

the Van Wert City School Board of Education - Regular

April 17, 2019

The Board of Education of Van Wert City Schools met in regular session on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Members present: Mr. Anthony Adams
 Mrs. Debby Compton
 Mrs. Rachel Dickman
 Mr. Tom Losh
 Mr. Scott Mull

Members absent: None

Also present: Vicki Brunn, Superintendent
 Bill Clifton, Assistant Superintendent
 Michael Ruen, Treasurer

Kirsten Barnhart	Scott Truxell	Tim Brown	Lori Bittner
Dianna Morrow	Kerry Koontz	Bob Priest	Justin Bragg

Board President Mull called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mrs. Dickman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Members Losh, Dickman, Adams, Compton, and Mull voting “yes”. Motion Carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Compton to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 20, 2019. Roll Call: Members Adams, Compton, Dickman, Losh, and Mull voting “yes”. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT - Early Childhood Center

ECC Principal Lori Bittner and Social Worker Diana Morrow gave a presentation about the training for and implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) along with associated expectations and data and accountability thereof. The District began this program at the ECC level couple of years ago. House Bill 318 is the legislation behind PBIS.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mrs. Compton to approve the following Treasurer’s Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approve the Treasurer’s Report
2. Approve the bills and financial statements
3. Approve Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2019 as presented, total General Fund Resources of \$29,486,481.81 and total Resources for all funds of \$49,280,233.93
4. Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Permanent Appropriations as presented, total General Fund Appropriations of \$24,245,724.03 and total Appropriations for all funds of \$37,699,292.98
5. Authorize the Treasurer to enter into the Ohio SchoolComp Group Retrospective Rating workers compensation program administered by CompManagement as the District’s Third Party Administrator (TPA) effective with the policy year beginning January 1, 2020
6. Approve Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with Van Wert Federal Savings Bank for the period from May 26, 2019 to May 26, 2024.
7. Approve Career Education Opportunity (CEO) Fund (Fund 019-9019).
8. Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from General Fund - Fund 001-7200-910 to Career Education Opportunity Fund - Fund 019-5100-9019.

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9. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - a. The Van Wert County Foundation - High School Robotics Club (\$2,000.00)
 - b. VALAM Hospitality, Inc. DBA Comfort Inn - High School Robotics Club (\$500.00)
 - c. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - Family and Children First Council (\$1,250.00)
 - d. Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation - Career Education Opportunity Fund (\$7,500.00)
 - e. Charles and Sharon Thompson - Chuck Thompson Scholar Athlete Award (\$2,000.00)
 - f. BKH, Inc., D.B.A. Master Driving School - High School Principal Account (\$500.00)
 - g. The Van Wert County Foundation - Middle School Library Account (\$1,627.79)
 - h. Van Wert City School Elementary PTO - Elementary School Wellness Account, Family Fun Night (\$50.00)
 - i. Kleen Pro - Boys Tennis Athletic Account (\$200.00)

