

**WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WADSWORTH, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THAT STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.
JAMES R. MCILVAINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT WADSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
625 BROAD STREET

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Administrative Discussion Items, Presentations, and Updates

- A. Wadsworth City Schools Littlest Grizzlies Preschool Program Rating
- B. New Intermediate School Building Update
- C. School Board Recognition Month

IV. [Public Participation](#)

V. Administrative Items

A. Personnel Consent Items

1. Resignations

- a) Steven Kennell, Non-teaching Employee, eff. 12/22/2023
- b) Derrel Larsen, Non-teaching Employee, retirement, eff. 12/21/2023
- c) Brad Musgrave, Athletic Director, retirement, eff. 7/1/2024

2. Employments (Recommendations are contingent upon each individual receiving his/her license from the Ohio Department of Education prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year, with a license effective date of July 1, 2023, if he/she does not already have the said license and successfully meeting all other pre-employment requirements of the board.)

- a) Classified Substitutes

(1) Rebecca Pate

b) Supplemental Contracts

- (1) Shannon Hoover, 8th Gr. Asst. Wrestling Coach (50%), eff. 12/19/2023
- (2) Michael Horvat, Additional Work Hours (50 hrs. maximum)
- (3) Heidi McCune, Asst. Coach, Wheelchair Basketball, eff. 12/18/2023
- (4) Kyle Snyder, Varsity Asst. Boys & Girls Track Coach, eff. 12/18/2023

c) Jackie Knorr, Event Worker, eff. 12/14/2023

d) Home Instructors:

- (1) Kari Johnson, eff. 12/18/2023
- (2) Zach Ockunzzi, eff. 1/8/2024
- (3) Bryce Weber, eff. 1/8/2024

e) Volunteers:

- (1) Kevin King
- (2) Robert Kline
- (3) Abigail Rinehart
- (4) Amy Sutton

B. Action Consent Items

1. Recommendation to approve the 2024 High School/Middle School Soccer Assigning Contract between Zachary Bastin of Law Five Assigning, LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education
2. Recommendation to accept the following donation:
 - a) \$18,000 anonymous donation
3. Recommendation to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment between Hammond Construction, Inc. and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education
4. Recommendation to approve the ChartExpo Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy
5. Recommendation to waive a second reading and adopt revised Board of Education Policy 8600, Transportation
6. Recommendation to approve the Architectural Consulting Services Agreement between Holabird & Root LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education

7. Recommendation to add Empires of the Ancient World as a course offering at Wadsworth High School, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year
8. Recommendation to approve the Preventive Maintenance Agreement between Speer Mechanical and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
9. Recommendation to join the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2024 at a cost of \$250
10. Recommendation to set the substitute school counselor hourly pay rate at BA-01 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Wadsworth Education Association and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education
11. Recommendation to authorize the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the purchase of one (1) Type A, gasoline bus
12. Recommendation to approve the Service Agreement Amendment between the Educational Service Center of Medina County and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education
13. Recommendation to approve the use of Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. for property value appeals and complaints

C. Action Item

1. Recommendation to employ Beth Beal as a substitute school counselor, effective 12/4/2023

VI. Items of the Treasurer

A. Action Items

1. Recommendation to approve the estimated revenue and expenses FY25 and submit them to the Medina County Budget Commission

VII. Legislative Update

VIII. Board Member Items

IX. Executive Session

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
1. Appointment ✓
 2. Employment ✓
 3. Dismissal ✓
 4. Discipline ✓
 5. Promotion
 6. Demotion
 7. Compensation ✓
 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)
- B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action
- D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment
- E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes
- F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on **A1, A2, A3, A4, A7, C and E** as listed above.

X. Adjournment

In accordance with State and Federal law, the District will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who wish to attend and/or participate in school events. Such individuals should notify the Superintendent if they require a reasonable accommodation.

**WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
January 3, 2024**

Agenda Detail Sheet

III. Administrative Discussion Items, Presentations, and Updates

- A. Wadsworth City Schools Littlest Grizzlies Preschool Program Rating:** Congratulations to our preschool team for the recent news that we continue to be a 5-Star Award program! The 5-Star Award is the highest rating a preschool program can obtain.



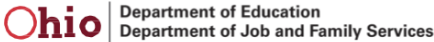
Overlook Elementary School
650 Broad St Wadsworth, OH - 44281

The State of Ohio has awarded this program a 5-Star Rating for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. Step Up To Quality is a Five-Star Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System created to recognize and promote early learning and development programs that meet quality standards over and above the health and safety licensing requirements.

Issued: 12/11/2023

Congratulations on Your 5- Star Award!

Program Number: 1000019876
Program Type: Pre School
Star Rating Begin Date: 05/12/2019
Star Rating Expiration Date: Continuous



JFS 01595 (rev. 12/2016)

B. New Intermediate School Building Update: Toward the end of June 2023, the competitive bid process for the bulk of the new intermediate school building came in approximately \$12,500,000.00 over budget for hard costs. When soft costs (e.g., contract fees for the construction manager at risk tied to the total project budget) were included, the total shortfall was approximately \$13,600,000.00. Prior to the competitive bid process, we worked diligently with the architects and construction manager at risk teams during the schematic design and detailed design phases to reduce costs while remaining true to our promises to the community about the new intermediate school. The result of the competitive bid process reflected the current economic environment that has caused escalating costs for a number of materials and labor. Our architects and construction manager at risk have told us that they have never seen escalating costs like what we have experienced.

On July 25, 2023, the Board of Education held a special meeting, in part, to "review and discuss the new intermediate school construction funding estimate, building design, and construction timeline, as it currently stands after the recent bid process." During the meeting, the Board considered value engineering that could occur to the building design in addition to creative funding sources that would not require an additional ask from our community. The goal for the Board, as stated at the meeting, was to create a pathway to \$14,600,000.00 (\$13,600,000.00 as detailed above and an additional \$1,000,000.00 as a buffer to account for escalating costs that could occur before the rebid in the fall, at the recommendation of our construction manager at risk). In regards to the value engineering, the Board focused on items that would not reduce square footage, would not impact programming for kids, would not alter the seating capacity of the performing arts center, and would not reduce efficiency in a way that would cost the district more to operate the facility over time than the savings that would be achieved immediately. The July 25 meeting lasted over five (5) hours.

The result of the July 25 meeting was as follows:

- A reduction in the construction cost estimated by the Construction Manager to be between \$4,250,000.00 to \$5,400,000.00;
- A recommitment to use certain funds (e.g., interest on the bonds) toward the construction costs; this dollar amount was around \$1,500,000.00 (as originally discussed at the Board's special meeting on January 24, 2023); and
- Authorization for our Treasurer to initiate the process to issue up to \$8,000,000.00 in certificates of participation (COPS) against future Medina County sales tax dollars.

In regards to the COPS, COPS were used by the Board of Education to pay for two (2) of the elementary schools that opened in 2012. The payments on the COPS for those buildings will be completed in December 2025. The COPS for the new intermediate school will begin in 2026 and last for ten (10) years. The Board approved the steps needed to move forward with the COPS at their September 11, 2023 meeting.

In summary, the Board of Education not only reduced construction costs in a way that assures we keep our promises to the community, assures adequate space for student learning, and assures the possibility of future student growth, but they did so in a way that didn't prioritize savings now over long-term efficiency and future cost-effectiveness. As there was no way to make adjustments to the total construction budget to fall within the original construction budget and achieve the previously stated goals, the Board found creative funding solutions that do not impact the general operating fund or require the community to be asked for additional financial support for the building.

