WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, March 27, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Hilliard Administrative Building, 24365 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145

1. Opening

A. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Mrs. Pirnat	Present
Mrs. Leszynski	Present
Mr. Finucane	Present
Mr. Kraft	Present
Dr. Stoll	Present

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Acknowledgement of Visitors

E. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

F. Hearing of the Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

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2. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Following Minutes:

Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023

Voice Vote: 5 – 0

3. Informative Reports & Recognitions

A. Science Olympiad

B. Superintendent's Report

C. Treasurer's Report

7. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 23- 84

A. Resolution to Accept Gifts and Donations

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education accepts with gratitude the following gifts and donations and in so doing hereby acknowledges the positive and supportive activities of those listed:

Rocky Family Kim Rocky 31024 Logan Court Westlake, OH 44145	Donated $50.00 to the Class of 2023 at Westlake High School.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Dr. Stoll

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 85

B. Resolution to Approve Employment of Administrative Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Administrative Staff Member:

Name	Position	Building	Step	Work Days	Effective
Courtland Rojeck	Assistant Principal	Westlake High School	0	215	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2025

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 86

C. Resolution to Approve Employment of Licensed Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Licensed Staff Member:

Name	Position	Building	Education Level	Step	Effective Date
Jacob Fowler	Science Teacher - 6th Grade	Dover Intermediate School	BA	4	08/17/2023

Moved by Dr. Stoll Seconded by Mr. Kraft

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 87

D. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Classified Staff Members:

Name	Position	Building	Step	Hours	Days	Months	Effective Date
Shirley Keller	Cleaner	Westlake Elementary School	1	8	5	12	03/20/2023
Natasha LaVolpa	Special Education Bus Assistant	Transportation	2	4.5	5	9	03/15/2023
Mary Kay Safos	Cashier	Westlake High School	1	4.5	5	9	03/06/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 88

E. Resolution to Approve Employment of Project Link Personnel

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the employment of the following Project Link personnel effective 3/28/2023:

Name	Position	Step
Monique Farr	Project Link Education Instructor	8
Lizzy Fox	Community Education (Youth Rugby) Volunteer	n/a

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 89

F. Resolution to Approve Westside Connections Personnel

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the employment of Adult Education personnel for the Westside Connections Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Contracts are to be paid out of Fund 019, Special Cost 9929:

Name	Position	Months	Hours Per Day	Days per Week	Hourly Rate
James Bingham	Adult Special Education Teacher	7	2-3	1	$28.00
Lucille Faup	Adult Education Teacher	7	2-3	1	$28.00

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 90

G. Resolution to Approve a Change in Contract for Classified Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves a change in hours for the following Classified Staff Member:

Name	Position	Building	Step	Hours	Months	Effective Date
Natasha LaVolpa	Supervision Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	2	Change from 2.5 hours per day to 3 hours per day	9	01/23/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 91

H. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplemental Contracts

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Athletic Supplemental Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Joshua Barsa	WHS Baseball Assistant Coach	1	N
Robert Bowles	WHS Track Assistant Boys Coach (50% contract)	2	N
Jeremy Coleman	WHS Baseball Co-Head Coach (64% contract)	5	N
John Holland	LBMS Track Assistant Girls Coach	20	N
Heather Hurd	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Girls Coach	3	N
Saumil Jhaveri	WHS Tennis Head Boys Coach	6	N
Larry Mosley	WHS Baseball Co-Head Coach (36% contract)	7	N
Dennis Sullivan	LBMS Track Head Boys Coach	20	Y
Dennis Sullivan	LBMS Track Head Girls Coach	20	Y

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 92

I. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplemental Contract for Classified Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Classified Staff Member for an athletic supplemental contract as an hourly employee, based upon the coaching (supplemental) stipend listed in the WTA Negotiated Agreement, for the 2022-2023 school year only:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
William Bowles	WHS Track Assistant Boys Coach	$28.29	161.75 coaching hours	02/20/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 93

J. Resolution to Approve Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Licensed Staff Member for home instruction, effective 3/17/2023 – 06/07/2023:

Name	Position	Not to Exceed	Hourly Rate	Effective Date
Melissa Barth	Home Instructor	2 hours per week	$27.44	03/17/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 94

K. Resolution to Approve Licensed Substitute

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Licensed Substitute for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Building	Education Level	Step	Effective
Jannell Sargent	Long-Term Substitute Teacher	Westlake Elementary School	BA	0	04/06/2023 - 04/17/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 95

L. Resolution to Approve Stipends for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves stipends to be paid at the hourly rate for the following Classified Staff Members for work performed outside of contracted hours:

Name	Not to Exceed	Purpose	Effective Date
Patricia McHugh	2 hours	Special Education Assistant Services for Extracurricular Activities	03/04/2023
Jennifer Romoga	3 hours	Special Education Assistant Services for Extracurricular Activities	03/03/2023
Angela Siciliano	2 hours	Special Education Assistant Services for Extracurricular Activities	03/03/2023
Bernadette Sovacool	13.5 hours	Special Education Assistant Services for Extracurricular Activities	03/22/2023 - 05/24/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 96

M. Resolution to Approve K-6/Title Summer Intervention Program Coordinator

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Licensed Staff Member to coordinate the K-6/Title I Summer Intervention Program, for the summer 2023, paid with Title I funds:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Kaitlin Soltis	K-6/Title I Summer Intervention Program Coordinator	$27.44	120 hours	04/17/2023

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 97

N. Resolution to Approve Contracts and Purchased Services

RESOLVED that the Westlake School District Board of Education approves the following contracts and purchased services for the 2022-23 School Year:

