

WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

WADSWORTH, OHIO

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Election of President**
- V. Election of Vice President**
- VI. Swearing in of New Officers**
- VII. Set Dates and Times for 2021 Regular Meetings**
- VIII. Establish Service Fund for 2021 - \$6,000.00**
- IX. Appoint Treasurer or His Designee as the Board of Education's Public Records Designee and Authorize Training by the Attorney General's Office as Prescribed by House Bill 9**
- X. Appoint a Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association**
- XI. Authorize Treasurer to Request Advance Payment of All Taxes Collected**
- XII. Motion for Approval and Signing of Minutes**
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn the Organizational Meeting**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: December 14, 2020

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 14, 2020, at **7:00 P.M** at Charles R. Parsons Administrative Building, 524 Broad Street, and via Google Meet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens	
Absent		
Administrators	)	
Staff	)	158
Visitors	)	

Student Liaison Lauren Claxton

20-12-106 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Special Session	November 27, 2020
Emergency Session	November 28, 2020
Special Session	November 30, 2020

VOTE: Yea - Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens, Batey
Nay - None Motion Carried,

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

A. December Students of the Month:

Student	Grade	School
Kennedy Hewit	4	Franklin Elementary
Lexie Dawson	4	Isham Elementary
Carson Starkey	4	Lincoln Elementary
Claire Shipley	4	Overlook Elementary
Brooklynn Bemiller	4	Valley View Elementary
Andrea Derr	5	Central Intermediate
Danerise Viljoen	8	WMS
Kyleigh Smith	12	WHS Career Technical
Jessica Reber	12	WHS

B. Adam Innocenti, School Resource Officer

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ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

A. **Discussion:** Indicators and timeline to return students to WHS

The six criteria listed below will be used to determine when students will return to in-person instruction:

1. Student attendance rate, including the number of students in quarantine;
2. Staff, in particular, teacher, attendance rate;
3. Substitute fill rate, in particular, how each period is being covered for students when a teacher is out so we can gauge what type of education continuity is occurring;
4. The most current Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public data;
5. Wadsworth specific COVID-19 data (if available), including: test positivity rate and incidence rate; and
6. Consultation with the Medina County Health Department.
7. Indication of spread in any building.

Timeline: Return students to our buildings 2 weeks after we are released from Level 4 Purple as a county per our continuity plan.

Dr. Hill presented the concept to return WHS in a hybrid model if nothing has changed in the indicators above, with the exception of being released from purple. However, if the quarantine rules changed from less than 6 feet to more than 3 feet, model would allow WHS to return to 5 days a week in person.

Lauren Claxton (WHS Student Board representative) indicated based on her interaction with her peers at WHS, they believe the hybrid model is the least desired by HS students. Schedules and continuity are important for HS students and they believe that all remote or all in-person are the best scenarios.

Steve Moore addressed the Board and indicated he would love to get back to in-person instruction. However, he is concerned that if we do not return in a hybrid model, we could be back where we were the week before Thanksgiving. He also indicated the HS staff and students are prepared to stay in remote learning as it is going much better than the spring.

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All five Board members are in agreement that returning to in-person instruction is important. The majority of the Board agrees that a hybrid model at WHS (unless the criteria above change) is the best way to safely return HS students and staff to in-person instruction. Grades PK-8 would return to 5 days a week of instruction.

Public Comment:

Angela Bartiroma: Addressed the Board of Education and indicated that we need to move back to in-person instruction. She believes the remote learning is not going well.

Mackenzie Wagner: (Parent of elementary, WMS and WHS students) Asked if there would be the option to enrolling Wadsworth Wired if the decision to implement in-person instruction.

Lee Colier: Asked if she is considering Wadsworth Wired for her student, should she put her student on the wait list?

Sherri Dahlem: Sherri addressed the Board regarding remote learning and Wadsworth Wired. Stressed that the consistency is very important as opposed to moving from in-person, to remote to hybrid. The more disruption the harder it may be for students.

- B. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting
- C. Recognized the 2019 Boys Soccer team for receiving the National Team Academic Award.
- D. Recognized John Johnson (Varsity Boys Soccer Coach) for receiving a Letter of Commendation at the United Soccer Coaches Convention.
- E. Free/Reduced Lunch Application

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

20-12-107 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Resignations

- a) Tabatha Kosier Non-Teaching Employee (eff. 11/14/20)

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2. Employments

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| a) | Jennifer Thomas | Special Education Coordinator | (eff. 01/04/21) |
| b) | Anna West | Certified Substitute | |
| c) | Karen Moore | Certified Substitute | |
| d) | Kris Myers | Athletic Contest Worker | (eff. 11/24/20) |
| e) | Seth Freed | Speech & Debate Judge | (eff. 10/31/20) |
| f) | Graycn Loper | Certified Substitute | |
| g) | Sondra Papp | Certified Substitute | (eff. 11/16/20) |
| h) | Morgan Marando | Classified Substitute | |

i) Supplemental Contracts:

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|----|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1) | Kimberly Crookston | Reserve Softball Coach | (eff. 11/14/20) |
| 2) | Brett Smith | Vol. Varsity Boys' Basketball
Asst. Coach | (eff. 11/11/20) |
| 3) | Trish Swanson | WHS Business Dept. Head
(prorated) | (eff. 10/19/20) |
| 4) | Mark Rittenour | Nat. Forensic Asst. Coach
All Events (prorated) | (eff. 01/04/21) |
| 5) | Laura Boyert | WMS Special Ed. Dept. Head
(prorated) | (eff. 01/04/21) |

3. Recommendation to approve the unpaid leave of Melanie Schneider from December 4, 2020, through December 21, 2020.
4. Recommendation to grand unpaid leave under FMLA to Johanna Corbin from the end of her allowable sick leave through March 23, 2021.

