

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, October 9, 2006 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>
Mr. O'Malley	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Rocco	<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 welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mays
Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Beal	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>
Ms. Rocco	<u>AYE</u>

*Hearing of Public (Agenda Items – 15 Minutes)

President D'Ettorre Wargo read a prepared statement:

“On Wednesday, October 4th, Thomas Mays and I met with Mayor Dennis Clough and Council President Killeen to discuss ongoing negotiations with the City regarding the Bradley Road property. Both parties agree that we will meet again in person.

The meeting was productive and there was a good exchange of information and discussion of the issues.”

Dan O'Brien (President of Soccer Association)

- When will the next meeting between the City and the Schools take place?
- To Mr. Beal: What is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board with respect to the property?
- To Mrs. Wargo: Did we (the soccer group) act responsibly when we chose to stay quiet during the levy?

Mike Rump: The soccer group is frustrated. The City has already completed a lot of planning on this project. Does the School Board have a timeline for completion of the negotiation process?

Mays: The City and Schools are in agreement this process will take some time.

Bill Hornung (President of Westlake Baseball League)

- The Board should consider a time change for their normal meeting times.
- Has the Board seen the draft plans on the ballfields developed by the City in 2005?
- Community organizations are meeting with him over the next several months to discuss the issue.
- Can citizens get a Hearing of the Public moved up on the agenda?
- Indicated he can't open up agendas on the web.

Rump: He wants the Board to know that City Council recently approved a donation of fitness equipment to the high school.

Wargo: The Board is in favor of continually working together with the City on other issues even after the Bradley Road property issue is concluded.

A. CAC Report – Performing Arts Center (PAC)

- Andy Call and Sherman Bishop, CAC Subcommittee on PAC Purpose and Process, provided a report to the Board on the Performing Arts Center. The report centered around the question of how to make the best use of this community asset and established seven strategic goals: develop a mission statement; implement a PAC calendar using a two-year lead time; address strategies for financial support; expand PAC staffing; increase visibility of the PAC and its usage; address ticketing and box office concerns; develop public-private partnerships.

Beal: Do you have any idea as to how to establish an endowment?

Bishop: Hosting an annual event would be a good start. This is an excellent time to look at how the CAC can infiltrate with the PAC.

Superintendent Costanza: These are excellent ideas, but they also require additional resources.

B. Action Items

1. Resolution to Authorize Bids for High School Varsity Baseball Field Lighting Exhibit B-1
2. Resolution to Approve Employment and Change in Employment for Classified Staff Members Exhibit B-2

C. Discussion Items

1. School Security

Superintendent: The Superintendent reviewed with the Board the District's current security policy and procedures and asked for any additional input. The Superintendent commented on the following safety measures taken to date: development of a Safety Plan, established a Safety Committee; increased relations with City Police and Fire departments; periodic rehearsal of tornado, fire and lock-down drills; installation of security cameras; safety numbering on classrooms; installation of a buzzer system; employment of a school resource officer; purchase of FM radios; and provided staff inservice.

Wargo: She would like to receive feedback from the Safety Committee on the current policies and procedures.

Rocco: Should the Board discuss implementing the buzzer system? If we have the capability, shouldn't we consider using it?

Wargo: Why aren't we using it if we have it?

Superintendent: The initial installation only focused on giving the district the ability to implement the buzzer system at some time in the future.

Wargo: She would like more information on what it takes to monitor this system.

Mays: He would like the buzzer system utilized.

Wargo: She wants specific information on staff reassignments related to such a change.

Puffer: A security swipe card alternative would cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per building.

Board: They requested additional information from the Superintendent on “reassignment” specifics relating to the implementation of a buzzer system.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Linda Middleton: Personally, she would like to see Bradley Road kept as green space and recreation space. She indicated non-public parents see a disconnect with the schools on this issue.

Jim Doyle: Was there any discussion of the City chipping in for another appraisal?

Wargo: She communicated with the City that the Board is currently consulting with real estate professionals to determine an “opinion of value.”

D. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 7:25 p.m.

Purpose: Discuss Sale of Property

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D’Ettorre Wargo AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

Others in attendance: Costanza, Pepera, Puffer

Ms. Rocco exited the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 7:54 p.m.

E. Adjournment

President D’Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 7:55 a.m.

President

Treasurer

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*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.

EXHIBIT B-1
RES. #06-296

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING

RESOLVED THAT

the Director of Business Affairs is authorized to develop specifications and secure bids for the installation of lighting, in compliance with all City code requirements, at the High School Varsity Baseball Field. All funds for this project will be deposited with the District prior to the award of the contract for the project.

Board Discussion:

Beal: Is the proposed lighting only for one ballfield?

Superintendent: Yes, but if the girls softball team asks, they can also use the field.

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AND CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT
FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBERS

RESOLVED THAT

the Westlake Board of Education approves employment and change in employment for classified staff members for the 2006-2007 school year as follows:

<u>Employment:</u>	Robyn Nock	Effective:	09/25/06
	Parkside Cashier	Rate:	Step 2, 3.25 Hours/Day

<u>Employment</u>	Cathie Murphy	Effective:	10/09/06
<u>Change:</u>	Parkside Cook Manager	Rate:	From 6.25 to 7.25 Hours/Day

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mr. Beal

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE