

**WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Monday, January 26, 2026 – 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. Pirnat	Present
Mr. Lamb	Present
Mr. Brown	Present
Mr. Finucane	Absent
Mr. Kraft	Absent

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. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

2. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Treasurer's Report

3. Hearing of the Public

A. 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 December 8, 2025

Voice Vote: 3 – 0

5. Treasurer’s Recommendations

Resolution 26- 37

A. Resolution to Issue Then and Now Certificates

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

<u>PO No.</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
122419	Gene Ptacek & Sons Fire	District's Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections	\$7,910.10

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

6. Superintendent’s Recommendations

Resolution 26- 38

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:

Antionietta Boccardi 4791 Prestwick Crossing Westlake, OH 44145	Donated \$250.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.
Stanley & Marcia Bullard 1864 Halls Carriage Path Westlake, OH 44145	Donated \$300.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.
Tim & Lisa O'Connor 8356 Falls Glen Lane Olmsted Falls, OH 44138	Donated \$100.00 to Westside Connections at Westlake High School.
The Richards Family 2029 Sperry Forge Court Westlake, OH 44145	Donated a Convaid EZ Rider adapted stroller to the Pupil Services Department at Westlake City School District.

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 39

B. Resolution to Approved 2025-2026 Interagency Agreement

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the 2025-26 Interagency Agreement for the purpose of ensuring interagency collaboration within Cuyahoga County in the continuation of a comprehensive service delivery system and coordinated transition process.

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 40

C. Resolution to Approve Overnight Field Trip

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

Westlake High School

Varsity Boys Baseball

Tournament: South Atlantic Bank Invitational
20 program players will be selected to attend the trip.

Depart: Monday, April 6, 2026

Return: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Hotel: Bay Watch Resort, 2701 S. Ocean Blvd, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Transportation: Parent Transport

Estimated Cost per player: \$0

Trip will be funded through fundraisers and paid through team reserve account.

Westlake High School

POD High School Hockey Tournament

NTPRD Chiller Rink, Springfield, OH

Leaving: Friday, February 27, 2026

Returning: Sunday, March 1, 2026

Transportation provided by parents.

All costs (entry fee, food, accommodations - approximately \$550 each player) paid by team funds and parents.

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 41

D. 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>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jacob Barber	Assistant Head Custodian	Westlake Elementary School	5	8	5	12	12/22/2025
Rachel Barbour	Cleaner	Westlake Elementary School	0	8	5	12	12/22/2025
Ellen Dye	Preschool Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	6	3	4	9	12/19/2025
Erin Hay	Supervision Assistant	Lee Burneson Middle School	0	7	5	9	12/16/2025
Wytina Johnson	Bus Driver	Transportation	9	4.5	5	9	12/18/2025
Amanda Little	Health Clinic Aide	Westlake High School	2	7.5	5	9	12/17/2025
Judy Logsdon	Bus Driver	Transportation	9	2.75	5	9	01/08/2026
Janet Murphy	Special Education Bus Assistant	Transportation	1	4	5	9	01/12/2026
Ana Fernanda Martinez Ribich	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	1	7	5	9	01/05/2026

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 42

E. 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>In District</u>
Nicholas Barone	LBMS Softball Head Coach	2	N
James Bingham	WHS Faculty Manager - Spring (50% of 1/3 contract)	4	Y
Leia Crew	WHS Track Head Girls Coach	3	Y
Catherine Eason	LBMS Track Assistant Girls Coach	2	Y
Traci Edmunds	WHS Softball Head Coach	3	N
Paul Hammond	WHS Track Assistant Girls Coach	20	Y
Thomas Jenkins	LBMS Track Assistant Boys Coach	20	N
Daniel Kascak	WHS Track Assistant Boys Coach	0	N
Sabrina Kelly	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Girls Coach	4	N
Max Lackner	WHS Baseball Assistant Coach	5	Y
Ryan Morgan	WHS Baseball Head Coach	6	Y
Zachary Morris	WHS Baseball Assistant Coach	3	N
Adam Sandor	WHS Lacrosse Head Boys Coach	2	N
Bianca Beekman Smith	WHS Faculty Manager - Spring (50% of 1/3 contract)	4	N
Steven Stahl	WHS Track Assistant Girls Coach	20	N
Dennis Sullivan	LBMS Track Head Boys Coach	20	Y
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Carson Tinline	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Boys Coach	3	N
Scott Wargo	WHS Track Head Boys Coach	1	N

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 43

F. Resolution to Approve Team Leader Supplemental Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following licensed staff member for a team leader supplemental contract for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Hun Piazza	WES Fourth Grade Team Leader (50% contract)

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 44

G. 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:

<u>Names</u>
Nicole McFarland
Devin Stamper
Joseph Wray

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 45

H. Resolution to Approve Employment of Project Link Personnel

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step/Wage</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ashley Boyd	Project Link Instructor	0	01/26/2026

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 46

I. Resolution to Approve Moving Licensed Staff to Full-Time

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves moving the following licensed staff members from part-time (.5 FTE) to full-time (1 FTE) for the following time periods:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Education Level</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Shannon Basile	6th Grade Social Studies Teacher	Dover Intermediate School	MA+30	20	11/03/2025 - 11/21/2025
Karleigh House	1st Grade Teacher	Westlake Elementary School	MA	13	01/05/2026 - 04/22/2026

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 47

J. Amend Resolution 25- 194

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends the following resolution changing Kim Toncar to a 50% WES Fourth Grade Team Leader contract for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amanda Caunter	WES Third Grade Team Leader (50% contract)
Amy Helms	WES Second Grade Team Leader
Kristine Ingham	WES Preschool Team Leader
Brooke Kindell	WES First Grade Team Leader
Kayleigh O'Neill	WES Third Grade Team Leader (50% contract)
Elena Prohaska	WES Specials Team Leader
Kaitlin Soltis	WES Kindergarten Team Leader
Kim Toncar	WES Fourth Grade Team Leader

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 48

K. Amend Resolution 25- 218

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends Kaitlin Hammer from RE Year 2 Mentor to Year 1 Mentor for the 2025-2026 school year:

Mentors / Mentees

<u>Mentee</u>	<u>Mentors</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>RE Year</u>
Mark Bender	Amanda Caunter	Westlake Elementary School	2
Mikala Eckert	Jeff Short	Dover Intermediate School	2
Samantha Glass	Hannah Ahrens	Westlake Elementary School	2
Meredith Heldt	Lindsey Anderson	Westlake Elementary School	2
Madyson Hetsler	Matt Planisek	Westlake High School	1
Ashley Ingham	Kayleigh O'Neill	Westlake Elementary School	1
Madeleine Lucius	Brooke Kindell	Westlake Elementary School	2
Emily Matejcik	Kaitlin Hammer	Westlake Elementary School	2
Isaiah Patton	Trina Powers	Westlake High School	1
Adrian Perez	Katelyn Gill	Westlake Elementary School	2
Gia Salamalekis	Shaun Koski	Westlake High School	2

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 49

L. Amend Resolution 25- 309

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education amends Lisa Broschk’s additional hours end date to June 30, 2026.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Lisa Broschk	\$29.39	12/01/2025-06/30/2025	20 hours	PBA for Preschool

Moved by Mrs. Pirnat Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

7. Hearing of Public

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8. Board Comments

9. Board Items

10. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

President

Treasurer

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