



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, Regular 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.

SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Dr. Keenan was recognized by the Board of Education for being a recipient of the 2012 CSU Distinguished Alumni Award.
 - a. Carol Winter: You are a model to watch. You show us that even though we face challenges, if we come at any challenge together and with the right vision and you help us all formulate a vision together, we can conquer any challenge.
 - b. Tony Falcone: I'm proud that he leads our district.
 - c. Nate Cross: Congratulate Dan. It's a nice honor to have you as a distinguished alumnus. You still give back to Cleveland State, as you teach. You still go there and give back to the community in another capacity.
2. Nate Cross: Relative to minutes we're voting on, the current minutes are not accurate and an insufficient portrayal of actions. Second attempt to discourage dissent, provide one-sided account of deliberations and mislead the public. Mr. VanDyke's comments were not accurately portrayed in the one-sentence summary in the minutes. He expressed his thoughts on upcoming negotiations. He suggested a contract that could withstand scrutiny and be explained easily. Cautioned without community support, district will have problems passing a levy. Private v. public sector salaries, retirement, etc. need to be explained. SB5 passed in Westlake. He

stressed hope that everyone work in partnership to recognize a positive outcome. Would like this summary added to accurately portray what happened at the Board meeting.

- a. Tom Mays: The minutes are accurate. Board has a number of ways to provide public information from very detailed to a general minutes format. The BOE makes summary statements with regard to action items and allows for detailed Board Notes to give a better understanding of what was said at the meeting. Those are posted and there are 25 sentences with regard to his comments on Board notes. Anyone can see what his intent was by looking at the Board Notes. Past minutes and indicates people read a prepared statement about something in the same manner. Mr. VanDyke also had a prepared statement and that is reflected. The minutes are accurate and as the Board originally intended. Board Notes explain in greater detail. Audiotape all meetings and video tape most meetings provide exact statements.
 - b. Barb Leszynski: I spent the day reading board minutes of 5 other schools for 2011. Minutes are a record of actions the organization takes and not a record of everything said. That's a transcript. We cover the substance and do not include opinions and extensive explanations. Other school systems, I read extensively and they are all similar to what we have. In reading 2011 minutes, it went on for pages of who said what. If that's the past practice, we need to change that and said so and so read a prepared statement saying.
 - c. Cross: Board Notes are not minutes. When there is a conversation, topic or remark favorable to the district; it is contained in the minutes, but not the notes. If it is unfavorable, key information is omitted. I think we should err on the side of giving as much information to the public. Public bodies should keep minutes of what occurred at a meeting. There is nothing in that summary in the minutes that shares any semblance of what Mr. VanDyke said at the meeting. This is not consistent. We need to be consistent or not consistent. It's the public that suffers for that omission. I will not approve minutes because they are incomplete at July 30 meeting.
 - d. Mays: Comments and onions are not actions. I gave a number of examples from a prior meeting this year. We acted no differently with those who favor the district vs. those who do not. We have been consistent in our actions.
3. Recognized Dover Congregational United Church of Christ and Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve for their hospitality for allowing middle and elementary school members to park in their lots during summer renovations to our parking lots.
 4. WHS presentations: Educational Options, Advanced Placement and Recognition of AP Achievements
 - a. Tim Freeman: Highest ACT scores. Perfect scores on ACT achieved by 1/10th of 1% of kids who take the test. We have 7 National Merit Semifinalists. One of our 2011 graduates made the OSU marching band.
 - b. Judy McMasters: Talked about AP program. We've maintained relatively high scores for our students. We're increasing the number of students taking AP courses and increasing the number of exams. We are scoring above the national and state averages. We are up to almost 20 courses.

- i. 27% of students taking the exams earned 5s. AP awards students based on number of course they take.
 - ii. WHS has 65 total scholars with an average score of 4.17 = 26 are AP Scholars, 18 are AP Scholar with Honor, 21 are AP Scholar with Distinction, 3 are National AP Scholars.
 - iii. 43.1% of graduating class took at least one AP class and scored at least a 3.
 - iv. Students ask us to send their scores to Case Western, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, Rice, Rutgers, Stanford and more.
- c. Liz Kobe and Akash Shah talked about their AP experiences

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & RECOGNITIONS

1. We started 5 days earlier, but everyone worked together to make it work. People came to school ready to learn. Schools look great and construction well managed and planned out.
2. A WHS student is 7th student in 5 years to score a perfect 36 on the ACT
3. Bassett was put on lockdown because of carjacking last week. Our notification system didn't work as we intended it to work. We've made those corrections and it's working. We'll probably make more test calls over the next quarter. We are upgrading the system and adding a parent portal to give parents control of their information. We posted things on Facebook and Twitter, so we had those other outlets for communication. Lockdown was run well and kids were safe.
4. We continue to wait for local report card results. The State Report card has been delayed by the State Board of Education. State Board of Education will meet Sept. 10 and decide when they will release results. We've done internal checks and feel comfortable that it accurately reflects the data of our school distinct.
5. Red brick monument is going to be dedicated Sept. 27, 5:45pm. We will dedicate the actual granite stone and marker in a temporary spot. When we are able to install Red Brick Plaza, that's where it will rest.
6. Kudos to everyone who worked on high school football game. A lot of temporary adjustments that needed to be made. It was a successful community evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT & RECOGNITIONS

