WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, February 23, 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	Present
Mr. Kraft	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. Brown	AYE
Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
Mr. Lamb	AYE
Mrs. Pirnat	AYE

2. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. DIS Presentation – Demon Leaders

B. Superintendent's Report

C. 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:

Organizational Meeting of January 12, 2026
Special Meeting of January 12, 2026
Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026

Voice Vote: 5 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 26- 52

A. Resolution to Approve Financial Forecast

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

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 53

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
122656	CONNECT	Internet FY26, First Half of Year 7/1/2025-12/31/2025	$11,500.00
2682	ESC of Cuyahoga County	2025-2026 HI and VI Services	$6,180.00
2699	Lakewood City Schools	VOCED 2024-25 Tuition Final and 2025-26 Tuition	$1,056,855.78
17848	SchooLinks Inc.	College and Career Platform- 2/01/2026 - 6/30/2027	$14,654.90

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 54

C. Resolution to Approve the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Advertising and Bid Selection Process for School Bus Chassis and Bodies.

WHEREAS, the Westlake City District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of two 78 passenger school bus chassis and bodies and one 18 passenger school bus chassis and body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Westlake City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio School Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two 78 passenger school bus chassis and bodies and one 18 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.

Moved by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 26- 55

A. Resolution to Approved Contracts and Purchased Services

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

LEAF (Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation) College Advising Organization Annual Contact- 2026-2027 School Year
The Nuhop Center For Experiential Learning -Fall 2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 56

B. Resolution to Approved 2025-2026 Preschool Academic Calendar

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 Preschool Academic School Calendar.

First Day of Preschool is Wednesday, August 26th, last day of Preschool is Thursday, May 27th, 2027.

Changes for 2026-2027 School Year
Students will attend school Tuesday-Friday. There will be no preschool on Mondays.
This change was necessary due when holidays, professional days and non-school days fall for the 2026-2027 school year.

Session times (no change from 2025-2026)
AM Session 8:45am-11:25am
PM Session 12:50pm-3:30pm

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 57

C. Resolution to Approve West Shore Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the West Shore Career-Technical Education Agreement for a term beginning August 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2030.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 58

D. Resolution to Authorize Membership in OHSAA

Whereas, Westlake City School District, District IRN number 045062 of 24365 Hilliard Boulevard, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

Whereas, The Board of Education and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Board of Education that Westlake High School and Lee Burneson Middle School do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

Be It Further Resolved that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 59

E. Resolution to Approve Athletic 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**
Grace Evans	Site Coordinator (as needed)	2	2/17/2026
Isabella Sinagra	Project Link Instructor	0	3/02/2026
Emma Borman	Project Link Student Aide	$11.00/Hour	2/23/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 60

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
Ashley Carmichael	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	5	7	5	9	02/02/2026
Kimberly Cummings	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	6	7	5	9	02/17/2026
Lakeshia Francis	Bus Driver	Transportation	7	4	5	9	02/23/2026
Nicholas Hahn	Mechanic	Transportation	3	8	5	12	02/17/2026
Richard Jones	Bus Driver	Transportation	7	4	5	9	02/12/2026
Charity Rosenjack	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School	3	7	5	9	02/17/2026
Holly Schaab	Bus Driver	Transportation	13	4.75	5	9	01/29/2026
Dylan Szabo	Cleaner	Westlake Elementary School	0	8	5	9	02/10/2026
Joshua Willis	Head Custodian	Westlake Elementary School	9	8	5	12	01/05/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 61

G. Resolution to Approve a Change in Contract for Classified Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves a change in hours for the following classified staff member:

Name	Position	Building	Step	Hours	Days	Months	Effective Date
Martha Mays	Special Education Bus Assistant	Transportation	10	Change from 4 hours per day to 6 hours per day	5	9	01/12/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 62

H. Resolution to Approve Payment for Hours Worked Beyond Contract for Classified Staff Member

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

Employee	Rate	Dates	Not to Exceed	Rationale
Jan Kmitt	Hourly Rate	2/24/2026	2 hours	Special Ed Aide for support for 2 DIS students at 5th grade Band/Orchestra Concert

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 63

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**
William Bongers	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Girls Coach	20	Y
Curtis Catri	WHS Baseball Assistant (JV) Coach (50% contract)	0	N
Paul Columbro	WHS Lacrosse Assistant Boys Coach	2	N
Madyson Hetsler	WHS Softball Assistant (JV) Coach	0	Y
Kati Pederson	LBMS Track Assistant Girls Coach	0	N
William Ready	WHS Lacrosse Head Girls Coach	10	N
Kenneth Schuster	WHS Baseball Assistant (JV) Coach (50% contract)	17	N
Scott Williams	WHS Baseball Freshman Coach (50% contract)	2	N
Nick Miller	LBMS Volunteer Track Boys Assistant Coach	n/a	N

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 64

J. 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 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
William Bowles	WHS Track Assistant Boys Coach	$24.94	191 hours	02/23/2026
Richard Lyle	WHS Softball Assistant Coach	$32.87	118.25 hours	02/17/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 65

K. Resolution to Approve Coach for Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Indoor State Championship Meet

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following coach to represent the Indoor Track and Field Team:

Scott Wargo

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 66

L. Resolution to Approve Volunteers

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following background checked Chaperones / Parent Volunteers, for the WHS Instrumental Music overnight field trip to Orlando, Florida:

Names
Brian Burke
Jennifer Darling
Carol Gebhart
Eileen Herbert
Lisa Hunt
Kelly McCann
Steve McCann
Margaret Santos

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 67

M. Resolution to Approve Stipends for Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following positions and employment of the listed staff members for the 2025-2026 school year:

Names	Position	Amount
Alex Krystynak	DJ Services for the Special Education Shamrock Dance	$125.00
Bernadette Slattery	Choreography Services for the Dance Team	$300.00
Gia Salamalekis	Assistant Choreographer for WHS Musical	$500.00

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

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

Resolution 26- 68

N. Resolution to Approve Activity/Club Supplemental Contract

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following activity/club supplemental contract for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Position	Step	In District
Joseph Fudale	WHS Head Band Director	6	Y

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Mr. Brown	AYE
Mr. Finucane	AYE
Mr. Kraft	AYE
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. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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