

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2025 – 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

Mr. Kraft Present
Mrs. Pirnat Absent
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 Absent

2. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. Retiree Commendations

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO WESTLAKE SCHOOLS

WHS

Carol Karohl Hilary Patriok Tracie Sidloski David Titterington

LBMS

Daniel Berkheimer Denis Mone Kristen Regas

DIS

Cathy Pietroski Sandy Sopko

WES

Tracey Cox Sandy See

Transportation

Paul Brusk Kathleen Kelly Sandee Kodysh

BOE

Dave Kocevar Nancy Kendall

B. Excellence Awards

The Spring 2025 Excellence Award Recipients

Excellence in Teaching: Susan Peplin (WES)

Excellence in Classified Service: Zita Goldberg (LBMS)

- C. Superintendent's Report
- D. Treasurer's Report

4. School District Library Tax Budget

A. Porter Public Library Tax Budget Hearing

Resolution 25-110

B. Resolution to Approve Westlake Porter Public Library 2026 Tax Budget

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Westlake Porter Public Library 2026 Tax Budget.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

4. 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.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Following Minutes:

Work Session of April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025

Voice Vote: 4 - 0

6. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 25-111

A. Resolution to Approve Five-Year Forecast

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

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25-112

B. Resolution to Approve the FY25 Permanent Appropriations

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

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

C. Resolution to Issue Then and Now Certificates

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

PO No.	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	Amount
60883	Great Lakes Theater	Shakespeare Residency Program	\$4,170.00
121039	Professional Van Service	Contracted Transportation for Students	\$3,463.57

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

D. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Dredging Services at the Dover Campus with Gradeworks Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$85,000

WHEREAS, the District's determined that dredging is needed at the Dover campus pond; and

WHEREAS, the District has solicited quotes for the dredging; and

WHEREAS, the District has received Gradeworks Inc.'s response to the District's request; and

WHEREAS, Gradeworks Inc., has submitted a quote, on file with the Treasurer's office, not to exceed \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District for its administrative team to execute an agreement with Gradeworks Inc.

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

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to execute, on the District's behalf, an Agreement for dredging at the Dover Campus in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 with Groundworks Inc.

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.

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

E. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Centegix to Install, Program, Configure, and Commission the Centegix Safety Platform within District Buildings for Five Years in an Amount Not to Exceed \$244,500.

WHEREAS, the District's determined that it would be beneficial to enhance the district's safety systems; and

WHEREAS, Centegix has a safety platform that meets the District's needs; and

WHEREAS, the District has received Centegix's proposal for installation, programming, configuration, and commission; and

WHEREAS, Centegix's quote is on file with the Treasurer's office and requires prepayment for services; and

WHEREAS, the District does not normally prepay for services; and

WHEREAS, Centegix will not waive its prepayment requirements; and

WHEREAS, Centegix's quote is for five years of installation and service in an amount not to exceed \$244,500.00.

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

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes the Board President and Treasurer to execute, on the District's behalf, an Agreement for Centegix Safety Platform for district wide safety and security in an amount not to exceed \$244,500 with Centegix and to prepay for those services as described in the proposal and agreement.

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.

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

F. Resolution to Approve Contract(s) and/or Purchased Service(s)

Resolved that the Westlake City School District Board of Education approves the following contract(s) and/or purchased service(s):

Connect (Service Agreement for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028)

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

7. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 25-117

A. Resolution 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:

Bruce Sposet 2981 Southwood Dr. Westlake, OH 44145	Donated \$750.00 to the Megan Sposet Memorial Scholarship fund at Westlake High School.
Kim Tucker Westlake Elementary School 27555 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake, OH 44145	Donated 72 hand crafted-homemade cookies, valued at \$75.00, to the Senior Citizen Appreciation event at Westlake High School.
The W Shop Attn: Patti Barnes 27830 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake, OH 44145	Donated raffle basket items, valued at \$60.00, to the Senior Citizen Appreciation event at Westlake High School.
Westlake Education Foundation 24365 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake, OH 44145	Donated \$5,000.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.

