



## **Westlake Board of Education**

### ***Board Notes from Monday, 5/24/10, Regular Meeting***

**LIBRARY TAX BUDGET HEARING:** The Board held a tax budget hearing for Porter Public Library and approved the library 2011 tax budget.

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS:**

1. Brad Behrendt discussed the Civil War Ball at LBMS with a student presenting his views on the ball and Civil War Encampment.
2. The Board recognized bond issue campaign co-chairs Cathy Axcell and Joe Kraft; campaign steering committee members Elizabeth Altman, Lynda Appel, Harry Applegate, Cathy Axcell, Wendy Balodis, Ann Beyer, Amy Butcher, Bridget DeMonica, Michelle DiStefano, Brian Gottfried, Karen Herzberger, Hanna Jennings, Cris Kennedy, Joe Kraft, Karen Lackner, Julie McAllister, Patty McHugh, Michael Medoro, Megan Monteux, Susan Palmer, Kelly Patterson, Carrie Simon, David Simon, Chris Sutcliffe, Beth Echo, Christie Widest, Melisa Yeoman; Campaign Taste of Westlake fundraising co-chairs Julie McCallister and Christie Wiedt and participants Aladdin's Eatery, Applebee's Grill & Bar, The Boneyard, Brio Tuscan Grill, Buca di Beppo, Café Tandoor, Champps Americana, First Watch, Houlihan's Restaurant, Ironwood Café, Loco Leprechaun, Michtell's Tavern, Outback Steakhouse, Panini's, Peppi's Pizza, Picc-A-Deli Café, Robek's, Romeo's Pizza, Rusty Barrel Bar & Grill, Saucy Bistro, Savannah Bar & Grill, Si Señor, Stonehouse Grill, Whistle Stop.
3. The Board passed a resolution of appreciation for the Music Boosters officers and members Eileen Moran, Kelly Patterson, Marvin Pozderac, Marian Buzzard, Barb Kristof.
4. The Board presented a resolution of appreciation to Bassett Elementary Principal Timothy Rickard on his retirement. Dr. Keenan, Board President Carol Winter and Bassett staff lauded Rickard for his 24 years of service.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Received preliminary OGT scores. Scores will change, but we met the mark in each of the areas at the high school. 89% in science with rest of scores in 90%+.

Put in application for qualified school construction bonds.

Cleveland State University hosting third annual engineering fair this summer and 4 teachers from WHS & LBMS will be working there.

Our art department will exchange art with Westlake's Irish sister city Tralee.

Met with WHS & LBMS staff and MKC to discuss programming and building components.

Sent memo to all families who own homes on border of LBMS/Dover property and WHS property owners for informational meeting and Q&A to hear their questions. Also invited 20/20 group to an informational meeting on June 3 to discuss what's underway and encourage them to add people to the committee. Turner Construction working on RFP for printing services. We'll be doing geotechnical and property surveying, as well as traffic studies. Soil borings coming. Spoke with Mayor Clough and will meet with Council President to discuss a plan for fields and communications that need to take place on how the project will impact the city and how we can work together. Dave Puffer met with the Recreation Center to discuss tennis courts.

June 9 is date we must send in application for Ohio Schools Facilities Commission project. Pros: can apply for 5% in 2017, keeps us on a budget. Concerns: OSFC may not have funds available in 2017, flexibility. No decision is needed tonight. If we are going with OSFC, we would need to have a Board meeting at graduation. From listening to pros and cons, we would be better off going with our own fixed budget and not hold out for 5% or less from OSFC.

Dave Puffer: 5% is on construction costs (\$64-\$65 million), not the total cost of the project (\$84 million). Ambivalent about which way we go, but there are requirements and time constraints that mitigate. OSFC projects require approvals that could create time delays. It takes 2 years to build a high school. We need to be in there by 2013. We could use OSFC as a baseline, but local control we would lose might not be the best value for the money.

Graduation on June 5.

Educational Summit June 14-15. There was an article in the Westshore Sun and possibly West Life.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Board approved resolutions authorizing an advance, established appropriations, adjust FY10 appropriations, accepted the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, Authorized official intent with respect to reimbursements from note/bond proceeds of temporary advances made for payments prior to issuance relating generally to improvements to school district facilities.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Approved classified employment of Jan Schmitt and Kimberly Kolleyer; certified employment of Jake Percival, Kristi Pavlik, Melissa Crist; certified reclassifications of Celina Bigio, Julie Davidson, William Wilson and Amal Mustafa; appoint certified substitute Bernice Girgash and reappoint certified substitute Kirk Manley; 2009-10 supplemental contract changes for Jennifer Butler. Approved

employment of Camp LINK personnel Roberta Ahern, Stacie Connors, Nancy Puccini English, Erin Federbosch, Christi-Ann McCulloch, Cora Miner, Susan Gatt, Nancy Kendall, Christie Leake, Judith Mack, Lisa Morrow, Kelly Pyros, Laura Roeder, Matthew Sprosty.

Approved WHS summer school staff Jake Percival, Michelle Slak, Jill Fulecki, Marsha Faber, Tom DeLuca, Sara Neville, Carli Savage, Mike D'Egidio, Elizabeth Moffett, Kim Cerrito, Paul Hammond, Nick Auarando, Kristen Stuckart, Jim Patrizi, David Ruschau, Tim Armstrong, Ashley Zergott, Jon Cuoma, Tana McGuire, Linda Hammond, Beth Noren, Sean Chalkwater.

Approved supplemental contracts for 2010-11 for Mike Allan, Carrie Beatty, Mike Bee, Brad Behrendt, Bill Bongers, Bill Bowles, Sally Falatach, Daniel Grigson, Brianne Kenneally, Mark Lenczewski, Judy McMasters, Patrick McMorrow, Chris Milano, Shannon Morrison, Sandy Packis, Jennifer Parker, Lynn Pettyjohn, Lynnise Piskura, William Primrose, Gary Richards, Scott Rovniak, Cara Santora, Sandy Sopko, Dennis Sullivan, Cheryl Tegel, Jay Valadez, Brendan Zepp, Amy Butcher, Kelly Hoover, Cynthia Bailey Travis Haselswerdt, Mike Besu, Doug Kuns, Roger Konrad, Scott Jones, Kristin Stuckart, Shaun Koski, Ralph Dunbar, Jim Egan, Marc Pogachar, Mark Campo, Chris Milano, Tom Shiban, Ken Kocar, Tom DeLuca, Jim Bingham, Jerry Everhard, Bob Patton, Shaun Koski, Chip Weiss, Art Daniels, Mike Antonyzyn, Terry Kennedy, Chris Dalman, Jeff Short, Jeffrey Mannies, Gregory stringer, Jacob Schober, Adam Purdy, Dan Berkheimer, Tim English, Duane Miller, Paul Hammond, Bill Bongers, Jennifer Britton, Jennifer Butler, Kim Cerrito, Robert Clancy, Ann Marie Thomas, Mindy Clark, Nancy English, Christine Filmer, Elizabeth Noren, Lisa Patton, Ursula Hays, Florica Podway, Nicollete Miller, Elizabeth Zingales, Patrick McMorrow, Sandy Packis, Les Szekely, Scott Kutz, Janet Lorincz, Kathy McGinty, Laura Miller, Sarah Reichert, Sara Neville, Ray Walczuk, John Gast, Kathy Hale, Dawn Dawson, Kristen Pado, Colleen Steidel, G. David Newman.

Approved extended time for staff members Kim Geletka, Trish Kosik, Sunny Thompson, Sharon Vlasek, Lynn Pettyjohn, Rebecca Gorek, Jacy Nichols, Mark Lenczewski, Sheri Foster, Roberta English, Joan Jerome, Sandee Erdman, William Bowles, Mark Campo, Terry Kennedy, Debora Petro, Elizabeth Ruper, Tabatha Devine, Tom Ward, Janice Hughes, Dorothy Beyer, Dolores Kuclo, Cecelia Smalley.

Approved stipends for LBMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C., field trip for Brooke Martin. Approved employment of certified extended school year tutors Melissa Duns, Erin Blahnik, Rachael Lowery and Kate Applegate.

Approved classified seasonal employment of Don Jessie, Joan George, Debbie Rooney, Mike McPhee, Robby York, Gail Heiman, Larry Schenkelbert, Cathy Allen, Greg Kendall, Billy Barnes, Angie Robinson, Joe Ciaccia, Tina Bacik, Linda Martin, Daniel Wadden, Carol Karohl, Robyn Nock, Adam Warner, Rachel Dooling, Chris Stanovic, Connie Beallor, Ryan Falin, Stephen Karohl, Michelle Yehlik, Steve Maler, Brandon Schade, Tom Regal, Chris Nurse, Dennis Mone, John Deblasi, Alex Tegel, Deborah Bittinger, Matthew Schmitz, Jim Campbell, John Heiman.

Approved summer employment of school bus drivers and aides: Lestina Austin, Angela Baker, Barbara Biel, James Carlin, Robert Carlin, William Carlin, Anna Cavender, Suzie Chambers, Linda Clemons, Donna Corrigan, Jennifer Dossa, Dee Faragher, Carol Flannick, Kym Fox, Joe Gatens, Rosie Geib, Mike Hannah,

Denise Higgins, Diane Hill, Jackie Hollis, Sandy Houser, Adria Hughes, JoAnne Hurst, Tami James, Reda Johnson, Jim Joyce, Sue Kantner, Kathy Kelly, Lorrie Knapp, Sandee Kodysh, Celia Kubincanek, Jerry Lewis, Sandi Lewis, Emma Loving, Steve Maler, Ann Manning, Roger Meadows, Ed Moran, Robyn Nock, Karen Ormsby, Jodi Ovelgonne, Gary Pelfrey, Shelly Perkins, Pam Phillips, Cindy Pietrzak, Cathy Rasmussen, Patricia Riegling, Angela Robinson, Debbie Rooney, Patty Sherwood, Bonnie Sliva, Margaret Smith, Lora Stemmer, Jennifer Weaver, Denise Wering, Elizabeth West, Sherry West, Laurie Whiting, Eileen Winter, Donna Wright, Michele Yehlik, Terri Orszak, Leona Pennington, Douglas Ulmenstine.

Approved the appointment of Anthony Cipollone as Athletic Director. Approved Title I Summer School tutor Lisa Luzier. Approved summer school intervention programs and stipends for Kindergarten Readiness Program, Lead Teacher/Assessment Coordinator-Kindergarten Readiness Janice Hughes, Teacher Kate Applegate and Stacy Ryan, Reading & Math Detectives. Approved limited contract for Staci Peltz and continuing contract for Laura Miller.

Approved agreements for admission of tuition pupils and purchased services with Back on Call and Helen Smith, independent contractor. Approved field rip for Parkside Intermediate School for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mohican Education in the out of doors. Approved membership in Ohio High School Athletic Association for 2010-11. Approved Westlake High School graduating class of 2010. Amended administrative handbook. Approved transportation for 2010 summer field trips. Authorized execution and delivery of a ground site lease agreement with Clear Wireless LLC.

Amended preschool peer tuition. Approved courses of study for WHS – Human Anatomy and Physiology, Advanced Placement Art History, AP Statistics-Syllabus, Focus on Fashion II, Business Principles and Management Entrepreneurship. Approved amended sports health/athletic trainer services agreement.

Approved Early Childhood program handbook, elementary handbook, intermediate handbook, LBMS handbook, WHS handbook, Project LINK handbook.

Adopted policies: Business Advisory Council to the Board/Family and Civic Engagement Committee, Development and Adoption; Review of Regulations, Policy Dissemination, Review & Evaluations, Review of Regulations, Expense Reimbursements, Reporting of Hazards, Emergency/Safety Plans, Emergency Closings, Food Services Management/Free and Reduces-Price Food Services; Family & Medical Leave, Suspension & termination of Professional Staff Members, Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring, Suspension, Demotion & Termination of Support Staff Members, Health Education, Programs for Students with Disabilities, Credit Flexibility, Community Service, Co curricular & Extracurricular Activities, Creation of New Interscholastic Athletic Teams-Club Sports, Graduation Requirements, School Ceremonies & Observances/Patriotic Exercises, Student Absences & Excuses, Student Conducts, Hazing & Bullying, Corporal Punishment, Reporting Child Abuse, Students Fees, Fines & Charges.

