

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 7, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. – Work Session  
Administration Building – Board Room  
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

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

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance: President LeChaix led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Rocco  
Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Work Session

1. Financial Discussion

- Treasurer Pepera once again discussed the District's current financial situation and the estimated \$2.6M deficit projected in the 2006-07 school year based upon the most current financial information available. He then presented data regarding timing and possible millage amounts for a potential future operating initiative.

**Levy Timing**

O'Malley: If the Board decides to go on the ballot in 2005, it should consider the fall. The District will need to deal with the perception of the Performing Arts Center and Crocker Park. The Board should consider using a professional public relations person for the next campaign. In addition, he stated the Board should pursue the issue regarding the re-allocation of inside millage.

Beal: Because of the looming deficit, the Board should consider an operating initiative in the spring of 2005, because the millage amount might be lower. In addition, this topic could become a campaign platform in the fall.

LeChaix: The Board should ask the polling experts' opinion about the Board's timing dilemma.

Beal: Indicated he would like financial data from the last levy campaign so that he can use in preparation for the upcoming discussions with the community.

### **Cost**

LeChaix: Voiced his concern regarding the cost of a levy based upon the respective year the Board chooses to place an issue on the ballot. The longer the Board waits, the more millage it will need to ask for. He reminded the Board monies from a levy are received a year later than when it is approved.

### **Next Step**

The Board agreed to wait and discuss the levy campaign strategy with the professional communication consultants who have responded to the District's recent RFP (request for proposal).

#### **B. Action Items**

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| 1. | Resolution to Approve Employment of Support Staff Member | Exhibit B-1 |
| 2. | Resolution to Approve Field Trip                         | Exhibit B-2 |
| 3. | Resolution to Appoint Finance Committee                  | Exhibit B-3 |

#### **C. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Time: 8:01 p.m.

Purpose: To discuss negotiations

Motion by                     Ms. Rocco                    

Seconded by                     Mr. Beal                    

Mr. LeChaix                     AYE                    

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo                     AYE                    

Mr. Beal                     AYE                    

Mr. O'Malley                     AYE                    

Ms. Rocco                     AYE                    

Others in attendance: Costanza, Pepera, Slocum

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:38 p.m.

#### **D. Discussion Items**

O'Malley: Spoke to the Board about a possible tenant to lease the Red Brick facility.

O'Malley: The Board may want to consider using bumper stickers with the achievement of excellence designation to promote the district.

LeChaix: A survey developed by the sub-committee regarding the Red Brick will be distributed to the community in the near future.

E. Adjournment

President LeChaix adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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President

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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 EMPLOYMENT FOR SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education approves employment for support staff member as follows:

Jacqueline Stroh  
Admin. Asst. to Superintendent

Rate: Step 6  
Effective: 09-01-04

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Mr. O'Malley

Roll Call Vote:

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

EXHIBIT B-2  
RES. #04-288

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIELD TRIP

RESOLVED THAT  
the Westlake Board of Education approves the following field trip.

WHS Choral Performance Trip

New York City Performance & Tour  
New York, New York  
Friday thru Tuesday, January 14-18, 2005

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education appoint the following Board members to the Finance Committee:

David Beal, Chairman  
Joseph O'Malley  
Thomas LeChaix, Ex-officio

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Mr. O'Malley

Roll Call Vote:

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