Moved by Mr. Finucane	Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski
Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	Absent

B. Resolution to Accept and Approve the Westlake High School Graduating Class of 2025

WHEREAS, the High School Principal has certified that the members of the 2025 graduating class (see attached) have or will have completed all requirements set forth by the State of Ohio including passing all State proficiency examinations on or before the date set for graduation; and

WHEREAS, the High School Principal has certified that the members of the graduating class have or will have completed all requirements set forth for high school graduation by the Board of Education on or before the date set for graduation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the students who continue to meet all requirements for graduation as set forth by the state of Ohio and Board of Education shall be so graduated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the provision of ORC 3313.61, the Board President, Treasurer, Superintendent and High School Principal shall sign the diplomas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to pay for the diplomas out of the General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Kraft

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

Resolution 25-119

C. Resolution to Approve MOU with WTA

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Westlake Teachers Association related to the retirement notification date extension due to the changes made by STRS for retirement eligibility.

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

D. Resolution to Approve with WTA

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Westlake Teachers Association related to the change in the negotiated number of teacher planning minutes at Westlake High School.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski	Seconded by Mr. Finucane
Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	Absent

E. Resolution to Approve First Year continuing and Limited Contracts

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Limited Contracts and First Year Continuing Contracts commencing with the 2024-2025 school year:

First Year Continuing Contracts

Shanti' Coaston	Joseph Fudale	Katherine Gallo
Michaella Keglovic	Amanda Kelber	Matthew Krupa
Lynnette Kuschel	Shaley Lintner	Matthew Mayforth
Ryan Morgan	Kristen Novak	Adam Purdy
Alyssa Schwedt	Alicia Shepard	Kaitlin Soltis
Logan Yantek		

Limited Contracts

Mark Bender	Claudia Blaha	Katelyn Chajon
Catherine Cirincione	Barbara Detwiler	Julia Doubrava
Mikala Eckert	Jaime Fischer	Kristi Fortuna
Jillian Fotoples	Jacob Fowler	Tess Gallagher
Sarah Gency	Nicole Giangrasso	Katelyn Gill
Brittney Hageman	Luke Harris	Meredith Heldt
Meghan Hogan	Meghan Jeffers	Elisabeth Kaiser
Brooke Kindell		Max Lackner
Samantha Lahoud	Mackenzie Leggett	Marybeth Leitch
Katie Manilla	James McDermott	Meghan McNamara
Madison Nenadal	Abigail Nixon (50% contract)	Alayna Nowoslawski
Deidre Oliver	Alexa Passafiume	Brittany Pratt
Margarita Quispe	Anna Schatschneider	Jamie Schober
Gabriella Shepard	Jeff Short (80% contract)	Rachel Stenger
Erika Sutton	Michael Thoms	Evie Tsigas
Katherine Vecchio		Ana Wichmann

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

F. 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:

<u>Name</u>	From Education Level	To Education Level	Step	Effective Date
Abby Heller	BA+30	MA	10	01/01/2025
Matthew Krupa	BA+10	BA+20	9	01/01/2025
Matthew Mayforth	BA+20	BA+30	10	01/01/2025
Jessica Ranallo	MA+10	MA+30	17	01/01/2025
Evie Tsigas	BA+10	MA	0	01/01/2025
Katherine Gallo	BA+10	BA+30	11	02/01/2025
Adam Purdy	BA+20	MA	15	04/01/2025

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

G. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following classified staff members:

<u>Name</u>	Position	Building	<u>Step</u>	Hours	Days	Months	Effective Date
Heather McCoy	Bus Driver	Transportation	0	4	5	9	05/07/2025
Molly Lienerth	Assistant Cook	Westlake High School	5	7	5	9	05/27/2025

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 25-124

H. Resolution to Approve Licensed Substitute

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Building	Education Level	<u>Step</u>	Effective
Erin Will	Long-Term Substitute Teacher (Third Grade)	Westlake Elementary School	BA	0	05/06/2025

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

I. Resolution to Approve Summer Employment for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves summer employment for the following classified staff members:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Effective
Nebal Azar	16 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Ava Balch	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Vanis Buckholz	40 hours per week for 11 weeks	\$19.53	06/02/2025
Joseph Ciaccia	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$19.53	06/16/2025
Jackeline Colan	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$21.61	06/16/2025
Nathan Fiala	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Amanda Franc	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Owen Jones	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Paula Kneisly	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
John Marks	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Daniel Mather	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025
Dave Naymik	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$21.61	06/16/2025
Cynthia Sims	40 hours per week for 9 weeks	\$18.26	06/16/2025

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

J. 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 2024-2025 school year. Contracts are to be paid out of Fund 019, Special Cost 9929:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Months	Hours Per Day	<u>Days per</u> <u>Week</u>	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

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

K. Resolution to Approve Employment of Project/Camp Link Personnel

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

<u>Name</u>	Position Step/Wag		Effective Date
Ella Koi	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	05/19/2025
Grace Frye	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	05/19/2025
Madeline Andrick	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	05/19/2025
Ali Meslat	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	05/19/2025
Evan Kaiser	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	05/19/2025
Evan Hargett	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	06/01/2025

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

L. Resolution to Approve Salary Increase for Classified Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves a salary increase for the following classified staff member, according to the OAPSE collective bargaining agreement, Article 39 – Professional Growth:

<u>Name</u>	Position	Building	<u>Step</u>	Hours	<u>Days</u>	Months	Effective Date
Allison Simons	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	from step 8 to step 9	7	5	9	06/01/20

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

M. Resolution to Approve Employment of Licensed Staff Members for ESY

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following licensed staff members for the summer 2025 for (ESY) extended school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Tracy Biller	ESY Speech-Language Pathologist	\$28.68	104 hours	06/01/2025
Samantha Glass	ESY Tutor	\$28.68	150 hours	06/01/2025
Meghan Jancsura	ESY Preschool Intervention Specialist	\$28.68	104 hours	06/01/2025
Marissa Meyers	ESY Preschool Intervention Specialist	\$28.68	104 hours	06/01/2025
Audrianna Nguyen	ESY Speech-Language Pathologist	\$28.68	104 hours	06/01/2025
Alexandra Walsh	ESY Tutor	\$28.68	150 hours	06/01/2025

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

N. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Staff Members for Summer Transportation

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following classified staff members for the Transportation Department for summer 2025: all paid at their hourly rates:

Bus Drivers

James Attinoto	Keegan Cottom	Laurie Diederich
Mona Endrawis	Kelly Harrish	Diane Hill
John Hostetler	Tami James	Janelle Johnson
Meredith Jones	Adria Joseph	Kym Kranes
Laura Kuhn	Steven Morchak	Robyn Nock
Angela Robinson	Juan Sanchez	Woody Simmons
Cheryl Stoll	Eileen Winter	Wendy Yako
Michele Yehlik	Allen Zitney	Robert Zubek
	Johnathon Cooper (in training)	Andrea Haas (in training)

Special Education Bus Assistants

Shernise Barkley	Jasmyne Cosme	Lauren Davis
Kellie Sherwood	Allison Simons	Karen Ulrich
		Meridyth Warnke

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

O. Resolution to Approve Contracts and Purchased Services

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

Occupational Therapy Services	
Provider: Jessica Donnelly	
June 1, 2025- June 30, 2026, 40 hrs. per wk.	

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski	Seconded by Mr. Finucane
Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	Absent

P. Resolution to Approve Overnight Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following overnight field trips:

Westlake High School

Erie Premier Sports Pre-Season Boys Soccer Team Camp (Voluntary) Mercyhurst University, Erie, Pennsylvania

> Depart: Sunday, July 20th, 2025 Return: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025

Transportation: Student Athletes must provide their own transportation both to and from Mercyhurst University. Transportation will not be provided by WCSD.

Westlake team coaches, Doug Kuns and Mike Brediger, will be present for the duration of the camp.

Approximate Cost Per Student: \$475.00

Each student athlete is required to register and make payment directly to Erie Premier Sport. WCSD is not responsible for payment for student athlete to attend.

Girls Soccer Team Pre-Season Camp (Voluntary) Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio

> Depart: Friday, June 27th, 2025 Return: Sunday, June 29th, 2025

Transportation: Student Athletes must provide their own transportation both to and from Tiffin University. Transportation will not be provided by WCSD.

Approximate Cost Per Student: \$260

Westlake Coach Casey Rogozinski will be present for the duration of the camp. Students are responsible for paying \$50 each and the WDAB Girls Soccer Fundraising will pay the remaining \$210.

WCSD is not responsible for payment for the student athlete to attend.

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

Q. Resolution to Approve Stipends for Overnight Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following chaperone stipends:

For the Washington, DC trip at the negotiated rate of \$100 per night for June 4th-June 6th, 2025:

Name	Number of Nights
Lela Bakos	3
Michael Bee	3
Veronica Bozich	3
Tess Gallagher	3
Paul Hammond	3
Elisabeth Kaiser	3
Julie Milkie	3
Todd Milkie	3
Saskia Romeo	3
William "Kip" Primrose	3

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

8. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes)

A. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

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9. Board Comments 10. Board Items 11. Closing A. Adjournment Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Lamb Mr. Finucane AYE Mr. Kraft AYE Mr. Lamb **AYE** Mrs. Leszynski AYE Mrs. Pirnat Absent Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 P.M. President

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Treasurer