

Oakwood Schools Update

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1. Administrative Matters

- **Sound Management**
 - Continued coordination with City, Schools, and Wright Library
 - Established protocols for communication and funds management
- **OIC as a Citizen-Led Organization**
 - Revised establishing document to refine roles for Liaisons
- **New Leadership Team Members**
 - Kate Furmanski
 - Joshua Green
 - Jacqueline Housel
 - Mike Miller
 - Brandy Mariani, Treasurer
- **OIC Website**
www.oakwoodic.org



2. Engaging Community Participation

- **In Solidarity with Regional Community Building**
 - MLK Memorial Marches
 - Symposia and other programs
 - Volunteering
- **Oakwood Events and Traditions**
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Family Pride Picnic
 - Oakwood Historical Society Holiday Home Tour
 - Lighting Up Oakwood



3. Achieving Community Impact

- **Welcoming Signage**
 - Far Hills RTA Stops near Oakwood Farmers' Market
 - Gifted to City for future use
- **OIC-Sponsored Events**
 - Refugee Resettlement Program
 - Mapping Equity in Dayton Exhibit and Speaker Series (partnered with Wright Library)



4. Realizing the Mission

We remain committed to our nonpartisan mission to study, promote, and celebrate inclusion, equity, diversity and a welcoming environment. We are dedicated to inclusion and making space for many voices by providing forums for dialogue, education, and celebration of all that is good about Oakwood... And we remain steadfast in our conviction that the entire region – and especially our own Oakwood community – will become stronger through these genuine and authentic interactions.

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5. Operating with Solid Financial Standing

12/31/23 Fund Balance =
\$16,576.17

- LCNB National Bank
- Dayton Foundation Fund

Calendar Year 2022 Contributions & Expenses

Contributions

Dayton Foundation Donations	\$ 2,030.00
Direct Donations (check/cash)	\$ 7,130.00
Total 2022 Contributions	\$ 9,160.00

Total Operating Expenses	\$ (950.00)
Net Contributions	\$ 8,210.00



6. Expressing Appreciation



Wright Memorial
Public Library



School board meets, expected to narrow number of candidates for new district superintendent

The Oakwood Board of Education scheduled two special meetings this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in which board members are expected to narrow the field of candidates vying to be the next Oakwood Schools superintendent following the retirement of Kyle Ranney in December. The agenda for both meetings called for the board to immediately enter into executive session, closed to the public.

A field of eight applicants are reportedly competing for the position, including Kettering Fairmont High School Principal Tyler Alexander and Bobbie Fieri, who serves as assistant superintendent at Beavercreek City Schools. Alexander has been with Kettering schools since 2005 as a mathematics teacher, assistant athletic director and served as one of three high school unit principals at the Kettering prior to being named principal at Fairmont High School in 2015. Fieri taught in Tipp City and Middletown before joining Beavercreek City Schools in 2003, where she was a school principal and director of student services before being named as assistant superintendent in 2020.

Other candidates reportedly include Upper Arlington Schools associate superintendent Andy Hutton; Neil Kenneth Gupta, secondary education director for Worthington City Schools;

Assun Marshall, principal of La Salle High School, a Catholic boys high school in Cincinnati; Newark City Schools assistant superintendent of curriculum and staff Meera Hargue; Neil Kenneth Gupta, secondary education director for Worthington City Schools; Wyoming City Schools assistant superintendent Ashley Lauren Whitsy; and Nathan Schilling, superintendent of District 158 in Lansing, Ill.

The Oakwood Board of Education retained the services of K-12 Business Consulting in its search for a new superintendent after Ranney, who was hired as Oakwood superintendent in 2013 following a 20-year tenure with Kettering City Schools, announced he was retiring last year. The school board appointed Allison Coach, the district's director of educational services and human resources, as interim superintendent, but indicated Coach had no interest in pursuing the superintendent position permanently.

After interviews Jan. 17-18, the board reportedly intends to narrow the field to three candidates by the end of the week, and plans a subsequent round of interviews next week before determining the final two candidates. An additional round of interviews are planned Jan. 31, with a new superintendent expected to be selected in early February.



Oakwood residents Jane Dunwoode, Mike Miller, and Roger Crum at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March in Dayton on Monday.

Oakwood residents, OIC join Dayton's MLK March

On Monday, Oakwood residents joined Dayton's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March under the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) banner. Participants marched along Third Street from the Charles R. Drew

Health Center, crossed the Third Street Bridge, and continued to the campus of Sinclair Community College. This year's dry and warmer weather allowed residents to meet other marchers representing groups

such as the National Conference for Community & Justice, NAACP, the Beavercreek high school basketball team, the Dayton Area Korean Association, and The Dakota Center. See MLK on page 26 ▶



LOOKING AHEAD

Proposed 2023 Programs

A. Meaningful Conversations

- 1. Braver Angels**
- 2. Exploring Specific Topics**

B. Cultural Explorations – Film Series

C. Inclusive Activities

- 1. Walk/Run**
- 2. Volunteering**

NEXT EVENT

Juneteenth Book Read (5/9/23)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (in-person/virtual)

