WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, November 25, 2024 – 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. Leszynski	Present
Mrs. Pirnat	Present
Mr. Finucane	Present
Mr. Kraft	Present
Mr. Lamb	Present

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Westlake City School District Mission Statement

We Educate for Excellence...

Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives, and to contribute to society.

E. Westlake City School District Vision Statement

The Westlake City School District will provide a dynamic, student-centered, 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.

F. Acknowledgement of Visitors

G. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

2. Informative Reports & Recognitions

A. WES Presentation – WES Connect & WES Green Initiatives

B. Superintendent's Report

C. Treasurer's Report

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

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4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Following Minutes:

Special Meeting of October 15, 2024
Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024

Voice Vote: 5 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 24- 295

A. Resolution to Approve Five-Year Forecast

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the five-year forecast.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 296

B. Resolution to Approve the FY25 Permanent Appropriations

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the FY25 permanent appropriations.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 297

C. 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
2371	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services; Hearing and Vision Teachers for 2024-25	$26,640.00
2372	EST of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services; Orientation & Mobility for 2024-2025	$3,940.00
2374	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services Audiologist for 2024-2025	$4,329.00
2413	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Behavior Consulting Services	$4,860.00

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 298

D. Resolution to Approve Student Activity Purpose Statements

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Student Activity Purpose Statements and Budgets:

2024-25 Purpose Statements and Budgets*

Fund	Object	SCC	Description	Estimated Revenue	Estimated Expenses
200	800	9173	Environmental Club - DIS	$500.00	$500.00
200	800	9188	Arabic Culture Club - WHS	$1,050.00	$550.00
200	800	9570	Dance Team - WHS	$4,450.00	$2,980.00
			Total 200 Fund	$1,550.00	$1,050.00

*Original copies of Purpose Statements and Budgets are on file in the CFO/Treasurer's Office.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 299

E. Resolution to Authorize CFO/Treasurer to Secure Advances from Auditor for Funds Lawfully Due the School District

WITNESS, our hands this 25th day of November, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Westlake City School District Board of Education, Cuyahoga County finds it necessary to make use of the funds now in the County Treasury to the accounts of said school district and lawfully applicable to the purpose of the current fiscal year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Westlake City Schools Board of Education requests the auditor of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, to issue an order to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer to pay to the CFO/Treasurer of this Board of Education such funds of the current collection of taxes assessed and collected for and in behalf of said school district, which shall be held and treated as an advance payment on the current collection of taxes due said school district at the ensuing settlement date as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer of the Westlake City Schools Board of Education be hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Cuyahoga County Auditor and make such other certifications and reports to the Cuyahoga County Auditor as may be necessary to make this resolution effective.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 24- 300

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:

Kevin & Beverly Acker 30868 Schwartz Road Westlake, OH 44145	Donated $100.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 301

B. 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
Shernise Barkley	Floating Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	8	7	5	9	11/11/2024
Nicholas Gazy	Cleaner	Westlake High School	0	8	5	12	11/12/2024
Amanda Thornton	Head Cook	Dover Intermediate School	8	8	5	9	10/31/2024
Ralph Troha	Copy Machine Operator / Pony Driver	District Office	5	8	5	10	11/14/2024
Jason Woods	Supervision Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	0	2.5	5	9	11/18/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 302

C. Resolution to Approve a Change in Employment of Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves a decrease in contractual hours for the following classified staff members:

Name	Position	Building	Step	Hours	Days	Months	Effective Date
Loretta Diederich	Cashier	Westlake Elementary	9	from 3 hours to 2.75 hours per day	5	9	10/21/2024
Holly Schaab	Dishwasher	Dover Intermediate	7	from 3.5 hours to 3.25 hours per day	5	9	10/28/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 303

D. Resolution to Approve Employment of Home Instructor

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Licensed Staff Member for home instruction:

Name	Position	Not to Exceed	Hourly Rate	Effective Date
Alexandra Walsh	Home Instructor	300 hours	$28.68	11/25/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 304

E. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplemental Contracts

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Max Lackner	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Boys Coach	0	Y
Joshua Lane	WHS Basketball Assistant (JV) Boys Coach	1	N
Miranda Montoye	WHS Cross Country Assistant Boys Coach	0	N
Julia Rieser	LBMS 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Cheer Coach	2	N
M Ade Gbaeh Stovall	LBMS Basketball 8th Grade Boys Coach	2	N
M Ade Gbaeh Stovall	LBMS Basketball 8th Grade Girls Coach	2	N
Christopher VanDine	WHS Wrestling Assistant Coach	8	N
Zoe Zeid	WHS Gymnastics Assistant Coach	1	N
Mike Antonyzyn	WHS Volunteer Wrestling Coach	n/a	N
Richard Karban	WHS Volunteer Diving Coach	n/a	N
Shane Skelly	WHS Volunteer Basketball Boys Coach	n/a	N

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 305

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

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment for the following classified staff member for a coaching contract as hourly employees, based upon the coaching stipend listed in the WTA Negotiated Agreement, for the 2024-2025 school year only:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Laurie Bowles	LBMS Builder's Club Advisor (50% contract)	$11.95	36 hours	08/22/2024
William Bowles	WHS Wrestling Assistant Coach	$16.13	305.5 hours	11/15/2024
Gretchen Harris	WHS Assistant Basketball Cheer Coach	$44.00	50 hours	11/01/2024
Richard Lyle	WHS Bowling Assistant Boys Coach	$18.14	73 hours	11/01/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 306

G. Resolution to Approve Activity/Club Supplemental Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following activity/club supplemental contract for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Jason Aring	Math Competition Advisor	3	N

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 307

H. Resolution to Approve Employment of Student Worker

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following Westlake Performing Arts Center student worker:

Name	Effective Date
Colin Gamire	11/15/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 308

I. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Substitutes

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Names
Meghan Hotz
Yvette Thompson

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 309

J. Resolution to Approve Contracts and Purchased Services

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

Applewood Centers, Inc.
Bellefaire JCB -Monarch School

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Resolution 24- 310

K. Resolution to Amend Resolution 24-267

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends resolution 24-267 changing WHS Assistant Football Cheer Coach, Gretchen Harris', hourly rate to $29.90 from $32.65.

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Gretchen Harris	WHS Assistant Cheer Coach	$32.65	64.5 Coaching Hours	08/01/2024

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

7. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

A. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

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8. Board Comments

9. Executive Session

A. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of an Employee or Official AND to Discuss Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal Law or Rules or State Statues.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Enter Executive Session at 7:35 P.M.

B. Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 8:33 P.M.

12. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Pirnat

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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