

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, October 13, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – 27200 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**

Call to Order: Time: 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ms. Winter	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>Present</u>

President Winter 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 Winter thanked all visitors in attendance

Approval of Agenda as Amended to add Item 3. "School Law Update" to Board Discussion Items.

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>

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

A. Superintendent's Report/Master Facility Plan Update

Superintendent Palmer noted the following:

1. Updated the Board on District communications and issues related to Blackboard Connect.
2. Dave Kocavar provided an update on the Phase I construction project closeout.
3. Dave Kocavar provided the Board an update on the status of obtaining lighted signage at WHS and the collaboration project with St. John Medical Center (field house).
4. Reviewed the original 20/20 Vision Plan for Phase II and summarized the updated feasibility

study from Lesko and Associates. An open community forum on this topic is scheduled on October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Parkside.

B. Board Discussion Items

1. Finance Committee Update

Mr. Mays and Mr. Finucane spoke about the recent committee meetings of September 23rd and October 13. Mr. Mays discussed the opportunity to refinance district debt to not only save money but to lessen the impact of the Sequestration Act on the District's Build America Bonds. Mr. Mays and Mr. Finucane recommended the Board move forward on the refinancing approach as presented by the CFO.

2. Policy Committee Update

Mr. Falcone and Mrs. Leszynski spoke about the review of policy service provider and the need for improved service for staff and community members. A recommendation on the transition to an alternative provider will be made in the near future.

3. School Law Update

Mr. Mays distributed materials to members of the Board stemming from a recent Pepple & Waggoner school law seminar he attended.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – None.

C. Adjourn to Executive Session

Time: 6:47 p.m.

Purpose: To Discuss the Evaluation of a Public Employee

Motion by Mr. Mays

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Time: 8:10 p.m.

D. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Falcone

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Winter	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Falcone	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Finucane	<u>AYE</u>
Mrs. Leszynski	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Mays	<u>AYE</u>

President Winter adjourned the meeting at 8:11 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.

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