WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, December 9, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
Hilliard Administrative Building, 24365 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145

1. Opening

A. Call to Order: 6:01 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. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. Westlake Educational Foundation Fall 2024 Grant Awardees

B. DIS-Outdoor Learning Spaces Update

C. Superintendent's Report

D. Treasurer's Report

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

A. The public may address the Board during the periods of the meeting designated for public participation. Each person addressing the Board shall give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time allotted is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board present and voting.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Following Minutes:

Regular Meeting of November 25, 2024

Voice Vote: 5 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 24- 311

A. 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 Mrs. Pirnat

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

Resolution 24- 312

B. Resolution Authorizing the Administration to Enter into a Contract with the Brewer-Garrett Company for the Rooftop Unit Replacement at the Performing Arts Building Under the State Contract in an Amount not to Exceed $53,025.00

WHEREAS, the rooftop unit #5 at The Performing Arts Building needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04 allows a School District to participate in Ohio Department of Administration Services contracts (DAS); and

WHEREAS, The Brewer-Garrett Company participates in a DAS Contract; and

WHEREAS, The Brewer-Garrett Company has submitted a proposal on file in the Treasurer's Office for the replacement of RTU #5 in an amount not to exceed $53,025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes the Administration to contract with The Brewer-Garrett Company for the rooftop unit replacement at the Performing Arts Building under the state contract in an amount not to exceed $53,025.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Pirnat

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

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 24- 313

A. Resolution to Approve Course Catalogs for Westlake High School

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Course Catalog for WHAT for the 2026-26 school year.

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- 314

B. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Camp Link Parent/Student Handbook

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the 2025 Camp Link Parent/Student Handbook.

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- 315

C. Resolution to Approve Salary Increases for Licensed Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following salary increases for licensed staff members:

Name	From Education Level	To Education Level	Step	Effective Date
Kathryn Beachler	MA+20	MA+30	16	09/01/2024
Veronica Bozich	MA+20	MA+30	17	09/01/2024
Chelsea Burkle-Litten	MA	MA+10	10	09/01/2024
Jennifer Butler	MA+10	MA+20	17	09/01/2024
Jennifer Campbell	MA+20	MA+30	11	09/01/2024
Kathy D'Ettorre	MA+10	MA+20	19	09/01/2024
Kathryn Esarove	MA+10	MA+20	8	09/01/2024
Rachael Kane	MA+20	MA+30	19	09/01/2024
Lindsay Kiktavy	MA+20	MA+30	17	09/01/2024
Matthew Krupa	BA	BA+10	9	09/01/2024
Katie Manilla	MA+20	MA+30	7	09/01/2024
Matthew Mayforth	BA+10	BA+20	10	09/01/2024
Emma McHugh	MA	MA+10	10	09/01/2024
Kristen Pado	MA	MA+10	19	09/01/2024
Alyssa Schwedt	MA	MA+10	9	09/01/2024
Tom Shiban	MA+10	MA+20	19	09/01/2024
Tracie Sidloski	MA+20	MA+30	19	09/01/2024
Amanda Kelber	MA+10	MA+20	7	10/01/2024
Sarah Philpot	MA+20	MA+30	8	10/01/2024
Joanna Harmon	MA+10	MA+20	18	11/01/2024
Alyssa Schwedt	MA+10	MA+20	9	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- 316

D. 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
Angela Gerhan	DIS Academic Contest Advisor (50% contract)	0	Y

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- 317

E. Resolution to Approve Chairperson Supplemental Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following licensed staff member for a chairperson supplemental contract for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position
Elizabeth Zingales	WHS World Language Department Chairperson (50% contract)

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- 318

F. 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
William Bongers	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Girls Coach	20	Y
Chelsea Cahill	WHS Gymnastics Head Coach	14	N
Catherine Eason	LBMS Track Assistant Girls Coach	1	Y
Traci Edmunds	WHS Softball Head Coach	2	N
Ibrahim "Abe" Khalil El-Madhoun	LBMS Basketball 8th Grade Coach	1	N
Bryan Moore	LBMS Wrestling Assistant Coach	0	N
William Ready	WHS Lacrosse Head Girls Coach	9	N
Steven Stahl	WHS Track Assistant Girls Coach	20	N
Carson "CJ" Tinline	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Boys Coach	2	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- 319

G. Resolution to Approve Athletic Event Worker

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following athletic event game workers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name
Matthew Planisek

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- 320

H. Resolution to Approve Stipend for Website Management

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Administrator to manage and oversee the operation and content of the Westlake City Schools website:

Name	Effective Date	Stipend
Robert Woods	08/01/2024 - 07/31/2025	$5,000.00

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- 321

I. Resolution to Approve Volunteers

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following background checked volunteers:

Science Olympiad

Name
Bryan Baesel
Victoria Burgess
Jen-Yi Chen
James Garcia
Tiffany Garcia
Thomas Gilbert
Catherine Grimes
Jennifer Grimes
Dvora Nelson Jeter
Laura Lathem
Jennifer Molenda
Paula Rangoon
Charles Suffredini
Leslie Suffredini
Lola Wenham
Erin Westley
Dean Willmer

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- 322

J. Resolution to Amend Resolution 24-282

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends Resolution 24-282 changing the hourly rate for Jennifer Ellingsworth from $13.90 to $14.97 for the following coaching contract for a classified hourly staff member, based upon the coaching stipend listed in the WTA Negotiated Agreement, for the 2024-2025 school year only. Stipend not to exceed the WTA supplemental contract of $1,942.63 at step 0:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Jennifer Ellingsworth	WHS Bowling Head Girls Coach	$13.90	110 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

7. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

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8. Board Comments

9. Board Items

Resolution 24- 323

A. Nomination and Election of Officer – President Pro Tem (ORC 3313.14)

I, Todd L. Hopkins, Treasurer called for nominations for President Pro Tem for the 2025 Organization Meeting.

1st Nominee: Mrs. Barbara Leszynski

WHEREAS the board voted on the first nominee for the position of President Pro Tem of the Board of Education with the results as follows:

John Finucane	**AYE**
Joseph Kraft	**AYE**
Brad Lamb	**AYE**
Barbara Leszynski	**AYE**
Liz Pirnat	**AYE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.14, the board member herein named received the majority of AYE votes cast by the board and is hereby declared President Pro Tem of the Board of Education.

President Pro Tem: _Mrs. Barbara Leszynski

B. Announcement of Date and Time for the 2025 Organizational Meeting

The 2025 Organizational Meeting will be held on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Kraft

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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