

WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

VISITOR'S AGENDA

Welcome to the meeting of the Wadsworth City Board of Education. This visitor's agenda is an exact copy of the Board's Official agenda. The agenda and the monthly financial report are available online at www.wadsworthschools.org. Please note there is time for you to address the Board with your questions late in the meeting.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes is allocated for public participation. If you wish to participate in the meeting, please request to do so during the time for visitors. The Board does follow Robert's rules of parliamentary procedure and may not recognize your questions and/or comments later in the agenda.

As your elected Board, our primary responsibility is to set policies and see that the school district operates within them. This requires study of vast amounts of information. Many agenda items are routine actions required by state law. We try to expedite them as quickly as possible to spend more time on those requiring further classification and discussion.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month except for November, which is the third Monday. All regular meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Special Meetings will be called as needed and times will vary. All meetings are open to the public except for executive sessions.

Again, welcome and we hope you will return.

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WADSWORTH, OHIO

REGULAR STATED MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014, Immediately Following Organizational Meeting
JAMES R. McILVAINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 625 BROAD STREET

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Student/Staff Recognition

- A. Students of the Month for January will be presented in February:

Student		Grade	School
Nathan	Hays	04	Franklin Elementary School
Abraham	Watson	04	Isham Memorial Elementary School
Kyra	Williams	04	Lincoln Elementary School
Camryn	Racin	04	Overlook Elementary School
Cailey	Piekarski	04	Valley View Elementary School
Carter	Link	05	Central Intermediate School
Elise	Muhl	08	Wadsworth Middle School
Madison	Gilger	12	Wadsworth High School
Michael	Kurnot	12	Wadsworth High School

IV. Administrative Updates and Discussion Items

- A. South Entrance to Art Wright Stadium
- B. School Calendars for 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017
- C. Survey of Community (Charter) School, Home School and Open Enrollment Out Students
- D. Presentation on Bring Your Own Device Initiative: Technology Committee
- E. Presentation on Weighted Grades, Class Rank, Valedictorian/Salutatorian and Post-Secondary Grades: High School Recognition Committee

V. Administrative Items

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Employments

- a) Carinna C. Baldner Substitute Teacher
- b) Mara A. Elliott Substitute Teacher
- c) Mary Gnap Classified Substitute
- d) Deborah Headlee Substitute Teacher
- e) Eric M. Heffinger Co-Director, Middle School Drama (suppl.)
- f) James B. Kirby Substitute Teacher
- g) Joyce Lamp Cafeteria Manager, eff. 12/20/13
- h) Bruce Mandate Bus Driver, eff. 12/17/13

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- i) Heidi M. Michel Classified Substitute
- j) Sherri A. Shaffer Substitute Teacher
- k) Taylor M. Smith Substitute Teacher
- l) Timothy S. Yoder Co-Director, Middle School Drama (suppl.)
- m) Alyssa M. Young Classified Substitute

2. Recommendation add the following to the list of Athletic Contest Workers:

- a) Jason Knapp, eff. 12/6/13
- b) Mark Postak, eff. 12/17/13

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

- 1. Recommendation to add Jessica Cole and Song Gao to the Class of 2014, their having met all state and local graduation requirements
- 2. Recommendation to approve the following high school course changes beginning with the 2014-2015 school year:
 - a) English Senior Level Classes: renaming British Literature and European Literature to European Literature I and European Literature II, each course will be one semester in length
 - b) Art: add AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; Introduction to Art and Art II will become semester-length classes instead of a full year; change in art fee structure
 - c) Business: replace keyboarding class with Business Computer Applications class
- 3. Recommendation to approve the changes in high school recognition regarding weighted grades, class rank, valedictorian/salutatorian, and post-secondary classes included in GPA beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year
- 4. Recommendation to approve a second reading and adoption of the following revised Board of Education Policies:
 - a) 6152.01: Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Materials
 - b) 7510: Use of District Facilities
- 5. Recommendation to have a first reading of the following revised Board of Education Policies:
 - a) 5430: Class Rank
 - b) 5460: Graduation Requirements
 - c) 5517.01: Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior
 - d) 6440: Cooperative Purchasing

