



Westlake Board of Education

Board Notes from Monday, Sept. 24, 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.

DISCUSSION ON MINUTES

1. Nate Cross: Asked 9/11 minutes be amended to include statement about him not agreeing to participate in executive session without the Board attorney being present.
2. Tom Mays: Indicated minutes cannot be changed, but the statement can be added to the minutes of this evenings meeting.

SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognized WHS senior Ishaan Bakhle and sophomore Aswin Bikkani for achieving a perfect score on the ACT.
2. Recognized WHS National Merit Semifinalists: Ishaan Bakhle, Elizabeth Goldberg, Elizabeth Kobe, Wan Kwok, Nora Lee, Aakash Shah, Samuel Yun.
3. Recognized the Westlake Kiwanis Club for donating time and supplies to host a free pancake breakfast during Homecoming Weekend and the All Class Reunion.
4. Adult Basic Literacy Education program special report/Paula Kertes
5. LBMS Low Incidence Classroom special report/Erin Blahnik

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. 14th consecutive highest report card rating. 2nd time to earn the Excellent with Distinction rating.
2. Cleveland Museum of Art working with 8 students through 2 teachers as Museum Ambassadors. They have the opportunity to see the museum behind the scenes and work with other University Circle establishments.
3. 3 WHS musicians selected for OMEA Regional Orchestra. 145 school districts in our region. Taeho also the top chair for strings in All Ohio Orchestra.
4. Lauren Golick is Division I tennis state champion. Lauren an exceptional student as well. Three-time state tournament placer.
5. Football team is 8-1, plays on Friday (Senior Night) for a chance to win a conference title and secure a home game.
6. Soccer boys and girls won SWC Conference and Districts.
7. Parkside Intermediate 5th grade teacher, Bridget Royce, chosen to present research at state math conference on strategies for instruction.
8. 3 teachers selected by state to sit on committees – Beth Noren and Tim Clark will work on American Government Content Advisory Committee. Rosie Blayney will work on 4th grade social studies.
9. Nov. 15 community wellness night at Westlake Rec Center, sponsored by St. John Westshore and Westlake Schools Health & Wellness Committee.

MASTER FACILITIES PHASE I REPORT/DAVE PUFFER

1. Will start seeing more inside workers as we finish exteriors and move inside.
2. WHS – gym brick veneer walls 100% complete. Pre-cast 2nd floors 80% complete. Steel columns and bar joists continuing to be installed. Rotunda steel columns and bar joints 85% complete. Fire alarm system installation beginning. Plumbing and electrical lines going up in CMU walls.
3. MS – Hoping to have building totally dried in by Nov. 1. On Friday, final steel beam placed at far end of academic wing. All middle school students came out to sign the beam. Almost 95% of bearing walls are complete. Roofing, interior walls, door frames going in. Curb preparation of driveway to LBMS almost complete. Final grading on retention basin being completed.
4. Ohio EPA changed asbestos abatement. To accommodate that at the middle school, came up with a plan to give contractor early access to parts of the high school. Identified music areas and main gymnasium as a possible way to make up for extra time for asbestos abatement. Two phases. Will vacate around April 15 the music area for asbestos abatement. Then move to main gymnasium with locker rooms. Able to start selected demolition in that area on June 2. Important because main utility lines for new high school come right through that area. If we can start line first part of June, will allow us to maintain schedule. It will not adversely impact instruction. Need to find an area for off-season weight training. Detailed plan on how to barricade those areas from the rest of the building.
5. Dr. Keenan: this is not a unique situation for buildings. We will take it seriously and communicate with our parents.

6. Puffer: We will be doing tours for the 20/20 Vision Committee and Citizens for Westlake Schools, targeting Saturday, Nov. 17. By then the middle school will probably be under roof entirely. The high school is a little behind the middle school but on schedule.

TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Financial Presentation – FY13 quarterly report and financial forecast.
 - a. HB386 requirement for schools and municipal entities will receive casino revenues. Initial estimates compared to most recent estimates show shortfalls. For Westlake we're expecting about \$19/student (@ \$77,000). Beginning next year they are projecting about \$50/student (@ \$200,000). Forecast hasn't changed much. On target with percentages we've set for budget for the first quarter. About 22% of budget expended at 25% into the year.
2. Approved student activity budgets and purpose statements for LBMS Drama Club and Builders Club
3. Approved Then and Now certificates for Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Sentry Fencing and Valley Forge Supply Inc.
4. Authorized a return of advance from Project Link to General Fund.
5. Approved transfer of funds from General Fund to Athletic Fund to lease the diving well at the Westlake Recreation Center.
 - a. Tom Mays said he wished the schools would not have to pay for something the entire community enjoys out of school funds. A previous board entered into that agreement with the city.
6. Accepted Ohio K-12 Network Grant FY13.
7. Established appropriations for Ohio K-12 Network FY13.
8. Approved adjusting FY13 appropriations.
9. Authorized treasurer to secure all available tax advances from the State Auditor.

CAC REPORT/BYLAWS

1. Requesting changes to bylaws. Looking for permission to make those changes to reflect the ways we focus our energies. Want to lessen terms from 3 to 2 years, with a maximum of 3 years. Want to give students the right to vote. Want to create a Research Associate position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accepted gifts and contributions
 - a. Dover Elementary PTA
 - b. Hilliard Elementary PTA
 - c. Mitchell's Tavern
 - d. Stephanie Morgan
 - e. Rich Jankura
 - f. John Shie
 - g. Schwab Charitable Fund

- h. U.S. Coast Guard
 - i. Westlake Soccer Association
2. Approved resignation for the purpose of retirement for William Carlin and Margaret Clare and Jean Cooper.
 3. Approved FMLA for Krista Wadas and Sara Latkowski.
 4. Approved classified employment of Laura Kuhn.
 5. Approved certified employment of Brandi Mattingly
 6. Approved certified substitute resignations of Matthew Juergemeier and Dolores Romano.
 7. Approved employment of classified substitutes Linda Bailey, Loretta Diederich, Jillian James, Judith Maher, Beverly Witt.
 8. Approved employment of certified substitutes Megan Amica, Jeremy Berner, Terrence Corrigan, Erin Dailey, Leigh Dimond, Tara Habenicht, Sandra Herman, Christina Jager, Jennifer Koelliker, Amanda Kuack, Christa Lokiec, Patrick Mahoney, Holly Moore, Sara Schackow, Gina Simeone, Paul Warren, Lisa Wells, Nancy Williams, Anne Wimmer.
 9. Approved supplemental employment of Lynda Appel, Laura Lathem, Elizabeth Zingales, Nicolette Miller, Anne Zaborniak, Lisa Patton, Kristen Harter, Trina Powers, Claudia Vakos, Jennifer Butler.
 10. Approved certified reclassification of Brad Behrendt, Melissa Crist, Jaclyn Nara, Hun Piazza, Jenni Sammon, Jeff Short, Heather Zepp.
 11. Approved certified staff members for mentor program: Dawn Dawson, Chelsea Diso, Sandee Erdman, Rachael Kane, Heather Marinelli, Christina Meecha, Lisa Patton, Jennifer Petticord, Elizabeth Zingales, Susie Zkiab.
 12. Approved home instruction by Carolyn Maciag, Heather Marinelli, Karen Schmidt, Deborah Whitman.
 13. Amended employment of Director of Business Affairs David Koccevar.
 14. Approved administrative substitute Mary Flanagan as needed for Dover Elementary school year.
 15. Approved Saturday School stipends for Jim Bingham, Ann Marie Thomas, Debora Voss.
 16. Approved stipends for Mohican Outdoor Education Program for Bill Bowles, Verlene DeWitt, Jessica Dye, Darlene Fossesco, John Gast, Julie Milkie, Mary Beth Opron, Jeff Short, Laurie Skvarek, Heather Zepp.
 17. Adjusted Transportation Department employee hours.
 18. Approved agreements for revised ESC Cuyahoga County Interdistrict Service Area Contract for Audiology/Hearing Impaired/Visually Impaired Services for Students and 'Charles H. Carlin, PhD, speech pathology & Audiology In-Service.
 19. Approved publicly posting previously approved construction change orders;
 - a. Bay Mechanical, (\$726)
 - b. Bay Mechanical, \$6,818.42
 - c. Kalkreuth, \$11,901.15
 - d. Great Lakes Crushing, \$3,424.15
 - e. Great Lakes Crushing, \$7,040.58
 - f. Perram, \$613.65
 - g. Capstone, \$2,132.39

20. Approved facility use by Lake Erie Fall Basketball League and The Bridge Church.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is Monday, Nov. 5, at 5:30pm, at the Board of Education office.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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