

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 12, 2004 – 7:00 a.m. – Special Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

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

President LeChaix appointed Mr. Beal as Treasurer Pro Tem.

Roll Call:

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| Mr. LeChaix | <u>Present</u> | |
| Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo | <u>Absent</u> | |
| Mr. Beal | <u>Present</u> | |
| Mr. O'Malley | <u>Absent</u> | Entered the meeting at 7:01 a.m. |
| Ms. Rocco | <u>Present</u> | |

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. LeChaix | <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Beal | <u>AYE</u> |
| Ms. Rocco | <u>AYE</u> |

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

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| Mr. LeChaix | <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Beal | <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.

Mr. O'Malley entered the meeting at 7:01 a.m.

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

The following is an overview of the items discussed:

Dent: Provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Performing Arts Center to date. He indicated based upon milestones achieved to date, the project is still on schedule for a February 1, 2005 completion date.

Beal: What issues need to be addressed before the start of school?

Dent: Bus routing, site clean up, lighting and construction fencing.

Slocum: The construction fence will be located to where it was before school let out. Sidewalks are getting ready to be poured. One island closest to the building has been shortened and should alleviate any bus turning radius issues.

Beal: Will the construction fence disappear sometime in the fall?

Dent: The fence will remain until Thanksgiving or the Christmas holidays.

Beal: What about the football games and routing of traffic?

Costanza: People will be routed through the High School hallway to the stadium.

Beal: Will the project come in under budget?

Dent: Because of last minute details, the total amount of money allocated for the project is anticipated to be spent.

Slocum: We have our first meeting tomorrow morning with our video technology consultant.

Beal: Will we be able to occupy the TV studio before the Performing Arts Center is completed?

Slocum: The earliest we will have the use of the television equipment is mid January.

Rocco: How will the Performing Arts Center be managed?

Costanza: The district administration is currently discussing this issue and will provide a personnel recommendation based upon the actual need of the Center.

Rocco: Where would someone go if they wanted to make arrangements to use the facility?

Costanza: They would coordinate with the site manager.

LeChaix: When can the superintendent give us his recommendation regarding facility management?

Costanza: October.

O'Malley: The grand opening is March 12. Does Turner Construction foresee problems keeping the February 1st or March 12th completion dates?

Dent: The biggest risk now is the theatrical equipment and construction coordination.

Slocum: A concern still remains about finalizing the safety code issues with respect to rigging, scaffolding and lights for the project. These items will require sign-off by the Westlake Fire Department.

Beal: Asked Slocum to discuss the theatrical rigging and safety concerns for the students.

Slocum: The catwalks and railings in the facility are industry standard. The light fixtures will be accessible so that any potential hazard is minimized. The light bars will drop so they can be adjustable from the ground.

Beal: Will there be a detailed inspection?

Dent: Daryl Zigler, an industry professional from New York, will be conducting the inspection.

Costanza: Spoke briefly about the music allowances and unpurchased items left to date. The last big expenditure is the hall piano. The district is considering a 6'10" Steinway piano which can be purchased for approximately \$54,000. The size of the piano will determine the projection of sound into the hall.

LeChaix: Is there a noticeable difference between the 6'10" piano and the 9' one?

Costanza: Based upon our research, we would recommend the 6'10" piano. Pianos retain value, so we can always trade them in at a later date if needed.

Slocum: Spoke about his conversation with Eric Richardson back in May regarding the request for a 9' piano. Gary said the budget could not accommodate this cost and that Eric may want to consider some fund-raising efforts to offset the cost. He's heard nothing from Mr. Richardson to date.

Board: Unanimously agreed to go forward with the 6'10" piano.

Costanza: He'd like authority to order the commemorative plaque as it was submitted to the board.

Rocco: Fine with her.

LeChaix: OK with him.

O'Malley: He doesn't think that we should list anyone on the plaque that we hired to do the job.

Beal: Agreed with Mr. O'Malley.

LeChaix: We know where Mrs. Wargo is on this issue, so let's proceed without listing the paid contractors on the plaque.

B. Adjournment

President LeChaix adjourned the meeting at 7:50 a.m.

President

Treasurer Pro Tem

- * 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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