

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

**Thursday, September 9, 2004 – 7:00 a.m. – Special Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

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

Roll Call:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>Present</u>	
Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>Absent</u>	Entered the meeting at 7:03 a.m.
Mr. Beal	<u>Present</u>	
Mr. O'Malley	<u>Present</u>	
Ms. Rocco	<u>Present</u>	

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Beal

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. LeChaix	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

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>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

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

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

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

The following is an overview of the items discussed:

Dent: Provided a project status report:

- Summit Construction is currently projecting a completion date of February 7, 2005 which is six days past the February 1, 2005 scheduled completion date. Summit is working on a recovery plan to finish by February 1.
- The Performing Arts Center should be weather-tight by October 1, 2004.
- Scaffolding is currently being erected.
- All interior components are either on-site or in transit.

Dent spoke about the remaining project contingency balance and adjustments from the August 12, 2004 board meeting.

Slocum indicated the administration will meet with the music staff this afternoon to discuss the Board's decision on the piano purchase.

LeChaix: Would like the Board to meet with the consultant to review the proposed TV studio equipment purchases.

Wargo: Would like to know how the TV studio equipment fits in with the District curriculum.

LeChaix: Would like the TV studio consultant to come to the September 16th board meeting.

O'Malley: Inquired as to why there appears to be a disparity in the original budget and current budget for the TV studio.

Slocum: The budget was modified due to a significant difference estimated for the camera equipment.

Wargo: Did the consultant recommend equipment based upon Mr. Hoty's objective, or is the purchase driven from the ultimate District objective or goal of the TV studio. What are the tangible benefits the district will achieve from this studio?

Costanza: Will attempt to qualify the specific benefits/achievements for the TV program.

Beal: Will the anticipated expense for the TV equipment be provided as a range, or will it max out at the budget?

Slocum: The products purchased for the TV studio would be considered middle of the road. The engineer's proposal still needs to be value-engineered.

Dent: Spoke briefly about the issue of brick coloring near the entrance. He indicated the contractor should rectify this as the coloring was included in the project specifications.

O'Malley: Have contractors agreed to the schedule extension?

Dent: Yes.

Rocco exited the meeting at 7:59 a.m.

O'Malley: Are there any continuing issues with the lack of oversight Fortney Weygandt has provided on the job?

Dent: It's getting better, but the foreman still hasn't attended the weekly meetings.

O'Malley: Demands a recovery schedule by next meeting.

B. Adjournment

President LeChaix adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

President

Treasurer

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