

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, September 14, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – 27200 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order Time: 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

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| 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> |

Pledge of Allegiance – President Falcone led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 all visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda as Amended to Add *'Board Items'* prior to Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Finucane

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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 Item – Interviews with Superintendent Search Firms

1. OSBA – Cheryl Ryan, Director of School Board Services, presented on their firm's search process.

President Falcone declared a brief recess at 6:51 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

2. Finding Leaders – Paul Pendelton, Dave Laurenzi, Russ Bennett, Jim Cahoon and Ed Vittardi presented on their firm’s search process.

President Falcone declared a brief recess at 7:54 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

B. Treasurer’s Report/Recommendations

1. Financial Presentation – Draft 2015-2016 Appropriation Measure (Budget)

CFO Pepera presented a draft of the 2015-16 budget.

Mr. Mays mentioned the Board may want to consider ear marking additional funds for capital improvements (deferred and otherwise) as identified by the Finance and Audit Committee.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

C. Board Comments – None.

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 8:27 p.m.

Purpose: To Discuss Negotiations and Employment and Compensation of Personnel

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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> |

Others in Attendance: Palmer, Pepera, Sheets

President Falcone declared a brief recess at 9:25 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 9:48 p.m.

E. Adjournment

President Falcone adjourned the meeting at 9:49 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.