**DONATIONS:** The Board accepted 25 donations to the LBMS Environmental Club from Parvathi Shalov, Elizabeth Passiatore, Mark Kurtz, Carol Hazen, Deb Schrembeck, Michele Dorow, Dave Newman, Icon Resource Group, Robert Conrad, Timothy Skonezny, Daniel John Galdun, Amanda Bekeny, Fresh Mark, Robert Michelich, Jeff Galvin, William Bush, Robin Moodley, Anne Dill, Shao Ming He, Julie Donahue,

Craftsman Custom Flooring Inc., Gov. Bob Taft, Mayor Dennis Clough, Julie Sterle, Aspire-Brands. The Board also accepted donations from Michael Marcellino, Jim Feldner, Dave Carbon, Dave Newman, David Dorogi, Mike Brown, Gary Chizmar, Carl Teel and Evelyn Walzer and Westlake Music Boosters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** xxx

**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT:** MKC met with WHS staff in programming meetings. Gathering ideas to narrow down. June 1 & 3 do same with LBMS staff. MKC will compile a document to digest over the summer and then fine tune and bring detail to the plan. Anticipating programming through next school year to have documents ready for bidding with first shovel going into the ground next summer.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

1. Annual scholarship recipients: 1 of 45 groups awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. Awarded 3 scholarships.
2. Nate Cross asked for locally funded initiatives options. Dr. Keenan mentioned that will change.
3. OSFC project discussion:
  - a. *Andrea Rocco:* Don't think we should be tied to state standards that could change.
  - b. *Tom Mays:* Any time we go outside OSFC means a locally funded initiative so it will reduce that 5% in the long run. Hate to turn down money but money most likely won't be there and wonder if it will tie our hands. I want to see \$84 million used best way to accommodate students and community.
  - c. *Nate Cross:* Like to use OSFC standards/guidelines as a benchmark, but enjoy flexibility. Approach from a strategic standpoint by making decisions along the way. Irony OSFC guidelines were OK to determine if a building should be torn down or rehabbed.
  - d. *Tim Sullivan:* We are following OSFC baseline. Opens us to the question of what is the baseline and why not use it? Are there any soft costs we would incur not going with OSFC? (Time). Not inclined to go with OSFC.
  - e. *Dr. Keenan:* Baseline is overall budget of project based on square foot per student so we didn't go higher than OSFC projections. When you get to a decision on flooring or wiring closets, that number will go down and we'll pay more for locally funded initiatives. We're using OSFC standards. The flexibility standards are a concern. Over 90% of our facilities were deemed below adequate. We can come up with a good product either way. OSFC gives us a standard to go by and used that standard to create the budget. We didn't use OSFC for everything (renovate Parkside instead of new, 3 elementary schools instead of 4). June 9 is deadline for applying for OSFC project.
  - f. *Dave Puffer:* There are tight constraints on space usage. Faculty mentioned interesting comments on educational environment. OSFC reviews plans but does not provide any service. They require a commissioning agent and other requirements, including LEED certification.

- g. *Carol Winter*: concern about going with OSFC is if money will actually be there and tying our hands with flexibility. Concerns about technology. Important to have continuity K-12, difficult to do if we have different vendors. Limits you on what staff is able to do.

**HEARING OF PUBLIC:**

1. Harry Applegate: Been a Westlake resident for years. In my recollection, that's the largest bond issue this school system has passed in their history. We owe the leadership and vision of Dr. Keenan to allow us to put together a plan to figure out what we needed to do and how we needed to go about it.

**Executive Session** to discuss administrative handbook/contracts

**Executive Session** to discuss Superintendent Contract.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 28, regular meeting at 5:30pm at the Westlake Schools Administration Building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

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