



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, June 11, 2012, Work Meeting

RECITATION OF DISTRICT VISION & MISSION

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 Education for Excellence ... Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approved employment of David Kocovar as Director of Business Affairs and Anne Pyros as Director of Human Resources
2. Awarded contract for district wide HVAC Controls to Control Systems of Ohio of Sylvania Ohio
3. Awarded contract for paving, concrete, landscaping and playground equipment to Great Lakes Crushing of Eastlake
4. Approved high school construction change event to Foti Contracting
5. Rescinded previously approved construction change order amount for Jeffrey Carr for coiling door for new lobby and approved change order amount.
6. Approved publicly posting previously approved construction change order
 - a. DC Heath Landscaping of Medina for additional water/irrigation line connection work for Bassett Elementary field renovation, \$9,463

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorized CFO/Treasurer to execute service agreement with MSB Consulting Group to provide Medicaid billing administration services
2. Issued then and now certificates to Geo-Sci Incorporated and Bureau of Workers Compensation

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Board Development

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss negotiations. No action was taken following the executive session.

Nate Cross: The Westlake community needs to be aware of email communication between Dr. Keenan and attorney Tim Sheeran. Noted unprofessional correspondence and that our current situation favors union leaders. He feels he is mocked by others behind the scene. Current system is inherently corrupt, our attorney is anti-reform, taxpayers and community are the losers. Referred to Wisconsin situation. Indicated attorney is out of touch with what is happening in Westlake. Suggested hiring new counsel and indicated he would bring a resolution to a future meeting severing ties with our current counsel.

Dr. Keenan: The comment in the email was made by Mr. Sheeran's assistant, not me. I contacted Mr. Cross and the rest of the Board and pointed that out. There is no ridicule on behalf of the administration and contacted the attorney to question the content of the email. Never afraid to tell you what I think and I will continue to make that commitment to all of you. I did not view the email and comment made because it was below an email that I forwarded. It wasn't a comment from our attorney.

Mr. Cross: this is not about me. The taxpayers fund this district and the disdain shown toward taxpayers continually since I've been on the board is reflected in that comment.

Tom Mays: Any disdain did not come from anyone here on this Board. None of us authored an email. I think in the short time this board has been together as 5, there's never been an issue that shows disdain for the public or anybody on this board or any issue where there is anything but concern over the academic excellence or debt or fiscal responsibility. I don't know who you're speaking of in regard to corruption. Your comments are being made with a broad brush. We just talked about the essential agreement. I think that email comment is inappropriate, but nothing written by anyone on this board or district. That comment has nothing to do with community.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, June 28, at 5:30pm, at the Administration Building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

<http://beta.westlake.k12.oh.us/boe/meetingschedule/default.aspx>