

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

I. Board of Education Section

A. **21.01.001**

Election and appointment of a President Pro-Tem for tonight's Organizational Meeting

Motion was made by Scott Mull and second by Rachel White to nominate Anthony Adams as President Pro-Temp. Vote: A. Adams, yes; S. Mull, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and R. White, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Call to Order and Roll Call by President Pro-Temp **Five members present**

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

D. Election of Officers

21.01.002

1. Nominations for and election of Board President for the 2021 calendar year

Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Debby Compton to nominate Anthony Adams as President for 2021. Vote: S. Mull, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and R. White, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

21.01.003

2. Nominations for and election of Board Vice-President for the 2021 calendar year

Motion was made by Scott Mull and second by Anthony Adams to nominate Rachel White as Vice President for 2021. Vote: A. Adams, yes; S. Mull, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; and D. Compton, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

3. President's Acceptance (presides over the meeting from this point forward)

E. Appointment of Board Representatives

1. Representative to the Athletic Council – *Rachel White*

2. Representative to the District Safety Team – *Greg Blackmore*

3. Representative to VWASIG (Van Wert Area School Insurance Group) – *Anthony Adams*

4. Representative to the Vantage Board of Education – *Debby Compton*

5. OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) Legislative Liaison / Delegate Capital Conference – *Anthony Adams*

6. Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Annual Capital Conference – *Scott Mull*

7. Representative to the Neola Policy Development Committee – *Rachel White*

8. Representatives to VWAPAF (Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation) – *Greg Blackmore*

F. Establish dates, times, and place for regular meetings during the 2021 calendar year – *the board meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Wed Feb through Oct and the 3rd Wed for Nov and Dec.*

II. **21.01.004**

Resolutions

(All items may be voted on in one motion.)

Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Debby Compton to approve items A-P 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 continued membership in the Ohio School Board Association for calendar year 2021.
- B. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to request advance draws on tax settlements when available and as needed during the 2021 calendar year.
- C. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to invest inactive and/or interim funds during the 2021 calendar year.
- D. Authorization to be given to the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- E. The Treasurer of Schools to be designated to attend the public records training for the school system in compliance with House Bill 9.
- F. The Superintendent of Schools be appointed as purchasing agent for all funds except athletic and food service funds for the 2021 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- G. The Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee be authorized to approve the use of school busses for non-routine trips for the 2021 calendar year and to establish bus routes and pickup points.
- H. The Superintendent of Schools be authorized to approve professional meeting attendance for certified and classified staff for the 2021 calendar year.
- I. The Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer be authorized to apply for local, state and federal grant programs/funds for the 2021 calendar year.
- J. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated as the approving official to review and approve student activity budgets, including 018 Funds.
- K. The authorization to be given to the Superintendent to employ substitutes and temporary personnel as is needed.
- L. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff and accept resignations between board meetings, pending board approval at the next meeting.
- M. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated to approve special education cooperative agreements as necessary.
- N. The Athletic Director to be appointed purchasing agent for athletic account purchases for the 2021 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- O. The Food Service Director be appointed purchasing agent for food service purchasing for the 2021 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- P. The Board of Education approve the 2022 Tax Budget, as well as tax rates and values, as presented and further that the Tax Budget be filed with the County Auditor prior to January 20, 2021, as required by law.

III. **21.01.005**

SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR JANUARY 2021 MEETING

Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Greg Blackmore to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.

IV. Public Participation

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.

- V. Curriculum & Instruction/Educational Impact - Ruth Ann Dowler, Special Services – Mrs. Dowler shared some of the exciting things happening in the Special Education Department. The sensory room is up and running in the Elementary. There are four sensory pads in the building. Mrs. Dowler spoke about the Neurosequential Model of Education (NME) and what is being done with that grant. The NME is funding employees being trained via a train the trainer program. This year, there are about 35 people trained. NME focuses on how the brain works, and how it deals with trauma.
- VI. Formally recognize the following groups as Official Support Organizations for Van Wert City Schools:
Each of the below listed organizations shared with the board how their individual group supports the school by providing athletic uniforms, resurface track and tennis courts, band uniforms, band vehicle, camp fees, field trips, books, family day, etc. Each of these groups fundraise thousands of dollars to support the school via activities, such as Duck Race, concessions, selling poinsettias, selling parking at fair and Clubs Choice sales. The board thanked the groups for all their support which is very much appreciated.
- A. Van Wert High School Athletic Boosters, Inc.
 - B. Van Wert High School Band Parents Association, Inc.
 - C. Van Wert Elementary PTO
- VII. Business and Records - Treasurer
- A. Financial Update - Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the December financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, amendments to the FY21 appropriations and lastly, the fiscal year 2022 tax budget.
- VIII. Superintendent's Section – Mr. Bagley said the district did not see an increase in COVID cases after the Christmas break. The Superintendent feels there was a lot of improvement with the remote learning that took place in December in comparison to what happened in March at the beginning of the pandemic. Lastly, Mr. Clifton has been tasked with organizing the distribution of the vaccines.
- IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section – Mr. Clifton stated Energy Optimizers will be coming in this Saturday to finish at Niswonger Performing Arts Center. You know have access to the 2022-23 school calendar which you will be asked to approve in February. Lastly, Mr. Clifton reviewed the vaccination roll-out plan to the staff who wants the vaccine with the board.