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6. Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Admissions for Nonhandicapped Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06 and 3317.08 of the Ohio Revised Code between Niles City Board of Education and Wadsworth City Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year
7. Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Admission of Open Enrollment Pupils for Special Education between Springfield Local School District and Wadsworth City Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year, pursuant to Section 3317.08 of the Ohio Revised Code
8. Recommendation to approve the estimated revenue and expenses for FY2015 and submit them to the Medina County Budget Commission
9. Recommendation to accept a donation from Scott Albright to the Wadsworth High School Carpentry Program of a drafting table and drafting machine, collectively valued at \$2075, effective December 17, 2013
10. Recommendation to accept a donation from The Ruhlin Company of \$1000 to the Wadsworth City School District, effective December 19, 2013
11. Recommendation to accept a donation from the Wadsworth All-Sports Boosters of \$9600
12. Recommendation to accept an anonymous donation of \$10,440.09 to the Wadsworth City School District

C. ACTION ITEM

1. Recommendation to waive the first reading and approve revised Board of Education Policy 5330: Use of Medications

VI. Items of the Treasurer

A. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to amend the Annual Appropriations Resolution to increase the 300 District Managed Activities Fund by \$9600
2. Recommendation to accept the financial reports as presented and subject to audit:
 - a) Financial Report by Fund
 - b) Revenue Account
 - c) Appropriations Report

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VII. Floor Items

VIII. Board Member Items

IX. Executive Session

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. ☐ Appointment
2. ☐ Employment
3. ☐ Dismissal
4. ☐ Discipline
5. ☐ Promotion
6. ☐ Demotion
7. ☐ Compensation
8. ☐ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).

B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on **C and D** as listed above.

X. Adjournment

**Wadsworth City Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2014
Agenda Detail Sheet**

IV. Administrative Discussion Items/Updates

A. South Entrance to Art Wright Stadium: we have donors, who would like to remain anonymous, that are willing to fund the cost of renovating the south entrance to Art Wright Stadium, including the ticket booth. We believe that we can enhance the look of the stadium while eliminating some of the current congestion problems and staying within the amount of money that will be donated. If we are able to work out the logistical details, the project would be completed this summer.

B. School Calendars for 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017: per Ohio Revised Code 3313.48(B), we must hold a public hearing on future school calendars at least thirty (30) days prior to board adoption. After our discussion at this meeting, the calendars for 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 will be recommended for Board approval at our regular February meeting. The following is a summary of the calendars being considered:

- Encompass a minimum of 1155 hours/year in grades 7-12 (1001 hours/year is required by O.R.C.).
- Encompass a minimum of 1065 hours/year in grades K-6 (910 hours/year is required by O.R.C.).
- The length of the school day will remain as it currently is (7:35-2:30 p.m. in grades 7-12; 9:05-3:30 p.m. in grades K-6).
- | <u>School Year</u> | <u>Student Start Date</u> | <u>Student End Date</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2014-2015 | August 20 th | May 28 th |
| 2015-2016 | August 19 th | May 26 th |
| 2016-2017 | August 17 th | May 24 th |
- Addition of two (2) professional development days each school year where faculty/staff are at work and students are not in session.

In accordance with O.R.C. 3313.48(D)-(F), we will consult with our career-tech compact, community schools we transport students to and chartered nonpublic schools we transport students to in order to consider the compatibility of our proposed school calendars with their proposed calendars.

C. Survey of Community (Charter) School, Home School and Open Enrollment-Out Students: we recently sent a survey to the parent/guardian(s) of students who reside in our district but elect to send their student(s) to a different school choice option. We were interested in their level of interest in having their child attending our district if we were to create a digital academy and offer classes on-line. There are 178 students who attend a community (charter) school, home school or are open enrolled out. While our responses to the survey were minimal, those who responded expressed an interest in the concept.

We will continue to study the idea of a digital academy. The rewards of such a system can be beneficial not only to the student(s) involved (quality coursework, Wadsworth diploma if graduation requirements met, participation in extracurricular activities, etc.) but can also be financially rewarding to our district by keeping the money associated with a student in our district. I would like to thank Mrs. Paula Canterbury for her work in this area.