It should also be noted that the Board did ask, over the course of the design process, and most recently through the bid and rebid process, if they should wait until prices may stabilize (or reduce) before moving forward with construction. The experts advising the Board (architects and construction manager at risk) have continued to tell the Board for close to two (2) years now that even if prices were to stabilize, which they haven't seen occur yet for many trades and materials, there is no indication the prices will go back to the levels they were at before the escalation began. This has resulted in our Board of Education deciding to move forward as planned while making tough decisions about the design (detailed above) and finding creative funding solutions (detailed above).

We are now in the final stages of working through the guaranteed maximum-price contract (GMP) with the construction manager at risk. The good news is we are now within our adjusted construction budget after an analysis of the competitive rebid process. It is anticipated that the Board will consider approval of the GMP contract at their meeting on January 3, 2024 and that the new building will be open for students to start the 2025-2026 school year, with the performing arts center opening later that fall.

You can view the July 25 Board of Education meeting agenda by clicking [here](#).

You can view the July 25 Board of Education meeting minutes by clicking [here](#).

You can view the September 11 Board of Education meeting agenda by clicking [here](#).

V. Administrative Items

B. Action Consent Items

- 1. Soccer Assigning Contract:** The 2024 High School/Middle School Soccer Assigning Contract between Zachary Bastin of Law Five Assigning, LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education being recommended for approval is for the 2024 interscholastic soccer season and provides details on the process to assign officials, notify officials, and the payment made to officials.
- 3. Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract:** The Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment between Hammond Construction, Inc. and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education being recommended for approval is for the bulk of the construction of the new intermediate school. See Update (B) above for additional information on the construction process.

4. **ChartExpo:** The ChartExpo Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy being recommended for approval will allow our district to purchase the [ChartExpo](#) product.
5. **Revised Board of Education Policy 8600, Transportation:** The waiving of a second reading and adoption of revised Board of Education Policy 8600, Transportation, being recommended for approval will allow our Transportation Supervisor to consider different factors in determining if adding a stop to additional route is necessary for a student who lives less than one (1) mile from the student's assigned school, per the details found in the said policy.
6. **Holabird & Root Architectural Consulting Services Agreement:** The Architectural Consulting Services Agreement between Holabird & Root LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education being recommended for approval aligns with our current [strategic plan](#) (see page 17, first item listed under Sales Tax) which includes an allocation of money for repair work to the window caulking and expansion joints at the middle school. The work was originally scheduled to be completed in 2022, but we held off because the quote received to complete the work was around ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00), which meant we had to go to bid. In order to go to bid, we had to have drawings, so we asked the team at Holabird & Root LLC to look at the work that needed to be completed. The Holabird & Root team has suggested that it makes sense to study a few different solutions, as simply replacing the caulking may not solve all issues.
8. **Speer Mechanical Preventive Maintenance Agreement:** The Preventive Maintenance Agreement between Speer Mechanical and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 being recommended for approval is for services to be performed at the Community Center. The Wadsworth City School District Board of Education is required to approve the Agreement because they are the fiscal agent for the Community Center, but the funds used to pay for this Agreement are from the Community Center.
11. **School Bus Bid:** The authorization of the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the purchase of one (1) Type A, gasoline bus being recommended for approval is for the bidding of a Type A bus, also known as a microbus. This bidding will replace the bidding through the Ohio Schools Council that the Board previously approved at their September 26, 2023 special meeting, which was as follows:

"Recommendation to authorize the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the purchase of one (1) Type A, gasoline bus"

Our current financial forecast has the purchase of one (1) bus, on or after July 1, 2024 included. Provided the Board is comfortable with the bid price, the purchase of the

Type A bus will be recommended to the Board at a future meeting, for purchase on or after July 1, 2024.

12. Educational Service Center of Medina County Service Agreement Amendment:

The Service Agreement Amendment between the Educational Service Center of Medina County and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education being recommended for approval is necessary due to the services required for a student, per the student's individual education program (IEP).

13. Peters, Kalail & Markakis, Co., L.P.A.: The recommendation to use the law firm of Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. is being made to allow us to continue to use the law firm for property value appeals and complaints.