

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – Special Meeting
Westlake Porter Public Library – 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145
Meeting in Westlake Porter Library Board Room**

Call to Order Time: 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Falcone	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mrs. Leszynski

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

VISION STATEMENT

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student centered, 21st Century learning environment. Our district will be characterized by high achievement, actively engaged learners, mutual respect, shared knowledge, pursuit of new skills and capabilities, collaborative learning, willingness to take action, a team commitment to data-driven continuous improvement, and tangible results.

MISSION STATEMENT

WE EDUCATE FOR EXCELLENCE...Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

Acknowledgment of Visitors – President Falcone thanked the visitor in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. Discussion Items

1. District Goals for 2015-2016

Superintendent Palmer discussed the concept of developing a new strategic plan framework and noted several facilitators that might be contacted to help in the effort. He mentioned the planning process would take approximately 10-12 weeks and be segregated to include the following areas: Capital-Facilities' needs, Culture-Climate, Financial, Instruction, and Communication. He concluded by mentioning the new process would create an opportunity to involve a wider range of community members, staff, parents and other partners.

Ms. Winter asked how the District will audit its current plan and whether input is being garnered from the teachers and parents. Superintendent Palmer indicated that there would be an opportunity for staff and community input after administrative review. Mr. Finucane emphasized that the overall goals to the existing plan have not changed, but feedback should be sought on the tactics of the plan. The Board concluded the current CIP should be evaluated for refinement of the remaining action steps, and a facilitator should be selected in the Fall to move forward with the new CIP process.

President Falcone declared a brief recess at 9:33 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Strategic Goals:

The Board discussed various categories of strategic direction which included vision, communication, governance, instruction, and available resources. They discussed the need of the Finance Committee to facilitate the discussion on District resources and the development of a timeline that might best position the District for success. They referenced the need for a better communication strategy to inform constituents of District needs and also better explain the rationale for any revenue requests. Superintendent Palmer indicated that recent in-depth interviews with community leaders indicate a longer time frame would be needed prior to placing another issue on the ballot. The Board then rounded out the discussion by sharing their views on the vision for the District.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

B. Adjournment

President Falcone adjourned the meeting at 12:29 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.