

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **Time In: 5:00 p.m. Five members were present.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. Public Participation - **None**

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 of public participation will be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the Board will give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted three (3) minutes until the total time of thirty (30) minutes is used. During the period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board.

- IV. **21.09.042**
Set Agenda
Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Rachel White to set the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.
- V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation - Chris Covey, Director of Curriculum, and Mark Bagley, Superintendent – *Mr. Covey spoke with the board about all the staff changes the district endured for this school year. It has been challenging at times, but fun as well. We shared with the new staff what our community and district has to offer, took them on a bus tour of the district and will provide regular “check-ins” to see how they are doing. Mr. Covey updated the board on the following programs: Literacy Collaborative, Math curriculum, Project Based Learning, Response to Intervention and Adaptive Schools. Lastly, Mr. Bagley spoke about our culture here at Van Wert City Schools and its importance, and the document that clarifies the culture, Van Wert Cougar Pride Playbook.*
- VI. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board Report
 - B. VWAPAF Report
 - C. Athletic Council
 - D. Safety Team

- VII. Treasurer's Section A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the August financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, bank reconciliation, and amendments to the temporary FY22 appropriations.*
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton informed the board pictures were taken for a press release with the Van Wert County Economic Development regarding the grants funds given to the district to purchase the AED project. Air conditioning was installed in the classrooms and a couple other areas at the Goedde School. Our new bus should be delivered here soon.*
- IX. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley spoke about losing one of our wonderful teachers, Anita Zuber to cancer. She was with the district for many years, has done a lot for our district and students, and will be greatly missed. Anita's visitation is Saturday with her service being held on Sunday.*
Mr. Bagley also spoke about a resolution being voted at this meeting on to take the steps to move forward with Eggers stadium renovations levy. There will be a bond levy on the May 2022 ballot anticipated for \$5,000,000 which will cost \$35 per year for a taxpayer owning a home valued at \$100,000. Mr. Bagley thanked and accepted a donation from each of the following gentlemen to create a levy campaign fund: Dave Boroff, Kent McMillen and Larry Mengerink.
- X. **21.09.043**
Resolution
Motion was made by Anthony Adams and second by Rachel White to approve item A as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White; yes, G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
A. Approve the superintendent and treasurer to take necessary steps to move forward with Eggers stadium renovations, to begin no later than December 1, 2022, make necessary recommendations to board as needed, and to provide monthly updates at board meetings.
- XI. **21.09.044**
Resolutions
Motion was made by Scot Mull and second by Debby Compton to approve items A-M as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White; yes, G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
A. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 25, 2021.
B. Accept the resignation of Christine Amstutz from her position as secretary at the Van Wert School at the Goedde, effective September 24, 2021, as presented.
C. Accept the resignation of Britni Dempsey from her position as elementary school intervention specialist, effective September 17, 2021, as presented.
D. Accept the resignation of Tim Parker from his position as high school custodian, effective September 10, 2021, as presented.
E. Approve a one-year leave of absence for Kelly Foster, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
F. Accept the resignation of Samantha Fleming from her supplemental position as high school basketball cheerleading coach, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
G. Approve Katy Priest as a long-term substitute middle school language arts teacher, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
H. Approve Tracy Collins as secretary at the Van Wert School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective October 5, 2021, as presented.
I. Approve the following athletic supplemental contracts, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented:
1. Boys Basketball

- a. Brandon Miller - Volunteer Varsity Assistant Coach
 - b. Josiah Poletta - Junior Varsity Coach
 - c. Sam Boehnlein - High School Assistant Coach
 - d. Damian Helm - Freshman Coach
 - e. Tom Baer - 8th Grade Coach
 - f. Nate Hoverman - 7th Grade Coach
- 2. Girls Basketball
 - a. Harry Florence - Varsity Assistant Coach
 - b. Kelsey Wertz - Junior Varsity Coach
 - c. Eli Alvarez - 8th Grade Coach
 - d. Troy Hoffman - 7th Grade Coach
- 3. Boys/Girls Bowling
 - a. Stan Bladen - Assistant Coach
- 4. Wrestling
 - a. Mimmo Lytle - Head Coach
- 5. Boys/Girls Swim
 - a. Keith Rydell - Assistant Coach
 - b. Bethany Fast - Assistant Coach
- 6. Basketball (Winter) Cheerleading
 - a. Tiffany Werts - Middle School Coach
- J. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Van Wert Federation of Teachers and the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education regarding middle school and high school site coordinator supplemental positions, effective the 2021-2022 contract year through the 2022-2023 contract year, as presented.
- K. Approve the amendments to the appropriations which are now considered FY22 Permanent Appropriations.
- L. Approve the following” then and now certificate.” It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this order and at the date of the execution of this certificate the amount required to pay this order has been appropriated for the purpose of the order and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund, free from any previous encumbrance. I recommend that the following invoice \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:
Vendor: REA & Associates Invoice # 1266302 Amount: \$3000.00 Invoice Date: 08/27/2021
- M. Accept the generous donation of \$2,000 from Cooper Family Foundation to Van Wert High School.

XII. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees were advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective September 1, 2021:

- A. Brooke Lehman - Bachelors-150 to Masters
- B. Amy Smith - Masters to Masters+15

XIII. 21.09.045

Executive Session **Time In: 6:24 p.m. Time Out: 7:10 p.m.**

Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Rachel White to approve to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White; yes, G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel.

XIV. **21.09.046** **Time Out: 7:12 p.m.**

Adjournment **Motion by Greg Blackmore and second by Scott Mull to adjourn the meeting. Ayes:**
5 Nays: 0

The next scheduled regular meeting is Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer