WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 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	Absent
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	Absent
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Leszynski	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

2. Informative Reports & Recognitions

A. WES Presentation- Boost Reading Program

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:

Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025

Voice Vote: 4 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 25- 283

A. Resolution to Approve Financial Forecast

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Financial Forecast.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 25- 284

B. 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
122120	City of Westlake	Sidewalk Repairs to WHS	$3,364.00
2646	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services- Hearing and Vision Teachers for 2025-26	$32,000.00
2647	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services- Orientation & Mobility for 2025-26	$4,000.00
2674	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services- Hearing and Vision Teachers for 2025-26	$2,770.00
2675	ESC of Cuyahoga County	IDEA Purchased Services- Orientation & Mobility for 2025-26	$600.00
17833	Summit County E.S.C.	SLP Services for the Non-Public School	$4,000.00
17831	WrapAround Experts, LLC	Intervention Specialist for Students in the Non-public School	$9,211.13

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 25- 285

C. Resolution to Authorize a Purchase of a Compact Wheel Loader

WHEREAS, the Westlake City School District is a member of Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing organization that solicits bids on behalf of its members to obtain competitive pricing for equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell contract #020223-CEC provides for the purchase of compact equipment through Clark Equipment Company (Bobcat); and

WHEREAS, the Westlake City Schools Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1) 2025 Bobcat L65 Compact Wheel Loader under Sourcewell contract #020223-CEC; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Westlake City Schools Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2025 Bobcat L65 Compact Wheel Loader under Sourcewell contract #020223-CEC, consistent with the pricing and terms established through Sourcewell.

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 25- 286

D. Resolution Declaring Transportation Impractical for Certain Identified Students Pursuant to the Requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3327 and the Procedures Set Forth by the Ohio Department of Education

WHEREAS, the student(s) identified, in the attachment, have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS, the following factors, as identified in Ohio Revised Code 3327.02, have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
2. The number of pupils to be transported;
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

WHEREAS, the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Westlake City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified here in and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment in lieu of transportation. (Attachment on file in the Treasurer's Office)

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 25- 287

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 Rd. Westlake, OH 44145	Donated $100.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.
Anonymous Donation	Donated $500.00 to Lee Burneson Middle School.
Anonymous Donation	Donated $1,344.00 to the Washington DC trip at Lee Burneson Middle School.
Nancy H. Laing Driver 28704 N. Lincoln Rd. Bay Village, OH 44140-2177	Donated $200.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.
HBA of Greater Cleveland 6140 West Creek Rd., Suite 100 Independence, OH 44131	Donated tools and power equipment to the Know Your Home Class at Westlake High School
Rocky River Animal Hospital 2573 Wooster Rd. Rocky River, OH 44116	Donated $1,500.00 to the Library at Dover Intermediate School.

Moved by Mrs. Leszynski Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 25- 288

B. Resolution to Approved Overnight Field Trip

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following overnight field trip(s): Lee Burneson Middle School, 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip:

Lee Burneson Middle School
8th Grade Washington, DC. Trip
Doubletree Hotel
620 Perry Parkway
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Depart: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30 am
Return: Friday, June 5, 2026 at 8:45 pm
Cost per student is $672.00 per student (for hotel, meals, transportation, and entry fees).
All costs paid by parents/guardians and two Stoller Fundraising opportunities.
Transportation provided by Nowak Tours

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 289

C. Resolution to Approve the Revised 2026-27 District Calendar

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the revised 2026-2027 school calendar.

The revised calendar moves the first day of school from August 19th to August 20th, no change in the last day of school.

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 290

D. Resolution to Approve the 2026 Camp Link Parent/Student Handbook

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

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 291

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:

Name	**Position**	**Step/Wage**	**Effective Date**
Jessica Bernath	Site Coordinator (as needed)	2	11/10/2025
Gabriella Kelly	Project/Camp Link Instructor	0	11/10/2025

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 292

F. 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
Amy Busic	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	0	7	5	9	11/03/2025
Kristen Dreger	Supervision Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	0	2.5	5	9	11/21/2025
Jehan Farwana	Supervision Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	7	3	5	9	12/01/2025
Trisha Reiter	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	9	7	5	9	11/21/2025
Jennifer Sanow	Cashier	Westlake Elementary School	5	3	5	9	12/01/2025

