

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, October 14, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
Administration Building – 27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Pledge of Allegiance – President Mays 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 Mays thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Winter
Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Keenan noted the following:

1. The Ohio achievement assessment (reading) for third grade took place last week.
2. Our Swimming and Diving Team had the number one GPA in Ohio and was ranked seventh in the United States.

3. Westlake teachers developed webinars in conjunction with the Cleveland Museum of Art.
4. An Alert Now message was sent to address the recent issue at Hilliard Elementary School.
5. The second levy information night was held at Porter Library.
6. North Ridgeville will be entering and Brecksville will be leaving the Southwest Conference.

B. Special Reports and Recognitions

1. Auditor of State Award with Distinction – Westlake City Schools (Mark Pepera CFO)
Michelle Stys from the Auditor of State's Office presented CFO Pepera with the Award with Distinction which recognizes excellence in financial reporting.

C. New Business

1. Action Items
 - a. Resolution to Approve the Employment of Project Link Personnel Exhibit C-1-a
 - b. Resolution to Approve Contract for Services for Non-Public Schools Exhibit C-1-b

D. Discussion Items

1. Colleen Mudore – Tralee Teacher Exchange - Colleen Mudore Send-Off
Colleen Mudore discussed her itinerary and what she hopes to gain from the teacher exchange experience in Tralee, Ireland. The exchange was sponsored in large part by Westlake World Partners.
2. Levy Update
Superintendent Keenan updated the Board on information regarding the levy:
 - Discussed the community response from Mayor Clough to the citizens of Westlake refuting the proposed increase to residents by the Cleveland Division of Water.
 - Held 2nd levy information night at Porter Library.
 - A Levy information video is posted on the District website and also being shown on the local cable station.
 - Noted a door-to-door campaign by the levy committee is underway, and that they have ordered additional signs.
 - CFO Pepera will develop a video to provide information on district finances.
 - If the levy fails, a draft plan of operational cuts will be unveiled on November 21st.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

Tim Falcone spoke about an anonymous flyer received in the mail and questioned some of the information contained on that piece of correspondence.

E. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Leszynski
Seconded by Mr. Falcone

Roll Call Vote:

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|----------------|------------|
| Mr. Mays | <u>AYE</u> |
| Ms. Winter | <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Cross | <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Falcone | <u>AYE</u> |
| Mrs. Leszynski | <u>AYE</u> |

President Mays adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

President

CFO/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.

EXHIBIT C-1-a
RES. #13-320

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROJECT LINK PERSONNEL

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approve the employment of the following Project Link personnel.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Step</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Harriett Jones | Project Link Leader | 3 | 09/16/2013 |

Motion by Mr. Cross

Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays AYE

Ms. Winter AYE

Mr. Cross AYE

Mr. Falcone AYE

Mrs. Leszynski AYE

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EXHIBIT C-1-b
RES. #13-321

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES
FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves contracted services for non-public schools for the 2013-2014 school year as follows to be paid out of Auxiliary Services Funds.

Cuyahoga County Board of Health Contract

Montessori Children's School

Registered Nurse additional 8 hours/month effective November 4, 2013

Motion by _____ Mr. Cross _____

Seconded by _____ Mrs. Leszynski _____

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Mays _____ AYE _____

Ms. Winter _____ AYE _____

Mr. Cross _____ AYE _____

Mr. Falcone _____ AYE _____

Mrs. Leszynski _____ AYE _____

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