Education Alternatives

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 98

O. Resolution to Approve Summer Athletic Camps

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following 2023 summer sports camps:

Basketball Camps	
Boys Camp	**Girls Camp**
Dates: June 26-28	Dates: July 17-19
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am for grades K-3
Grades 3-8	Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm for grades 4-6
Location: WHS Main & Aux Gym	Location: WHS Main & Aux Gym
Coach: Luke Harris	Coach: Marybeth Leitch
Fee: $75.00	Fee: $75.00

Volleyball Camp
Date: June 12-13
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Grades: 2-8
Location: WHS Main & Aux Gym
Coach: Meghan Spriggs
Fee: $75.00

Football Camp
Date: May 30-31, June 1
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Grades: 4-8
Location: UH St. John Stadium
Coach: Jason Hall and Logan Yantek
Fee: $75.00

Lacrosse Camps	
Boys Camp	**Girls Camp**
Date: June 12-14	Date: July 10-13
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Grades: 3-8	Grades: 3-8
Location: UH St. John Stadium	Location: UH St. John Field and Aux Gym
Coach: Brian Stepanek	Coach: Bill Ready
Fee: $75.00	Fee: $75.00

Soccer Camps	
Boys Camp	**Girls Camp**
Date: June 5-8	Date: June 26-29
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Grades: 2-8	Ages: 4-14
Location: UH St. John Stadium	Location: UH St. John and Plateau
Coach: Doug Kuns	Coach: Dan O'Brien
Fees: $75.00	Fee: $75.00

Cheerleading Camp
Date: June 26-28
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Grades: K-6
Location: WHS Fieldhouse
Coach: Bianca Beekman
Fees: $75.00

Running Camp
Date: June 14-16
Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Grades: 1-8
Location: UH St. John Track
Coach: Dennis Sullivan, Kyle Romansky, Leia Crew, Jake Schober
Fees: $75.00

Wrestling Camp
Date: June 14-16
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Grades: 1-8
Location: WHS Wrestling Room
Coach: Mike Carpenter
Fees: $75.00

Tennis Camp
Date: June 19 - 22
Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am for Grades 1-7
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am for Grades 8-12
Location: WHS Tennis Courts
Coach: Doug Cook
Fees: $75.00

All coaches are volunteering for this opportunity to build their programs. Camps are WDAB fundraising events.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

5. Hearing of the Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

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6. Executive Session

A. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal Law or Rules or State Statutes

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Dr. Stoll

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Enter Executive Session at 6:39 P.M.

B. Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 7:06 P.M.

7. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 23- 99

A. Resolution to Issue Then and Now Certificates

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education authorizes Then and Now Certificates for the following purchase orders:

PO No.	Vendor	Description	Amount
116747	City of Westlake	Fuel- January and February	$21,805.60
1863	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services Hearing and Visually Impaired	$25,000.00
116875	ESC of Cuyahoga County	Substitute Services	$ 3,270.72
116830 & 117050	ESC of Cuyahoga County	General Tuition- Ohio Online Courses Credit Recovery	$4,200.00
1859	Insight Behavioral Consulting	General Tuition for Sped Student, Partial Year	$15,866.67
117004	Ohio School Council	Gas Program - March 2023	$ 8,400.00

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 100

B. Resolution to Enter into a Settlement Agreement

WHEREAS, a dispute arose between a family of a student with a disability and the Board regarding Board's provision of a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") to their child under the individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEA"); and

WHEREAS, the Board maintains that it has acted in accordance with the law at all times and denies all fault or liability for any damage or claim whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the parties have expressed a willingness to resolve the dispute, which would enable the avoidance of additional expense and uncertainty arising from litigation of the matter; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board deems it is in the best interests of the Westlake City School District ("District") to enter into a settlement agreement to avoid unnecessarily expending valuable resources.

2. The Board directs the Treasurer, the Superintendent, and/or the Director of Pupil Services to execute a settlement agreement (the "Agreement") to resolve the dispute in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, which contains terms relating to the education of a Westlake student that are confidential under 20 U.S.C. 1232g and R.C. 3319.321.

3. The Treasurer, the Superintendent, and the Director of Pupil Services are authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 101

C. Resolution to Approve Contracts and Purchased Services

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following contracts and purchased services:

Julian & Grube, Inc. (Medicaid Audit Services) FY22 & FY23 Audits - $1,800.00 per year
Julian & Grube, Inc. (Medicaid Audit Services) FY24 & FY25 Audits - $1,900.00 per year

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Resolution 23- 102

D. Resolution Approving Filing of Complaint Against Real Property

WHEREAS, in April 2022, the Ohio Legislature passed, and Governor DeWine signed, Am. Sub. H.B. No. 126, requiring boards of education, before filing complaints with respect to the valuation of a real property parcel in their school district, to adopt a resolution authorizing such filing at a public meeting, at least seven calendar days after providing written notice to the record owner of the real property parcel; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 5715.19 further requires boards of education to adopt separate resolutions for each real property parcel, however multiple such resolutions may be adopted by a single vote; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District hereby authorizes the filing of a complaint against the valuation of the following real property:

Property Owner:	AJJAVT LLC
Basis for Complaint:	Recent Sale of Property
Parcel Number:	215-26-005
Property Address:	25211 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145
Tax Year:	2022

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the required written notice was sent by certified mail to the record owner of the aforementioned real property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including R.C. 121.22.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

8. Board Comments

9. Board Items

10. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE
Dr. Stoll	AYE

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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