

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: January 4, 2021

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:07 P.M at Charles R. Parsons Administrative Building, 524 Broad Street, and via Google Meet.

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Kramer, McComas, Stevens	
Absent		
Administrators	)	
Staff	)	66
Visitors	)	
Student Liaison	Lauren Claxton	

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

A. January Students of the Month:

Student	Grade	School
Jean Cunningham	4	Franklin Elementary
Kyle Grime	4	Isham Elementary
Oren Booth	4	Lincoln Elementary
Bryson Bupp	4	Overlook Elementary
Michael Varner	4	Valley View Elementary
Aubrey Sloan	6	Central Intermediate
Anna (Rowan) King	8	WMS
Andie Nash	11	WHS Career Technical
Ryan Sieber	12	WHS

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

A. **Discussion:** 2020-2021 School Year Education Continuity Plan

Dr. Hill presented information to support altering the current continuity plan that requires the District to move to remote learning if Medina County is designated purple and removing the two-week transition from the remote learning requirement. Instead of using the County color designation, utilize the seven parameters listed below to make decisions about remote learning vs. in-person instruction.

In addition, because of this change offer the opportunity for all students currently attending in-person would have the opportunity to have some type of online learning environment. All five Board members supported these changes with an emphasis to make every attempt to provide these services through Wadsworth Wired.

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The seven 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;
6. Consultation with the Medina County Health Department; and
7. Indication of spread in any building.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

21-01-10 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Kramer**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Resignations

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| a) | Melissa Gerber | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 01/16/21) |
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2. Employments

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| a) | Megan Carney | Certified Substitute | |
| b) | Bethany Marcum | Certified Substitute | |
| c) | William Goddard | Certified Substitute | (eff. 12/09/20) |

d) Supplemental Contracts:

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| 1) | Pam Csaky | Co-Director WHS Spring Musical |
| 2) | Kalyn Davis | Co-Director WHS Spring Musical |

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3. Recommendation to revise the unpaid leave of Johanna Corbin to reflect an end date of March 16, 2021.
4. Recommendation to grant unpaid leave to Bruce Corpening from January 4, 2021 through April 9, 2021.

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

Motion Carried,

21-01-11 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the Employee Assistance Proposal from Red Oak Behavioral Health, eff. 12/08/20. (**ATTACHED**)
2. Recommendation to accept the following donations:
 - a) \$ 3,000.00 George Strickler
 - b) \$18,800.62 Anonymous
3. Recommendation to approve the Applied Educational Systems, Inc. Terms & Conditions, eff. 12/29/20. (**ATTACHED**)
4. Recommendation to declare all Wadsworth City School District students eligible for extracurricular activities for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year insofar as academic eligibility, as found in the applicable Student Handbook and referenced in Wadsworth City School District Board of Education policies, is concerned. The traditional academic eligibility requirements, as found in the applicable Student Handbook, will be reinstated beginning with the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Recommendation to bypass a first reading and approve revised Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements.
6. Recommendation to add the following courses at Wadsworth High School, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a) Social Media/Business Communications
 - b) Advanced Business Computer Applications
 - c) Digital Design

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7. Recommendation to approve the Agreement between Holabird & Root LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. **(ATTACHED)**

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

Motion Carried,

ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

21-01-12 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **Kramer**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Action Consent Items of the Treasurer from the January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the Estimated Revenue and Expenses FY22 and submit them to the Medina County Budget Commission. **(ATTACHED)**

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

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

GORDON House Resolution 133 Federal Funding Bill allocating \$54B to education and moved the spending deadline to December 31, 2021.

HB 409 Passed - extends the Covid relief parameters.

SB 259 Requires water bottle filling stations in all new buildings.

HB 75 Passed – puts limits / extra requirements on property tax complaints.

SB 310 Capital appropriations bill signed by the Governor.

FLOOR ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Lauren Claxton: Stated that everyone was happy to be back at WHS today and many teachers discussed how online learning could improve if we need to go back to remote learning. Further stated that the remote learning did go much better between Thanksgiving and Winter Break.

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- KRAMER:** Thanked Senator Larry Obhof for the letter sent to Board members and also stated she is happy we have been able to continue with extracurricular activities. Thanked Julie Batey for being a great President during a very difficult year.
- BATEY:** Happy and cautiously optimistic that students and staff are back in the buildings. Very impressed with the new courses being offered through the Business Dept. at WHS.
- STEVENS:** Thanked our families for the flexibility during the remote learning. Thanked the CIS custodians for their work over the break with the water leak. Proud of the Swim Team for their dedication this season.
- GORDON:** Thanked the community for dealing with the remote learning.
- McCOMAS:** Wished everyone a great 2021 and a special thanks to all the teachers and support staff for all their effort during the remote learning period. Special thanks to the CIS staff for taking care of CIS.

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 as listed above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-01-13 The motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to enter Executive Session at **8:52** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **9:29** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

21-01-14 The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **9:29** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Gary McComas, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer