

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 22, 2005 – 7:30 a.m. – Special Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room
27200 Hilliard Blvd.**

Call to Order: Time: 7:31 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to Dispense with Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

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

Acknowledgment of Visitors: President D'Ettorre Wargo thanked all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Rocco

Seconded by Mr. Mays

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

A. Board Items

1. Discussion

O'Malley: In the event Bradley Road property sells and the levy fails, the funds should be used for operating purposes. In addition, he would also like to revisit the .6 mills issue if the levy fails (timeline). If it passes, the .6 mills could be used for permanent improvements.

Beal: That would mean the assessment would occur before the operating levy is on the ballot.

Wargo: The .6 mills issue was discussed at a prior meeting and the Board decided to table this topic until next year (2007).

Pepera: For clarification purposes, the annual tax budget request in January is the appropriate time to ask for inside millage.

Rocco: We shouldn't cloud the issue. We can consider this issue in the future.

Wargo: She agreed and stated the Board at a previous meeting already agreed to look at it in the future.

O'Malley: Mr. Beal brought up the issue yesterday. In addition, he also stated this topic is timely and a possible safety net in case the levy fails.

Wargo: The Board discussed this issue last month, and it is now time to move on.

2. Action Items

- a. Resolution to the Electors of the Westlake City School District the Question of the Addition of a Tax Levy for the Purpose of Current Expense, Pursuant to Section 5705.192 of the Revised Code Exhibit A-2-a
- b. Resolution to Adopt Contingency Plan if May 2006 Levy is Unsuccessful Exhibit A-2-b

3. Discussion (Continued)

Board: The Board discussed the proposed press release on the levy.

Rocco: We should make sure the release states we are 21 out of 611 districts to achieve the Excellent rating.

Board: Discussed the possibility of incorporating the 1.2 mill drop on the net cost of the levy.

Beal: The release should indicate proposed cuts if the levy fails are \$4.2M.

Beal: We should initiate the discussion of student fees in January because it impacts our forecast and is incorporated in our levy request.

Costanza: Asked the Board about their thoughts on the club lacrosse issue.

Board: Agreed that no presentation is needed.

Mays: How does it impact varsity sports?

Costanza: Adding this club may not impact other offerings, but it may impact quality. Keep in mind the cost for this sport would be borne by the parents, not the school district.

Mays: What about district liability or fleet insurance? Will we pass on the cost?

Costanza: Indicated he would research further.

*Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) – No participation.

B. Adjournment

President D'Ettorre Wargo adjourned the meeting at 8:03 a.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.

EXHIBIT A-2-a
RES. #05-341

The Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, Ohio, met in special session on December 22, 2005, commencing at 7:30 a.m., at the offices of the Westlake Board of Education, Westlake, Ohio, with the following members present:

<u>Renee D'Ettorre Wargo</u>	<u>Andrea Rocco</u>
<u>David Beal</u>	<u>Thomas Mays</u>
<u>Joseph O'Malley</u>	

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Andrea Rocco moved the adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2005, this Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to levy an additional 6.9 mill tax levy for a continuing period of time and requesting the Cuyahoga County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Auditor has certified that the total tax valuation of the District is \$1,319,931,318, and that the estimated property tax revenues produced by that 6.9 mill additional levy would be \$9,107,526 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains constant throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of current expenses in the amount of 6.9 mills for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 6.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2006, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2007, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Westlake City School District at an election to be held therein on May 2, 2006, as authorized by law, and that election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by

the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Westlake City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2006, first due in calendar year 2007.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and deliver it and all other necessary documents to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, not later than the close of business on February 16, 2006.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Thomas Mays seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<u>Renee D'Ettorre Wargo</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>Andrea Rocco</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>David Beal</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>Thomas Mays</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Joseph O'Malley</u>	<u>AYE</u>		

Treasurer's Certification

The above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, commencing at 7:30 a.m. on December 22, 2005, showing adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

Written notice of the time and place of the special meeting of the Board of Education held on December 22, 2005, was served personally upon, or actually received by, each Board member at least two days in advance of such meeting; and notice of the time, place and purposes of that special meeting, was, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time of such meeting, given to and received by all news media that had heretofore requested notification of such special meetings pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the procedures established by the Board for that purpose.

Dated: December 22, 2005

Treasurer of the Board of Education
Westlake City School District, Ohio

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TAX LEVY
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION
FOR THE WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of resolutions of the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, Ohio, adopted on December 21, 2005, and December 22, 2005, there will be submitted to the electors of that School District at an election to be held in the School District at the regular places of voting therein, on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Westlake City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time. Said tax constitutes an additional 6.9-mill levy. If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in favor thereof, said levy will be first placed on the tax list and duplicate in December 2006 for first collection in calendar year 2007.

The polls for said election will be open at 6:30 o'clock, a.m., and will remain open until 7:30 o'clock, p.m., of said day.

By order of the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Director of Elections
County of Cuyahoga, Ohio

Dated: _____, 2006

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINTER:

Publish in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the Westlake City School District, once a week for four consecutive weeks on the same day of each week, the first insertion being on or before April 4, 2006. Such newspaper or newspapers must be of general circulation within the meaning of Section 7.12 of the Revised Code.

Receipt of Director of Elections

I acknowledge receipt of the following materials from the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District on December _____, 2005: (i) certified copies of resolutions adopted by that Board on December 21, 2005, and December 22, 2005, declaring the necessity of and submitting to the electors of that School District at an election to be held on May 2, 2006, the question of an additional tax levy in the amount of 6.9 mills for a continuing period of time for the purpose of current expenses; (ii) a certificate of the Cuyahoga County Auditor as to the total tax valuation of the District and the estimated annual property tax revenue that would be produced by that additional levy; and (iii) suggested forms of notice of election and ballot language (the latter included in Section 3 of the resolution adopted on December 22, 2005) for that question.

Director of Elections
County of Cuyahoga, Ohio

Dated: December _____, 2005

EXHIBIT A-2-b
RES. #05-342

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONTINGENCY PLAN
IF MAY 2006 LEVY IS UNSUCCESSFUL

CONTAINMENT/REDUCTION	VALUE
Initiate Student Fees	\$160,000
Reduce/Eliminate Equipment	\$250,000
Eliminate Permanent Improvements	\$450,000
Eliminate Bus Replacement	\$240,000
Eliminate Summer Programs	\$11,150
Reduce Extended Time	\$22,500
Eliminate Field Trips	\$33,900
Reduce Custodial Supplies	\$8,000
Eliminate Non-Required Travel	\$25,000
Defer Salary Adjustments for Staff	\$1,033,000
Reduce Overtime	\$7,000
Reduce Instructional Supplies/Text	\$325,000
Eliminate PEP Behavioral Consultant	\$30,000
Eliminate Summer Help	\$53,700
Reduce Bussing to State Minimums	\$152,222
Close Buildings After School	\$137,000
Reduce Communications Office Ex.	\$25,000
Eliminate Curriculum/Staff Development	\$75,000
Reassign Resource Teachers	\$275,000
Reduce Support Staff	\$300,000
Pay to Participate Athletics	\$380,000
Pay to Participate Co-Curricular	\$95,000
Restructure Administrators	\$90,000
Eliminate Performing Arts Center Supervision	\$35,000
TOTAL REDUCTIONS	\$4,213,472

Motion by Mr. Beal

Seconded by Ms. Rocco

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. D'Ettorre Wargo AYE

Ms. Rocco AYE

Mr. Beal AYE

Mr. Mays AYE

Mr. O'Malley AYE

December 22, 2005
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