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 293

G. Resolution to Approved Activity/Club Supplemental Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following activity/club supplemental contract for the 2025-2026 school year:

Names	Position	Step	In District
Madyson Hetsler	WHS Ski Club Advisor	0	Y

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 294

H. Resolution to Approve Ski Club Chaperones

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following ski club chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year:

Names
Laura Bratina-England
Terry Janmey
Richard Lyle
Elaine Scott

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 295

I. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplemental Contracts

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Tess Gallagher	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Girls Coach	0	Y
Joshua Lane	WHS Basketball Assistant Boys Coach	2	N
Justin Little	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Girls Coach	0	N
Gregory Phillips	WHS Swimming Assistant Boys Coach	1	N
Mike Antonyzyn	WHS Volunteer Wrestling Coach	n/a	N
Alexander Rendziak	WHS Volunteer Hockey Coach	n/a	N
Jeff Whitesell	WHS Volunteer Hockey Coach	n/a	N

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 296

J. Resolution to Approve Activity/Club Supplemental Contracts for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment for the following classified staff members for supplemental contracts as hourly employees, based upon the advisor stipend listed in the WTA Negotiated Agreement, for the 2025-2026 school year only:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed	Effective Date
Kilee Falish	WHS Bowling Head Girls Coach	$25.86	75 hours	10/26/2025
Gretchen Harris	WHS Assistant Basketball Cheer Coach	$20.93	96 hours	10/26/2025
Anne Marie King	WHS Dance Team Advisor	$12.02	102 hours	09/19/2025
Richard Lyle	WHS Bowling Assistant Boys Coach	$22.59	64 hours	10/26/2025

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 297

K. Resolution to Approve Athletic Event Workers

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following athletic event game workers for the staff members the 2025-2026 school year:

Names
Laura Bratina-England
John Christensen
John Gast
Daniel Lammers, Sr.
Steven Ljubi
Donna Stephenson
Ron Stephenson

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 298

L. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Substitutes

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following classified substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Names
Rita Ferguson
Alexandra Pohata
JoAnn Rose
John Safos

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 299

M. Resolution to Approve Volunteers

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

Science Olympiad

Names
Jason Aring
Bryan Baesel
Victoria Burgess
Adrienne Cook
James Garcia
Tiffany Garcia
Thomas Gilbert
Catherine Grimes
Jennifer Grimes
Dvora Nelson Jeter
Laura Lathem
Brian Lomax
Leighann Lomax
Jennifer Molenda
Paula Rangoon
Rajesh Rangoon
Dennis Sasinka
Tomoko Sasinka
Charles Suffredini
Leslie Suffredini
Dean Willmer
Lola Wenham
Matthew Wenham
Erin Westley

Instrumental Specialists

Names
Sarah Bates Kennard
Rachel Boettler
Meghan Colbert
Tenney Deane

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 300

N. Resolution to Terminate Employment of Classified Employee of Probationary Status

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the termination of a classified employee on probationary status, in accordance with Section J in Article 37 of the OAPSE Local #319 collective bargaining agreement:

Name	Effective Date
Kevin Hennis	11/20/2025

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Resolution 25- 301

O. Resolution to Amend Resolution 25- 277

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends the following athletic supplemental contracts for Isaiah Patton, Justin Little and Kurt Camden for the 2025-2026 school year. Changing Isaiah Patton to LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Boys Coach from 8th Grade, changing Justin Little to LBMS Basketball 8th Grade Boys Coach from 7th Grade, and updating the spelling of Kurt Camden's first name:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Curt Camden	WHS Basketball Assistant (JV) Boys Coach	4	N
Luke Harris	WHS Basketball Head Boys Coach	3	Y
Justin Little	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Boys Coach	0	N
Isaiah Patton	LBMS Basketball 8th Grade Boys Coach	0	Y
Adrian Perez	LBMS Basketball 7th Grade Boys Coach	0	Y
Lucas Price	WHS Basketball Freshman Boys Coach	0	N

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	Absent
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

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 Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mrs. Leszynski

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

Enter Executive Session at 7:11 P.M.

B. Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session

Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Regular Session at 7:53 P.M.

11. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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