VOTE: Yea – Kramer, McComas, Stevens, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None Motion Carried,

20-12-108 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Kramer**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. **ACTION CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Recommendation to approve the Agreements with The Galaxy Restaurant for dated in February, March, April and May, 2020. **(ATTACHED)**
2. Recommendation to waive a first reading and approve revised Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Policy 5200, Attendance.

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3. Recommendation to declare all employee evaluations, with the exception of the Superintendent's, the Treasurer's, and the Transportation Supervisor's, impracticable for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Recommendation to approve the Wadsworth City School District 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.
5. Recommendation to approve the Agreement between the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology "NEOnet" and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for Equal Level Community Marketplace Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, effective November 19, 2020. **(ATTACHED)**
6. Recommendation to approve the Form Publisher Terms of Use between Awesome Gapps Sarl and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. **(ATTACHED)**
7. Recommendation to approve the Resolution to Approve Contingency Fee Agreement and Authorize Litigation. **(ATTACHED)**
8. Recommendation to approve the Attorney-Client Contingency Fee Agreement. **(ATTACHED)**
9. Recommendation to rename the following Wadsworth High School courses, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a) Honors Analysis, renamed Honors Pre-Calculus
 - b) Honors Algebra II/Trig, renamed Honors Algebra II
10. Recommendation to add the following courses at Wadsworth High School, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a) Honors Algebra II/Trig with Limits
 - b) Earth Science I
 - c) Earth Science II
11. Recommendation to approve the School District IEE/Consultation Agreement with Meghan Barlow and Associates (eff. 12/03/20). **(ATTACHED)**
12. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Tuition Pupils Pursuant to ORC Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, and 3317.08 with the Norton Board of Education. **(ATTACHED)**
13. Recommendation to approve the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Consortium for Rosetta Stone for the period of January 4, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(ATTACHED)**

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14. Recommendation to approve the API Terms and Conditions. **(ATTACHED)**
15. Recommendation to approve the Educational Service Center Funds Election of Disbursement. **(ATTACHED)**
16. Recommendation to accept the following donations from Medina Lighting:
 - a) Two (2) medium exterior lights
 - b) Three (3) small exterior lights
 - c) Two (2) bath lights
17. Recommendation to purchase two (2) new conventional school buses from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc., for \$174,160.00, including the trading in of two (2) buses.
18. Recommendation to approve the Preventive Maintenance Agreement between Speer Mechanical and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(ATTACHED)**

VOTE: Yea – McComas, Stevens, Batey, Gordon, Kramer
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

20-12-109 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt the Personnel Item from the December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting, as presented:

C. **PERSONNEL ITEM**

1. Resignations:

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|----|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| a) | Jennifer Thomas | Certified Teacher | (eff. 01/04/21) |
| b) | Jennifer Thomas | WMS Special Ed. Dept.
Head (suppl.) | (eff. 01/04/21) |

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Beeman announced that the School District's total assessed valuation for calendar year 2020 increased 2.3% to a total of \$876,881,210.

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20-12-110 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt the Action Consent Items of the Treasurer from the December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation for the Board of Education to renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2021.
2. Call for the 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Wadsworth City Board of Education to be held January 4, 2021, at 7 p.m. in the Charles R. Parsons Administration Building via Google Meet and to appoint Julie Batey as President Pro Tem to open the meeting.
3. Recommendation to accept the November financial reports as presented and subject to audit.
4. Recommendation to appoint James Mahan as a Wadsworth Public Library Trustee, whose term would begin January 2021 and end December 31, 2027.

VOTE: Yea – Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

GORDON S.B. 89 passed relating to student eligibility criteria for Ed Choice.

Substitute House Bill 404 extending the time period through July 1, 2021, to allow public bodies in Ohio to meet remotely was passed.

H.B. 305 Fair School Funding Plan passed the House, but does not appear to currently have the support of the Senate.

FLOOR ITEMS

See earlier in the minutes under ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

KRAMER Announced Laurie Beal from The Garage Ministries was chosen to receive a new car as a part of the National Mazda Hero Campaign.

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- MCCOMAS** Wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Thanked the Administration, Staff and Students for all their hard work. Believes things will be better in 2021.
- STEVENS** Recognized and thanked everyone for their participation and engagement in the past three Board meetings. This participation is what makes Wadsworth Special. Acknowledged the Drama Department for their recent production as well as the choir and band concerts last week.
- GORDON** Recognized Collin Frier (2020 graduate) on his recent job offer as a result of being in the Four Cities Compact Program. Acknowledged the Drama Department, the Band program and the Choir program for their performances last week. Mentioned that students in her neighborhood were organizing a neighborhood newspaper.
- BATEY** Confirmed what other Board Members said about the Fine Arts Departments. Stated we are fortunate to live in a city where leaders will collaborate to provide the best education possible in the middle of pandemic. It is incredible what has been able to accomplish while working together. Happy Holidays and on to a better 2021.

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.

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- 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. Regularized 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 A2 and E as listed above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-12-111 The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Kramer**, to enter Executive Session at **9:04** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens, Batey
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **9:11** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

20-12-112 The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **9:12** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens, Batey
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Julie Batey, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer