WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2025 – 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

Mr. Kraft	Present
Mrs. Pirnat	Present
Mr. Finucane	Present
Mr. Lamb	Present
Mrs. Leszynski	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 Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

2. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

B. 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:

Organizational Meeting of January 13, 2025
Special Meeting of January 13, 2025
Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

Voice Vote: 5 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 25- 49

A. Resolution to Approve the FY25 Permanent Appropriations

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

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 25- 50

A. 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
Ryan Cress	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary	6	7	5	9	02/05/2025
John Hostetler	Bus Driver	Transportation	0	4	5	9	01/31/2025

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 51

B. 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
Meeka DeBevoise	WHS Track Assistant Girls Coach	1	N
Nicholas Barone	LBMS Softball Head Coach	1	N
Leia Crew	WHS Track Head Girls Coach	2	Y
Paul Hammond	WHS Track Assistant Girls Coach	20	Y
Daniel Hawk	WHS Track Assistant Boys Coach	1	N
Thomas Jenkins	LBMS Track Assistant Boys Coach	20	N
Adam Sandor	WHS Lacrosse Head Boys Coach	1	N
Zoltan Tamasy	WHS Tennis Assistant (JV) Boys Coach	6	N
Ryan Vargo	WHS Baseball Assistant Coach	3	N
Scott Wargo	WHS Track Head Boys Coach	0	N
Michael Ellis	WHS Volunteer Baseball Assistant JV Coach	n/a	N

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 52

C. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplemental Contracts for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment for the following classified staff members for coaching contracts 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
William Bowles	WHS Track Assistant Coach	$31.95	165 hours	02/24/2025
Richard Lyle	WHS Softball Assistant (JV) Coach	$34.78	109.5 hours	02/24/2025

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 53

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	Effective Date
Jaclyn Nara	WES Yearbook Advisor	0	Y	01/27/2025

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 54

E. Resolution to Approve Stipend for Curriculum Development

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following staff members for AP class curriculum development to be paid at the curriculum rate:

Name	**New Course**	**Not to Exceed**	**Paid From**
Lisa Patton	AP Psychology	35 Hours for Coursework and 25 hours for Course Development -Summer 2025 (June 13,2025-August 19, 2025)	Title IIA

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 55

F. Resolution to Approve Payment for hours worked beyond contract for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves payment for hours worked beyond contracted for classified staff:

Name	Dates	Purpose	Not to Exceed	Rate
Bernadette Sovacool	January 10 - February 7, 2025	1-1 special education aide services to support DIS student's participation in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (ski club).	31.25 hours	Hourly Rate
Jen Romoga	March 7, 2025	Special education aide services for WHS students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (Shamrock Dance).	3 hours	Hourly Rate
Shannon Satink	March 7, 2025	Special education aide services for WHS students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (Shamrock Dance).	3 hours	Hourly Rate
Angela Siciliano	March 7, 2025	Special education aide services for WHS students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (Shamrock Dance).	3 hours	Hourly Rate
Patty McHugh	March 7, 2025	Special education aide services for WHS students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (Shamrock Dance).	3 hours	Hourly Rate
Karen Jones	March 8, 2025	Special education aide services for WHS students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activity (Winter Formal Dance).	3 hours	Hourly Rate

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 56

G. Resolution to Approve Employment of Project Link Personnel

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the employment of the following Project Link personnel:

Name	Position	Step/Wage	Effective Date
Lauren Hotchkiss	Project Link Instructor	0	01/06/2025
Sherri Perez	Project Link Instructor	0	01/06/2025

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 57

H. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Substitute

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

Name
Heather McCoy

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 58

I. Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Understanding for CCP Partnerships CCC

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga Community College for the 2025-26 academic year.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 59

J. Resolution to Approve for Community Vocational Site

RESOLVED that the Westlake City School District Board of Education approves the agreement with Meijer to serve as a community vocational site for students in the WCSD Young Adult Transition program.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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. Board Items

A. Second Reading of Policies

1. Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
2. Bylaw 0142.1 - Oath (Revised)
3. Bylaw 0151 - Organizational Meeting (Revised)
4. Bylaw 0152 - Officers (Revised)
5. Bylaw 0155 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
6. Bylaw 0163 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
7. Bylaw 0164 - Notice of Meetings (Revised)
8. Bylaw 0165 - Board Meetings (New)
9. Bylaw 0165.1 - Regular Meetings (Rescind)
10. Bylaw 0165.2 - Special Meetings (Rescind)
11. Bylaw 0166 - Agendas (New)
12. Bylaw 0167.2 - Executive Session (Renumbered)
13. Bylaw 0167.7 - Use of Personal Communication Devices (Renumbered/Revised)
14. Bylaw 0173 - Board Officers (Rescind)
15. Policy 4120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)
16. Policy 4121 - Criminal History Record Check (Revised)
17. Policy 5131 - Student Transfers (Revised)
18. Policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices (Revised)
19. Policy 5136.01 - Electronic Equipment (Revised)
20. Policy 5200 - Attendance (Revised)
21. Policy 5500 - Student Conduct (Revised)
22. Policy 5780 - Student/Parent Rights (Revised)
23. Policy 7530.01 V1 - Cellular Telephone Allowance (Revised)
24. Policy 7530.02 - Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices (Revised)
25. Policy 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
26. Policy 7540.04 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
27. Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence ("AI") (New)
28. Policy 8310 - Public Records (Revised)
29. Policy 9160 - Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)

Resolution 25- 60

B. Resolution to Approve Board Policies

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following policies:

1. Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
2. Bylaw 0142.1 - Oath (Revised)
3. Bylaw 0151 - Organizational Meeting (Revised)
4. Bylaw 0152 - Officers (Revised)
5. Bylaw 0155 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
6. Bylaw 0163 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
7. Bylaw 0164 - Notice of Meetings (Revised)
8. Bylaw 0165 - Board Meetings (New)
9. Bylaw 0165.1 - Regular Meetings (Rescind)
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Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

10. Executive Session

A. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of an Employee or Official.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Enter Executive Session at 6:31 P.M.

B. Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 7:36 P.M.

11. 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 7:36 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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