Roll Call: Members Losh, Compton, Adams, Dickman, and Mull voting “yes”. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Ruen presented two certificate of awards issued from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Division of Safety & Hygiene. One was for no reportable injuries for 2018 and the other was for a total of 1,600,556 hours of work performed by Van Wert City School employees without a loss-time claim. Mr. Ruen commended the employees of the District for this excellent accomplishment. It was also noted that excellent safety records help to keep workers compensation rates down.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Bus Purchases - Mr. Clifton proposed a 5-year plan to purchase one school bus each year. This year he would like to purchase a handicapped bus giving the school a total of three handicapped buses, thereby allowing one of the buses to be a spare bus in case of emergency. The Board was also informed that people have been driving through the “reds”. The new bus will have an arm bar camera to help better identify these vehicles. It was noted that the District should be pro-active at informing the community of the law to stop on “reds”. Estimated cost of new bus is \$93,278.
- S.F. Goedde Building Roof - The roof project currently under consideration is the portion above the gymnasium covering 16,100 sq. ft. at an estimated cost of \$62,790. The current roof, which had a 15 year warranty had been replaced in 1996.
- Compact Utility Tractor - The maintenance department would like to purchase an additional compact utility tractor with several accessories from John Deere. This second tractor is needed to primarily keep up with snow removal. With all the hard surfaces added to the District over the past few years one tractor isn’t enough to keep up. Estimated cost for the tractor and accessories is \$47,436.
- Van Wert County Health Needs Assessment - Mr. Clifton presented a hand-out of the 2018 Van Wert County Community Health Needs Assessment to the Board.
- Special Bus Arrangements - Mr. Clifton noted that a large number of students have their primary bus drop-off point altered to a different (often changing) drop-off point by parents or guardians at the last minute. This practice creates confusion on the part of many young students as well as logistical and safety issues for the transportation of these students, office staff and bus drivers. Mr. Clifton has asked the Board for their permission at the May meeting to move to a system of a primary bus drop-off site and one secondary site. Through research it’s been determined that just one site is not uncommon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dominion Energy Community Impact Award - Ms. Brunn recognized Kerry Koontz for his work in the CEO program and for receiving the Community Impact Award along with a grant contribution of \$7,500.
- Second Reading of New/Revised Policies from the NEOLA Spring 2019 Update - Ms. Brunn provided an overview.

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- Strategic Planning - Ms. Brunn informed those in attendance that the District will be meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the District's Strategic Plan. Members of the public are invited.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT & ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT

- Greg Smith, Energy Optimizers, USA, gave a presentation to the Board regarding upgrades to the District's facilities to create energy savings, and to provide a better learning and working environment. Also presented were safety upgrades to entrances throughout the District. Mr. Smith guaranteed we would receive the savings that he has projected and that the project would pay for itself through those savings.

REPORT FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Vantage Board Report - April minutes are on the team drive for review.

VWAPAF Board Report - April meeting isn't until next week.

VWASIG Board Report - There was no meeting to report on.

Safety Committee Report - Mr. Losh gave an in-depth review of the safety activity that has been occurring including the recent completion of the Table Top Exercise (the second of three safety exercises). The Functional Exercise had already been completed, the third step, Full Scale Exercise with an Evacuation will be completed this fall. The new safety upgrades associated with the proposed energy savings project such as a key fob system was discussed along with applicable safety grants. Panic buttons have now been installed in all District buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approve New/Revised Policies from Neola Spring 2019 Update:
Policy 5113.02 - School Choice Options (Revised)
Policy 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students (Revised)
Policy 5610.03 - Emergency Removal of Students (Revised)
Policy 6320 - Purchasing and Bidding (Revised)
Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
Policy 6605 - Crowdfunding (Revised)
Policy 7540.02 - Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services (Revised)
Policy 8400 - School Safety (Revised)
Policy 8500 - Food Services (Revised)
2. Authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Van Wert High School and Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.
3. Approve the Satellite Program Standards & Maintenance Agreement between Vantage Career Center and Van Wert City Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.
4. Approve the contract for FY 2020 between the Van Wert County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Van Wert City Schools (Family and Children First Council) as presented. This contract is for the Help Me Grow Early Intervention, HMG Outreach, and HMG Bridge Grant.
5. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Pamela Morris, Middle School Science/Social Studies Teacher, after 35 years with the district, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year.
6. Accept the resignation of Barbara Rhinehart, School Psychologist, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year.
7. Accept the resignation of Danielle Kill, 4th grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year.