V. Administrative Items

A. Personnel Consent Items

2. (a)-(d), (f), (i)-(k) and (m) Substitutes: the substitutes being recommended will add to our substitute pool of candidates.

(e) and (l) Middle School Drama: the recommendation of Mr. Eric Heffinger and Mr. Timothy Yoder is consistent with what has been recommended in years past for the middle school drama production.

(g) Joyce Lamp: Ms. Lamp is being recommended to fill the cafeteria manager position at the high school left open by the movement of Ms. Lisa Selogy. Ms. Selogy was moved to the high school cafeteria manager position left open by the death of Ms. Lisa Tighe.

(h) Bruce Mandate: Mr. Mandate is being recommended to fill the bus driver position left open by the resignation of Ms. Annette Wargo.

3. Athletic Contest Workers: Mr. Knapp and Mr. Postak are being recommended to assist as athletic contest workers on an as needed basis, adding to our list of workers in this area.

B. Action Consent Items

1. Jessica Cole and Song Gao: Ms. Cole and Ms. Gao are being recommended to receive their high school diplomas as part of the Class of 2014 after recently completing all of their graduation requirements. Congratulations!

2. High School Course Changes: The courses presented on the agenda are being recommended to start in the 2014-2015 academic school year. I would like to thank Mr. Steve Moore and the faculty/staff of the high school for their work in evaluating our current course options and recommending changes that will enhance the educational experience of our students.

3. High School Recognition Committee Recommendations: the following details the changes being recommended for the recognition of high school students:

- A. **Weighted Grades:** Wadsworth High School will adjust the current weighted grading scale to maintain an additional 1.0 point for any course categorized as Advanced Placement and 0.50 points for any course categorized as Honors. This change would begin for all high school students during the 2014-2015 academic school year.
- B. **Class Rank System:** Wadsworth High School will eliminate the class ranking system beginning with the class of 2018 (incoming Freshmen class).
- C. **Valedictorian/Salutatorian:** Wadsworth High School will eliminate Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognition beginning with the class of 2018 (incoming Freshmen Class).
- D. **Post-Secondary Grades:** Wadsworth High School will begin incorporating the Post-Secondary grades into the GPA with the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

4. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policies: A brief summary of the policy revisions being recommended for a second reading and adoption are:

7510: Use of District Facilities: the recommended revision will allow administrative discretion on the charging of rental fees under conditions where the third party utilizing our facility is doing so as an extension to an academic course offering.

6152.01: Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Material: Beginning in the 2014-2015 academic school year our district will waive student instructional fees only for those who qualify for free lunch and

request such a waiver, per Ohio Revised Code. The recommended revision to this policy will align with our change in practice beginning next school year.

5. First Reading of Revised Board Policies: A brief summary of the policy revisions being recommended for a first reading are:

5430: Class Rank: the recommended revision aligns the policy with the recommended changes on weighted grades, class rank and post-secondary grades presented earlier tonight.

5460: Graduation Requirements: the recommended revisions align the policy with current state and local requirements.

6440: Cooperative Purchasing: the recommended revision prohibits a district employee or group from leveraging the purchasing power of the district for personal use. This change is recommended as a suggestion in best practice for policy language from the Auditor of State Office.

5517.01: Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior: the recommended revision clarifies that the policy is written to protect students and from harassment, intimidation, or bullying toward a student, whether by other student(s), staff, or third parties.

8. Estimated Revenue and Expenses for FY2015: this recommendation is the first step in the budget process with the county budget commission for FY 2015.

C. Action Item

1. Waiver of First Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5330: Use of Medications: the revision to Policy 5330: Use of Medications being recommended will allow trained personnel in the district to measure doses and administer liquid medications to students (current policy only allows liquid medications in certain circumstances when sent to the school pre-measured by a parent/guardian).

VI. Items of the Treasurer

A. Action Consent Items

1. **Annual Appropriations Resolution:** recommendation to amend the Annual Appropriations Resolution to increase the 300 District Managed Activities Fund by \$9,600. The Athletic Department will purchase new uniforms with the donation from the All Sports Booster Club. I need your permission to amend the appropriations within the 300 fund for this purchase. The total appropriations are within your original certificate of revenue. Therefore, you do not need to amend the certificate at this time.