- X. Board Member Section
- A. Vantage Board Report – *will meet tomorrow so no report.*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *no report.*
 - C. Athletic Council –*the group met on Monday and the minutes are in the Google drive for you to read.*
 - D. District Safety Team Update – *no report.*
- XI. Public Hearing as presented below:
- A. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public hearing in accordance with section 3313.43(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, regarding the School Calendar, including a presentation by the Superintendent/designee on the total number of hours in the school year, length of the school day, and the beginning and end dates of instruction in the calendar.
- XII. **21.01.006**
- Note: Rachel White exited the meeting at 5:50 p.m.**
- Resolutions
- (All items may be voted on in one motion.)*
- Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Scott Mull to approve items A-M as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0.**
- A. Accept the resignation of Scott Cunningham, Custodial-Maintenance Worker, effective January 4, 2021, as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Sue Lichtle, Elementary School Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Brad Scheidt, High/Middle School Head Custodian, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
 - D. Accept the resignation of Veronica Cuevas, Early Childhood Center Secretary, effective February 22, 2021.
 - E. Approve the minutes from the December 16, 2020 regular board meeting.
 - F. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
 - G. Approve the FY21 Permanent Amended Appropriations, as presented.
 - H. Approve the following “then and now certificates.” 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. It is recommended that the following invoices of \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:
 - 1. Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Invoice #1008969047, Amount \$47,178.00 for 2021 Workers’ Compensation premium.
 - 2. Northern Buckeye Education Council, Invoice #12119, Amount \$16,250.00 for NOVA license for grades 3-12.
 - I. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Van Wert County Foundation - \$2,000 to High School Robotics
 - 2. Van Wert County Foundation - \$3,000 to Middle School Robotics
 - 3. Robert and Dawn Sloan - \$100 to Masque and Gavel
 - 4. Family, Career & Community Leaders of America - \$1,000 to FCCLA
 - 5. Van Wert Health - \$2,500 for the purchase of external defibrillators
 - J. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2020-2021 contract year:
 - 1. Greg Steinecker - Head Softball Coach
 - 2. Sean Kennedy - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
 - 3. Bill Steinecker - JV Softball Coach (.5)

4. Scott Bigham - JV Softball Coach (.5)
 5. Brian Bollenbacher - JV Volunteer Softball Coach
 6. Alex Schmidt - Head Boys Tennis Coach
 7. Charlie Witten - Head Baseball Coach
 8. Eric Putman - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
 9. Jim Werts - JV Baseball Coach
 10. Cole Harting - Freshman Baseball Coach
 11. Jeremy Kitson - Volunteer Baseball Coach
 12. Mark Collins - Head Boys Track Coach
 13. Nate Hoverman - Head Girls Track Coach
 14. Rachel Dickman - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
 15. Hannah Phlipot - HS Assistant Track Coach
 16. Ben Laudick - HS Assistant Track Coach (.5)
 17. Kim Laudick - HS Assistant Track Coach (.5)
 18. Kerry Koontz - MS Track Coach
 19. Steve Sealscott - MS Track Coach
 20. Bryce Crea - MS Track Coach
- K. Accept the resignation of Hugh Saunier from his supplemental contract as School Musical Assistant Director (.5)
- L. Amend the supplemental contract for Matt Saunier as School Musical Assistant Director from half (.5) to full (1)
- M. Approve a resolution to expand employment of substitute teachers, consistent with Amended Substitute House Bill 409, as follows:
1. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 3 of Amended Substitute House Bill 409 of the 133th General Assembly, signed by Governor DeWine on or about January 7, 2021, the Board of the Van Wert City Schools authorizes the employment of substitute teachers, as-needed, who do not hold a post-secondary degree, as otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio Revised Code 3319.226 and 3319.30, Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy, provided that all other applicable requirements and procedures, including successful completion of a criminal background check and evidence of a non-renewable temporary substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education, have been satisfied.
- XIII. This is to inform the Board of Education for the Van Wert City Schools that the following employees shall be advanced on the salary schedule due to additional college coursework, effective February 1, 2021:
- A. Frankie Bowen - Masters+15 to Masters+30
 - B. Tricia Hughes - Bachelors-150 to Masters
 - C. Brooke Lehman - Bachelors to Bachelors+10
 - D. Andrea Mead - Bachelors-150 to Masters
 - E. Katie Krieg - Masters to Masters+15
- XIV. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of a residential CRA application as presented:
- A. Fisher & Neel, LLC, Warren Straley - 250 Fisher Ave./470 Neel Ave., Van Wert, OH 45891

XV. **21.01.007 Time In: 6:22 p.m. Time Out: 8:12 p.m.**

Executive Session

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.

Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Greg Blackmore to approve the request for executive session to the discuss employment of public personnel. Vote: A. Adams, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

XVI. **21.01.008 Time Out: 8:13 p.m.**

Adjournment **Motion by Scott Mull and second by Debby Compton to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0**

Board President

Fiscal Officer