



## **Westlake Board of Education**

### ***Board Notes from Monday, Nov. 17, 2008***

**Prior to the start of the regular meeting, the Board toured Westlake High School.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Keenan reported that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading tests came back with a 70% passage rate. OAPSE negotiations began today and continue this week. Made aware by a community member that a member of the Color Guard who participated in the Nov. 7 Holly Lane Veteran's Day program has a prior sexual conviction. We have spoken with the individual and the veterans group, informed our parents at Holly Lane, posted information on the Holly Lane web site. Board President Andrea Rocco noted staff really does look out for the safety of our children.

Facility meetings – two held to date. Group is reviewing options and offering first impressions, going through pros and challenges of each option. WHS awarded an Asset Builder Award for Exemplary Practice for Kathy McGinty's Leadership Challenge group. We had 12 National Merit scholars and 62 AP scholars.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Approved FMLA for Joan Kunse and Tami Fuller. Approved certified employment for Penny Meade. Approved classified substitute resignation of Judy Duffy. Approved classified substitute employment for Delores Bott, Margaret Carsey, Charise Huffman, John Heiman, Angela Baker, Samantha DiFranco. Approved employment for certified substitute James Mikolanda and Christopher Bunsey. Approved reclassification of certified staff members Susan Peplin and Colleen Stanley. Approved supplemental resignation of Shannon Morrison, Ryan McCartney and Bob Curtis. Approved supplemental employment contracts for Laura Skvarek, Adam Purdy, Katie Marquard, Jilene Fulecki. *[Item concerning Shaun Koski was tabled pending further information requested by the Board].* Approved certified home instruction by Lynn Lindgren, Sherry Kennedy and Kate O'Leary. Approved resignation of Adult Basic Literacy Education personnel Janet Sheffler. Approved employment of A.B.L.E. personnel Carol Paulin, Gloria Muntean, Melissa Cheers, Cheryl Williams, Michelle Cseh, Julie McAulay, Paula Kertes, Victoria Emblom, Sharon Forschen, Lisa Feldman. Approved employment of Project LINK personnel Matthew Sprosty.

Approved school and participating business agreement for Community-Based Vocational Education Program with The Winking Lizard in Avon. Approved ESC of Cuyahoga County interdistrict service area agreement for 2008-09 school year. Approved resolution to approve WHS curriculum writing for English course of study, to be paid from a Cleveland State University grant fund, for Lela Bakos, Geoff Friedrich and Sara Neville.

**TREASURER'S ITEMS:** Passed a resolution to issue Then and Now certificates for ADT Security Services, Gordon Food Service and Sysco Food Services. Authorized the treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund. Approved a resolution to establish the Westside Connections (Bingham) Fund. Approved a resolution to adjust FY09 appropriations to the General Fund.

**DONATIONS:** The Board accepted gifts and donations from a number of generous donors, including the League of Women Voters, Westlake Demon's Club and Westlake Soccer Association.

**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS REPORT:** We continue to work with T-Mobile to finalize a lease agreement for hardware on WHS football stadium light fixture. Working from custodial standpoint to prepare fields for winter and spring, wrapping up fall sports. Continuing to work at the building level with fire department concerns, maintain buildings as best we can as we move forward into heating season.

**BOARD ITEMS:** *The Board reviewed the recent OSBA conference.* Board members Andrea Rocco and Tom Mays attended session on school law (how technology affects First Amendment rights, construction funding). Highlight of conference was Mark C. Pepera receiving Treasurer/CFO of the Year Award. Joe Marinucci noted he attended legislative session [school funding, transitions in Legislature, House Bills with school mandate slant]. Carole Winter attended session on facilities [joint use facilities, partnering with businesses/city, curricular connections] and Ohio Schools Facilities Commission Green Schools Commission [green initiatives for new schools] and Board Core Values session. Tom Mays attended sessions on finances [unplanned expenses, insurance, residency cheaters].

*Review of the CAC Report on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and beyond/teaching financial responsibility/world language.* Three separate evaluations will be presented regarding three different topics. We are incorporating many ideals into Continuous Improvement Plan. We need to have an eye toward 21<sup>st</sup> century building for digital learners. *Teaching Financial Responsibility.* It's critical it becomes part of our conversations. It's in our CIP, movement at the middle school and WHS with STEM. *World Language Programs.* Need to change thinking from foreign language to world language with all of the connectivity in today's society. Extended learning opportunities in our CIP focus on many of these issues.

There was discussion on negotiations concerning the T-Mobile sponsorship of hardware on light fixture in WHS football stadium. Dr. Keenan indicated a desire to dedicate a certain amount of money to Demons Club and Music Boosters projects. District administration will oversee those funding projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board adjourned for an executive session for the purpose of negotiations. No action was taken following the executive session.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, Dec. 8, 5:30pm, at the Westlake Schools administration building.

For more detailed information on these items, visit

<http://www.westlake.k12.oh.us/AdminBldg/BOE/BOESched.htm>