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8. Accept the resignation of Kylee Welker, 7th grade Science/Social Studies teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year.
9. Accept resignation of Mike Owens as Interim Family and Children First Fiscal Assistant effective April 18, 2019.
10. Approve the revised resignation effective date of April 5, 2019 for Julie Hammond, for the position of Elementary School Secretary.
11. Accept the following supplemental resignations:
 - a. Mark Bagley - High School Boys Head Varsity Basketball Coach, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year
 - b. Missy Bockrath - Freshman Softball Coach, effective the 2018-2019 contract year
12. Accept the following volunteer coaching resignation:
 - a. William Steinecker - Freshman Softball Coach, effective the 2018-2019 contract year
13. Approve the following supplemental coaching positions for the 2018-2019 contract year:
 - a. Missy Bockrath, Freshman Softball Coach (50%)
 - b. William Steinecker, Freshman Softball Coach (50%)
14. Approve the job reclassification for Lynette Westgerdes - High School Guidance Office Secretary to Elementary School Secretary, effective the 2019-2020 contract year.
15. Approve Lisa Bracken as Family and Children First Fiscal Assistant, effective April 18, 2019.
16. Approve employment of Mike Owens to train the new Family and Children First Fiscal Assistant up to a maximum of twenty (20) hours at his current rate of pay.
17. Approve the following supplemental coaching positions for the 2019-2020 contract year:
 - a. Keith Recker - Head Football Coach
 - b. Cole Harting - Varsity Assistant Football Coach
 - c. Josiah Poletta - Varsity Assistant Football Coach
 - d. Steve Sealscott - Varsity Assistant Football Coach
 - e. Charlie Witten - Middle School Football Coach
 - f. Seth Baer - Middle School Football Coach
 - g. Chris Heath - Middle School Football Coach
 - h. Soloman Okang - Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - i. Adam Nygren - Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
 - j. Jeff Marbaugh - Head Volleyball Coach
 - k. Matt Krites - Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - l. Judy Krites - 9th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - m. McKenzie Collins - 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - n. Kim Doidge - Head Golf Coach
 - o. Ryan Holliday - Boys/Girls Head Cross Country Coach
 - p. Megan Hurless - Boys/Girls Assistant Cross Country Coach
 - q. Bob Spath - Boy's Middle School Head Cross Country Coach
 - r. Natoshia Wilhelm - Girl's Middle School Head Cross Country Coach
 - s. Tim Brown - Boys Head Varsity Soccer Coach
18. Approve the Administrative Salary Schedule as amended for the 2019-2020 contract year as presented.
19. Approve Mike Ruen, Treasurer of the Van Wert City School District, to a three-year contract for the period August 1, 2019 thru July 31, 2022 as presented.

Roll Call: Members Losh, Compton, Adams, Dickman, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

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ADVANCEMENT ON PAY SCHEDULE

This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees were advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective April 1, 2019:

1. Amy Covey - Masters to Masters +15
2. Judy Krites - Masters +15 to Masters +30

CRA APPLICATIONS

Acknowledge receipt and notification of the following Residential CRA Application:

1. Chad & Krista Dailey, 327 N. Washington St., Van Wert, OH 45891

MONTHLY REPORTS FROM BUILDING PRINCIPALS

Mr. Mull noted the monthly report from each building principal is available for review.

APPROVING FACILITY IMPROVEMENT & ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT - **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06**

Motion by Mrs. Compton, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06** "Resolution Approving Facility Improvement & Energy Savings Project" as presented. Roll Call: Members Compton, Adams, Dickman, Losh, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZING LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT & ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT - **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07**

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Dickman to authorize **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07** "Resolution Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, Installing, and Rehabilitating Energy Conservation measures, Equipment, and Related Improvements, in a Principal amount not to Exceed \$1,320,000.00" as presented. Roll Call: Members Adams, Dickman, Compton, Losh, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mrs. Dickman to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5), for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or regulations or State statutes. Roll Call: Members Losh, Dickman, Adams, Compton, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Mull noted that the Board will return from executive session with no further business other than to adjourn.

The Board entered executive session at 6:53 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 8:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Compton to adjourn. Roll Call: Members Adams, Compton, Dickman, Losh, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0. Time: 8:09 p.m.

PRESIDENT

TREASURER