such as these.

Keenan: He agreed with Ms. Rocco's statement.

Mays: Asked Mr. Puffer if the District is sure Apple Mobile Leasing can get in and complete their work prior to start of school.

Puffer: He stated to Mr. Mays he is confident they can finish their work prior to the opening of school.

EXHIBIT B-1
(Continued)

Winter: Has the Safety Plan been amended to accommodate the mobile units?

Keenan: Commented the Safety Plan will incorporate the use of the mobile units.

Motion by Ms. Winter

Seconded by Mr. Sullivan

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Sullivan	<u>AYE</u>

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