1. approved student activity purpose statements and budgets for American Field Service, Photography/Yearbook, Class of 2013
2. Issued then and now certificates for Geo-Sci Incorporated, Works International Inc., Frontline Placement Technologies Inc. North Coast Council.
3. Accepted funds for Title III immigrant BY13
4. authorized treasurer to advance funds from General Fund to uniform services, ABLE Tri-C, EL Civics FY12
5. authorized treasurer to return advance from Project Link, ABLE Tri-C and EL Civics FY12 to General Fund
6. adjusted FY13 temporary appropriations
7. approved FY13 additional temporary appropriations

CAC

8. Looking at what WHS offers compared to other high schools in our area and best practices for technology and instruction

NEW BUSINESS

9. Accepted gifts and contributions
 - a. Rusty Barrel
 - b. Parents of girls soccer/Theresa Sandhu
10. Approved supplemental resignations of Carrie Beatty, Jay Valadez, John Grimm
11. Approved extended days for Sheri Foster and Adeena Sedlak-Horne
12. Approved amended classified resignation of Rob Pace
13. Approved FMLA for Roberta Ahern, Caitlin Jewell and Sandra Vontroba
14. Approved supplemental employment
 - a. Kayleigh Bildstein
 - b. Todd Eichenauer
 - c. Emily Stern
 - d. Brendan Zepp
 - e. Robert Clancy
 - f. Elizabeth Noren
 - g. John Packis
 - h. Sandy Packis
15. Approved classified employment of Ashley Pease
16. Approved amended classified employment of Ruth Weible
17. Approved amended certified employment of Barbara Sennhenn, Donna Collins
18. Approved reclassification of certified staff members Chelsea Diso, Michelle Kasunick, Ashley Leukhardt, Laura Miller and Jennifer Petticord
19. Approved employment of Project Link personnel
 - a. Robert Ahern
 - b. Nancy English
 - c. Julie Priebe
 - d. Christine Matejcik
 - e. Judith Mack
 - f. Nancy Kendall
 - g. Matthew Sprosty
 - h. Catherin Brannigan
 - i. Callie Smith
 - j. Katelyn O'Malley
 - k. James Forester
 - l. Rachel Levi
20. Approved employment of after school personnel Crystal Mire and Banda None

21. Approved stipend for Project Link personnel for additional community afterschool student and adult programming, dependent upon sufficient enrolment for Michael Waters.
22. Approved classified substitute resignation of Nancy Fox
23. Approved classified substitutes Bethe Kumar, Eleanor Klan, Edward Moran, Deborah Samurai
24. Approved certified substitute resignations of Anne Hart, Sarah Horbol, Zach Keeton, Marianna Male, Mary Matsoukis, Jessica Sheehan, Joseph Wilson-Ballanoff
25. Approved certified substitutes
 - a. Laura Conner
 - b. Mike Flood
 - c. Matthew Juergemeier
 - d. Monica Keller
 - e. Renee Lienhard
 - f. Nicole Pena
 - g. Molly Pesarchick
 - h. Kathleen Powers
 - i. Stacey Randall
 - j. Deborah Samrani
 - k. Angela Wetula
 - l. Kimberly Kistler
26. Approved agreements for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services with
 - a. Bellefaire JCB (Monarch School)
 - b. Applewood Centers Inc – The Eleanor Gerson High School
 - c. Susan Rakow, PhD – administrator staff development
 - d. Susan Rakow, PhD – teacher staff development
27. Approved Westlake Academy student guide 2012-2013
28. Approved shared services agreement with Berea School District for food service supervisor 2012-2013
29. Approved posting previously approved construction change orders
 - a. Bay Mechanical – \$1737.14, credit 5 duct mounted smoke detectors
 - b. Bay Mechanical – \$2445.08, provide additional steel support for RTUs
 - c. Kalkreuth Roofing – \$18795.21, provide ½” densdeck for new roof membrane substrate at parapet
 - d. Great Lakes Crushing – \$2600.56, provide castings to raise manholes to grade that were found buried in east parking lot
 - e. Cleveland Vicon – \$812, provide revisions to hollow metal display case frames
 - f. Capstone – \$3407.52, provide additional steel beam and soffit per MKC’s response to RFI-31
 - g. Zenith Systems – \$311.78, provide connectors required to terminate data cable added in Bulletin #26
 - h. Great Lakes Crushing – \$2347.86, provide additional 5” conduit added in Bulletin #25
 - i. Cleveland Vicon – \$570, revise ticket booth windows in Rm F101B

- j. Foti Construction – \$16,470.33, provide Bowerstone brick in lieu of Glen-Gery per MKC and WCSD
 - k. Jeffrey Carr – \$3000.52, Revise curtainwall and coiling door and provide drywall work for PAC exit door per city of Westlake
 - l. Bay Mechanical – \$828, revise size of kitchen hoods H-2A, 2B
 - m. Eneritech – (\$5051.69), omit electrical work for added HVAC heat pump and diffuser modifications
 - n. Jeffrey Carr – \$2513.18, remove existing coping in Area A and install membrane flashing at non-masonry walls
 - o. Foti Construction – \$3466.95, remove existing coping in Area A and install membrane flashing at non-masonry walls
30. Approved bus routes for 2012-2013 school year
31. Approved bids for replacement of rooftop HVAC equipment at Bassett Elementary

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss negotiations. No action was taken following the executive session. [Nate Cross abstained from voting on going into executive session].

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, Sept. 11, 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>