

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2005 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance: President D'Ettorre Wargo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President D'Ettorre Wargo thanked all in attendance.

Motion to amend and approve the agenda with the deletion of the Executive Session item

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<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. Discussion Items

Potential Citizens Advisory Committee Projects

- The Board reviewed the proposals from the CAC for the 2005-06 academic year.
- The Board continued to discuss other possible topics.

Ideas and discussion from the Board:

O'Malley: How can the Board approve the appearance of Westlake High School including the possibility of adding additional programs and offerings?

Wargo: The Board needs to pinpoint specific attributes about the high school they would like to investigate.

Rocco: Why can't we request a global analysis to be completed on this project (appearance, curriculum, feedback).

Wargo: Asked the superintendent if someone from Career Connections can speak to the Board?

Costanza: The Career Connections program was modified last year to include an ACT/SAT preparation component.

O'Malley: It seems the topic of the high school appearance comes up often, and the Board might want the CAC to explore issues associated with this topic.

Beal: Some of the issues posed about the high school need input and possible action from the administration. Can the CAC actually do something about the tobacco issue?

Costanza: While this is not a complex issue, it is a question of having available resources.

Mays: Could the fine for smoking be given back to the schools for education?

Costanza: No, this citation is handed down by the courts.

Wargo: The Board needs to gather its thoughts and concerns on smoking and clearly communicate these to the superintendent.

Costanza: The Board needs to establish standards regarding this issue which will enable one to develop a proposal.

Beal: I think the standard should be "smoke free."

Wargo: Would like the Superintendent to bring forth a proposal for a smoke-free environment.

O'Malley: Can't we install smoke detectors or smoke guards and signs similar to the Justice Center downtown?

Board: The Board unanimously agreed to ask the CAC to undertake the following project: Performing Arts Center (PAC) staffing and marketing for the future.

Beal: Indicated once again that some of the CAC proposals should be handled by the administration in order to develop a longer-range plan.

Board: Asked Mr. Slocum about the proposal from the CAC dealing with bus safety issues.

Slocum: He suggested sitting down with CAC members to further discuss the specifics of this topic.

Mays: Presented the following projects the CAC could undertake:

1. Investigate the impact a levy defeat has on the local community.
2. Investigate possible internship opportunities for students.
3. Explore the possibility of developing school/business partnerships.
4. Explore the revenue potential of allowing vendors to market or advertise in the schools.

Costanza: Stated linkages with the business community are valuable.

Mays: He clarified his proposed project about marketing/advertising in our schools was a way to generate additional revenues.

Wargo: The Board might want to consider the high school topic at the annual retreat to more clearly define what we want to see from such a project.

O'Malley: He would like to have some testimony from the parents or the community on the high school included in a proposed project; e.g. conduct a survey to gauge perception of aesthetics of the high school.

The Board agreed to approach the CAC on the following projects:

1. Performing Arts Center staffing and marketing for the future.
2. Community impact of any levy defeat.
3. Business community partnerships.
4. Research and explore possible advertising opportunities.
5. Community forum on Westlake High School perceptions.

B. Treasurer's Items

1. Resolution to Approve School Attorney
2. Review FY06 Appropriations

Exhibit B-1

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Jennifer Riley: Concerned about the elimination of a second volleyball and basketball team at Lee Burneson. She feels it reduces participation.

Costanza: Explained the situation about the middle school sports teams and the difficulty the administration encountered in scheduling additional competition. He will review and revisit the situation.

Susan Dodge: What is item #3 of the proposed CAC topics? Business partnerships are an item in the District's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), so it would be a good idea. She might be able to get a staff volunteer to help in this endeavor. Could the CIP incorporate the PAC in its goals? Has Crocker Park received an abatement? When will letter be sent to the City regarding income tax? Interested in finding out how income tax can be used for operating expenses.

O'Malley: Income tax agreements were initiated by the municipality in Green, and the city mandated how much monies flowed to the schools.

Kathy Erzen: Encourages the Board to get contact information for staff so they can petition businesses to help fund projects.

Jennifer Riley: She's heard there is not enough locker space at Burneson for upcoming large classes.

Costanza: Stated this wasn't true.

C. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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 APPROVE SCHOOL ATTORNEY
(ORC 3313.203 & 3317.171)

WHEREAS, specialized legal services are necessary from time to time for the management, control, defense, or other purposes of the school district's schools, employees, and assets; and,

WHEREAS, statutes and the board's discretionary powers permit employment or retention of temporary, as needed, on-call, on-demand legal counsel in addition to the counsel appointed by statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3313.203, ORC 3317.171, and ORC 3313.47, the legal services herein named are retained on an as-needed, on-demand, on-call basis to assist with the management, control, and defense of this school district and its employees and board members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees and costs for such services shall be at the usual and customary rates for the professional services rendered upon receipt of an itemized statement by the school district treasurer; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED such legal services shall be available, on-demand, and at the request of the board president (or other members of the board upon verbal approval by the president) and the superintendent (or other district administrators upon verbal approval by the superintendent).

Legal Firm/Attorney

Daniel McIntyre & Co. LLC
A Legal Professional Association
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Westlake, Ohio 44145

Effective date: September 1, 2005

Motion by _____ Mr. O'Malley

Seconded by _____ Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo _____ AYE

Ms. Rocco _____ AYE

Mr. Beal _____ AYE

Mr. Mays _____ AYE

Mr. O'Malley _____ AYE