

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
First Federal Lecture Hall - 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. 5 members 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. **21.02.012**
Set Agenda
Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Scott Mull to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.
- V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation
 - A. Early Childhood Center - Lori Bittner, Principal – *Mrs. Bittner introduced the new Secretary Debbie Pollock for the Early Childhood Center(ECC) whom the board will be approving this evening. Mrs. Bittner and two teachers, Nicole Adams and Amy Smith from the ECC spoke about the Phonemic Awareness program being utilized at the ECC and its benefits. The Phonemic is the ability to identify, hear and manipulate individual sounds in spoken words.*
- VI. Treasurer's Section
 - A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the January financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, as well as amendments to the FY21 appropriations.*
- VII. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley shared there were 219 employees vaccinated in two hours on February 19, 2021. There has been a huge drop in COVID cases. We currently have one or possibly two, but may be down to zero soon. The federal government is not allowing waivers for state testing. Fair School Funding bill is moving through the legislative process as Mrs. Mawer mentioned with hopes of it being added to the biennium budget.*
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton was absent, so Mr. Bagley covered his topics.*

- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *Dr. Compton said Vantage held a virtual open house and are holding sophomore class tours.*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *Dr. White reported that the renovation at the Performing Arts Center is on schedule to be completed May 2021. VWAPAF received a \$200,000 grant to help with the renovation costs.*
 - C. Athletic Council – *Mr. Adams said Trent Temple talked about the financials during their meeting. Dr. White thanked those involved with making it possible for the athletes to get championship rings for their state championship.*
 - D. Safety Team – *Mr. Blackmore stated three of the 17 AEDs have been purchased.*

X. **21.02.013**

Resolutions

(all items may be voted on in one motion)

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Debby Compton to approve items A-X 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 Organizational, Budget & Regular Board Meeting held on January 13, 2021.
- B. Approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on February 3, 2021.
- C. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- D. 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:
 - 1. Kraner Building & Excavating Inv# 2476 Dated 12/30/2020 for \$4,512.00
- E. Approve the FY21 Permanent Amended Appropriations, as presented.
- F. Accept the resignation of Becky Scheidt, High School Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- G. Accept the resignation of Rick Allen, Custodial/Maintenance Worker, effective May 3, 2021.
- H. Accept the supplemental contract resignation from Melissa Bloomfield, School Plays-Plays Director, effective the 2020-2021 contract year.
- I. Accept the supplemental coaching contract resignation from Bill Steinecker, JV Softball Coach (.5), effective the 2020-2021 contract year.
- J. Approve Rick Allen as Head High School/Middle School Custodian/Maintenance Worker, effective May 3, 2021.
- K. Approve Thomas Leiendecker as Custodial/Cleaning Worker (ECC and High School/Middle School), effective February 25, 2021, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met.
- L. Approve Debbie Pollock as Early Childhood Center Secretary, effective February 25, 2021, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met. Debbie will be paid from a timesheet for any work she does for the district prior to February 25, 2021.
- M. Approve a supplemental contract for Kateri Steinecker as JV Softball Coach (.5), effective the 2020-2021 contract year.
- N. Approve Bill Steinecker as a volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, effective the 2020-2021 contract year.
- O. Approve Gage Chiles as a volunteer Assistant Track Coach, effective the 2020-2021 contract year.

- P. Approve the Services Agreement between Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board and Van Wert City Schools, as presented.
- Q. Approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented. A public hearing was held at the regular board meeting on January 13, 2021 and the calendar complies with minimum hour requirements in the Ohio Revised Code
- R. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Van Wert Federation of Teachers and the Van Wert City School Board, regarding calamity days for contract years 2020-2023, as presented.
- S. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Van Wert Federation of Teachers and the Van Wert City School Board, regarding calamity days #10 and beyond and remote learning, for contract years 2020-2023, as presented.
- T. Approve a Lease Agreement between the City of Van Wert and the Board of Education of the Van Wert City School District for the setting up, display, and tearing down of 4th of July 2021 fireworks on the High School Campus for the community's enjoyment, as presented.
- U. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Tax Abatement Application between the City of Van Wert and First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Van Wert, as presented.
- V. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Tax Abatement Application between the City of Van Wert and Trucent Renewable Chemicals, LLC, as presented.
- W. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Athletic Department Acknowledgements
 - a. Northwest Ohio Welch Trophy - \$10,000.00
 - b. Tristen Ellinger - \$25.00
 - c. Audie Thatcher - \$25.00
 - d. Tom Witten - \$25.00
 - e. John Gamble - \$50.00
 - f. Diana Morrow - \$50.00
 - g. Mitch Gearhart - \$100.00
 - h. Eric Hohman - \$100.00
 - i. Tracy Keber - \$100.00
 - j. Eric McCracken - \$100.00
 - k. Lynda Purmort - \$100.00
 - l. Chuck Thompson - \$100.00
 - m. Janet Gearhart - \$100.00
 - n. Foster Family Chiropractic - \$200.00 for Boys Basketball
 - o. Athletic Booster Club (paid for and donated to the district)
 - 1. \$6,500.00 for YMCA rental fee for the Swim Team
 - 2. \$1,200.00 - All-Sports weight lifting program
 - 3. \$2,500.00 - Installation of NFHS cameras
 - 4. \$320.00 - Girls Basketball Support
 - 5. \$640.00 - Boys Basketball Support
 - 6. \$250.00 - Wrestling Support
 - 7. \$6,500.00 - Football State Championship Rings
 - p. Lee Kinstle GM Sales & Service (in-kind donation to the district)
 - 1. \$75.00 Transportation Van for Girls Basketball
 - 2. \$75.00 Transportation Van for Wrestling
 - q. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory - \$1,000.00 Advertisement
 - 2. Special Education Department
 - a. Donald & Gloria Collins - \$100.00 in memory of Chris Raines
 - 3. Middle School Robotics

- a. Honda - \$4,000.00
- 4. Van Wert City Schools
 - a. Anonymous donation of a 2020 Sure-Trac Utility Trailer with an estimated value of \$2,000.00
- X. Approve payment of a \$1,000.00 stipend to Diane Tobe for completion of the FY17 fixed asset inventory, as presented.
- XI. **21.02.014 Time Out: 5:57 p.m.**
Adjournment: **Motion by Rachel White and second by Scott Mull to adjourn the meeting.**
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer