WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 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	Absent
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	Absent

2. Recognitions & Informative Reports

A. WHS Internship Program

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:

Work Session Meeting of March 9, 2026
Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026

Voice Vote: 4 – 0

5. Treasurer's Recommendations

Resolution 26- 90

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:

PO No.	Vendor	Description	Amount
122950	Applewood Centers, Inc	4th Quarter Tuition for Students Placed Out of District	$24,694.00
122953	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	1st Semester Tuition for Students Being Educated by CMSD while Hospitalized	$11,580.40
122954	Education Alternatives	April/May Tuition for Special Education Students Placed Out of District	$6,232.00
122768	ESC of Cuyahoga County	General Purchased Services, OT Services	$8,111,86
122951	KidsLink School, LLC	Tuition for Special Education Students Placed Out of District	$32,666.68
122949	Monarch School	Tuition for Special Education Student Placed Out of District	$24,507.00
122948	Phoenix Learning Center LLC	4th Quarter Tuition for Student Placed Out of District	$20,375.00

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 91

B. Authorization to Purchase from School Bus Bids Revied by Ohio Schools Council

WHEREAS, the Westlake City District is a member of the Ohio Schools Council. On November 3, 2025, the Ohio Schools Council received bids for school buses on behalf of its members. The Westlake City District Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1) - seventy-eight passenger conventional school bus chassis and body that was bid through the Ohio Schools Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Westlake City School District Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1) - seventy-eight passenger conventional school bus chassis and body from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on November 3, 2025.

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 26- 92

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:

Cleveland Foundation on behalf of: Mr. & Mrs. David Sidloski 15267 Old Oak Drive Strongsville, OH 44149	Donated $3,000.00 to the WePlayFor3 Ally Sidloski Memorial Scholarship Fund at Westlake High School.
SeiberKeck Insurance Partners Attn: Mark Grimm Executive Vice President 26865 Center Ridge Road Westlake, OH 44145	Donated 24 spring themed goodie bags to the Special Education Homerooms at Westlake Elementary School
Barbara Siwik 2195 Bassett Road Westlake, OH 44145	Donated $110.00 to the Leonard Siwik Memorial Scholarship Fund at Westlake High School.

Moved by Mr. Finucane Seconded by Mr. Brown

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

Resolution 26- 93

B. Resolution to Approved Employment of Licensed Staff Member

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves employment of the following licensed staff members, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Position	Building	Education Level	Step	Effective Date
Kendall Cook	Science Teacher	Westlake High School	MA	0	08/14/2026
Samantha Glass	Intervention Specialist	Westlake Elementary School	BA	3	08/14/2026
Victoria Lewis	Music Teacher (5-12)	Dover Intermediate, Lee Burneson Middle and Westlake High Schools	BA	2	08/14/2026
Jordyn Ruth	Intervention Specialist	Dover Intermediate School	BA+20	3	08/14/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 94

C. Resolution to Approve/Dissolve Job Sharing for Licensed Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves/dissolves job sharing for the following licensed staff members:

Names	Position	Buildings	Approve/Dissolve
Shannon Basile and Christine Latham	6th Grade Social Studies	Dover Intermediate School	Approve
Michael Berlekamp and Taylor Ward	Mathematics	Westlake High School	Approve
Katelyn Chajon and Nora Dick	3rd Grade	Westlake Elementary School	Approve
Karleigh House and Michaela Keglovic	1st Grade	Westlake Elementary School	Approve
Chelsea Diso and Megan Morris	Kindergarten	Westlake Elementary School	Dissolve

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 95

D. Resolution to Approve Licensed Summer School Staff

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the employment of the following licensed summer school staff:

Name	Position
Ryan Morgan	Financial Literacy
Isaiah Patton	Health

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 96

E. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Staff Members

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

Name	Position	Building	Step	Hours Per day	Effective Date
Gary Drobiezewski	Head Cook	Lee Burneson Middle School	12	8	04/13/2026
Andrea Haas	Cashier	Westlake High School	5	3	04/20/2026
Judith Logue	Cashier	Westlake High School	4	4.5	05/04/2026
Carri Mangan	Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School		7	04/13/2026
Vincent Russell	Preschool Special Education Assistant	Westlake Elementary School		3 hours / 4 days per week	04/13/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 97

F. Resolution to Approve Payment for Hours Worked Beyond Contract for Classified Staff Members

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves additional hours for the following classified staff members:

Name	Position	Hours	Purpose
Ana Ribich	Special Education Assistant	1.5 / Regular Hourly Rate	Support for participation at WES Choir Performance

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 98

G. Resolution to Approve Employment of Classified Substitutes

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

Name
Justin McFarland
Prachi Lokhande

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 99

H. Resolution to Approve the Project Link Parent Handbook

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the Project Link Handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year:

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 100

I. 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:

Name	Position	Step/Wage	Effective Date
Jessica Bernath	Site Coordinator (as needed)	3	06/01/2026
Grace Evans	Site Coordinator (as needed)	3	06/01/2026
Madisyn Alt	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Christina Anderson	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Nebal Azar	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Edward Barbour	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
April Bartosch	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Sophia Bell	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Isabelle Boker	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Allison Boker	Instructor	3	06/01/2026
Ashley Boyd	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Amanda Brand	Instructor	15	06/01/2026
Alysa Britton	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Jack Bryar	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Katherine Colan	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Noah Consolati	Instructor	1	06/01/2026

Stacie Connors	Instructor	4	06/01/2026
Julie Cook	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Kendall Cook	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Anna Curtis	Instructor	4	06/01/2026
Danielle Dietzel	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Jennifer Ellingsworth	Instructor	8	06/01/2026
James Foerster	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Melissa Geither	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Evan Hargett	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Jacob Hastings	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Emily Hogan	Instructor	8	06/01/2026
Lauren Hotchkiss	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Jenna Hyland	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Tessa Hyland	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Evan Kaiser	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Gabriella Kelly	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Madelyn Kieger	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Taylor Kress	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Katie Kretzinger	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Dillon Kruger	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Christine Matejcik	Instructor	15	06/01/2026
Emily Matejcik	Instructor	10	06/01/2026
Anna Rendziak	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Julia Rocco	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Lucy Rocco	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Lindsay Sabo	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Danielle Scaggs	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Sydney Scaggs	Instructor	3	06/01/2026
Khrysten Schlueter	Instructor	3	06/01/2026
Margaret Schuemann	Instructor	3	06/01/2026
Lauren Scully	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Isabela Sinagra	Instructor	0	06/01/2026
Bernadette Slattery	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Caleb Stives	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Anna Stevovich	Instructor	2	06/01/2026
Jordyn Trotter	Instructor	4	06/01/2026

Izabella Youshak	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Maya Zanotti	Instructor	1	06/01/2026
Emma Borman	Camp Link Student Aide	$11.00/hour	06/01/2026
Emily Hotchkiss	Camp Link Student Aide	$11.00/hour	06/01/2026
Mark Bender	Community Education Instructor	$29.39/hour	06/15/2026
Barbara Detwiler	Community Education Instructor	$29.39/hour	06/15/2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 101

J. Resolution to Approve Athletic Supplementals

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Athletic Supplementals for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Name	**Position**	**Step**
Abigail Marsh	WHS Tennis Boys Assistant Coach	0
Oscar Avelar	LBMS Softball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
Adam Tinline	Lacrosse Boys Assistant	Volunteer
Breanna Tischler	Lacrosse Girls Assistant	Volunteer
William Yuhas	Lacrosse Boys Assistant	Volunteer

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 102

K. Resolution to Approve Volunteer

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following Volunteer :

Name	Position
Katherine Sayon	**WHS Instrumental trip to Orlando**

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 103

L. Resolution to Approve Overnight Field Trip

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following overnight field trip(s):

WHS- Vocal/Choral Music Department
St. Paul the Apostle
405 West 59th Street at Columbus Circle, New York, NY
Depart: Friday, December 11th at 7:00 am
Return: Monday, December 14th at 7:00 pm
Travel Bureau: Bob Rogers Travel
Transportation: 2 Charter Buses
Cost: $1355
Three fundraising opportunities throughout the early fall of 2026

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 104

M. Resolution to Approve Staff Chaperones and Stipends for Washington, DC Field Trip

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following chaperones and stipends for the Washington, DC field trip (June 3-5, 2026) at $100 per day:

Name
Lela Bakos
Matt Bourn
Veronica Bozich
Katie Esarove
Tess Gallagher
Paul Hammond
Elisabeth Kaiser
Julie Milkie
Todd Milkie
Kip Primrose
Meg Sherban
Jen Williams

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

Resolution 26- 105

N. Resolution to Approve Contract and/or Purchased Services

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following contract and/or purchased services:

Educational Service Center for Positive Education Program

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

7. Hearing of Public

A. Hearing of Public (15 Minutes) Agenda Items

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8. Board Comments

9. Board Items

A. Second Reading of Policies

Policy 2431.06- Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (NEW)

Policy 2450- Adult and Community Education (REVISED)

Policy 3440- Job-Related Expenses (REVISED)

Policy 4440- Job-Related Expenses (REVISED)

Policy 5112- Entrance Requirements (REVISED)

Policy 5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day (REVISED)

Policy 5421- Grading (REVISED)

Policy 5430- Class Rank (REVISED)

Policy 7540.09 Artificial Replacement (AI) (Replacement)

Resolution 26- 106

B. Resolution to Approved Board Policies

RESOLVED that the Westlake Board of Education approves the following policies:

Policy 2431.06- Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (NEW)

Policy 2450- Adult and Community Education (REVISED)

Policy 3440- Job-Related Expenses (REVISED)

Policy 4440- Job-Related Expenses (REVISED)

Policy 5112- Entrance Requirements (REVISED)

Policy 5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day (REVISED)

Policy 5421- Grading (REVISED)

Policy 5430- Class Rank (REVISED)

Policy 7540.09 Artificial Replacement (AI) (Replacement)

Moved by Mr. Kraft Seconded by Mr. Finucane

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

10. Closing

A. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Brown Seconded by Mr. Kraft

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer

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