

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Work Session and Executive Session (Thursday, April 30, 2026)**

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6:30 p.m. 3rd. Floor  
35353 Curtis Blvd.  
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

**1. Introduction**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Roll Call- 6:00 p.m.**

- Ms. Gabrielle Miller - Present
- Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese- Present
- Ms. Denise Verdi - Present
- Ms. Jaime Shatsman - Present
- Ms. Stacy Menser - Present

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve agenda.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie- Erese

Miller Aye      Osagie-Erese Aye      Verdi Aye      Shatsman Aye      Menser Aye      R-26-61  
Motion Approved      5-0

**3. Board Members' Business**

**A. Strategic Vision**

- Superintendent, Dr. Ward, highlighted the goals we have met over the last two years.
- The community survey was completed and the data will be compiled soon.
- Focus groups have been conducted over the last few weeks.
- Dr. Ward reviewed some recent data regarding the district, such as economic disadvantage percentage and student enrollment data.
- Discussions were had about recruiting families to the district and marketing our programming that we are offering.

**B. Strategic Planning Discussion**

- Dr. Ward reviewed the progress made for each of our four priorities.

**4. Other Business**

**A. Adjourn to Executive Session**

It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session.

Moved by Ms. Gabrielle Miller, seconded by Ms. Jaime Shatsman, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District adjourn into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss:

	Personnel Matters (Individuals need not be named)
	Appointment and/or employment of a public employee
	Appointment and/or employment of a public official
	Dismissal
	Discipline
	Promotion or demotion
	Compensation
	Investigation of charges and/or complaints
	Purchase or sale of property
	Conferences with legal counsel related to pending or imminent court action
<b>X</b>	Negotiations
	Security arrangements
	Economic Development

Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Action will not be taken.

Motion by Ms. Gabrielle Miller

Second by Ms. Jaime Shatsman

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-62

Motion Approved 5-0

Reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

**5. Board Members' Business**

**A. Financial Outlook Discussion**

- Treasurer, Mr. Ciarniello laid out the financial picture and the need to consider a new money initiative in November 2026.
- Discussions were had regarding what would happen if we did not go for new money, the result would be an aggressive consolidation and reconfiguration of the district without input from the community.
- The results from next week's election will tell us more about people's willingness to support an income tax or a property tax.
- Input from our community leaders will also be sought prior to making any decisions.
- The board will discuss and make a decision about how to proceed at a May board meeting.

**6. Closing**

**A. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Ms. Denise Verdi

Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese

Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi Aye Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-63

Motion Approved 5-0

Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

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Treasurer

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President