

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
First Federal Lecture Hall
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

Our Vision

In partnership with our community, Van Wert City Schools will ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to thrive in post-secondary education, careers and civic life.

Our Mission

Van Wert City Schools will continue to be a source of Cougar Pride while providing each student a quality education through innovative instructional methods and technology.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to order and roll call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. Recite our Vision / Mission
- 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. Set agenda
- VI. Curriculum and instruction (educational impact) presentation
 - A. Student services
- VII. Board member section / reports from board representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage
 - B. VWAPAF
 - C. VWASIG
 - D. Athletic Council
 - E. Safety Team

- VIII. Treasurer's section
 - A. Business and records
- IX. Assistant Superintendent's section
- X. Superintendent's section
- XI. Resolutions
 - A. Accept the resignation of Nicole Blair, high school/middle school custodial maintenance worker, effective January 2, 2024.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Kevin Dailey from his position as a bus driver, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Cindy Dawson, early childhood center paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - D. Accept the resignation of Chris LaRue, high school custodial / maintenance worker, effective May 31, 2024 as presented.
 - E. Accept the resignation of Thomas Leindecker, custodial / maintenance worker, effective June 28, 2023 as presented.
 - F. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Michael Ragan from his position as a bus driver, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - G. Accept the resignation of Diane Tobe, accounts payable / receivable specialist, effective December 8, 2023 as presented.
 - H. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Nancy Brown, high school english language arts teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - I. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Laura Etter from her position as second grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - J. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Rhonda Mohr from her position as second grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - K. Approve Olivia Young as accounts payable / receivable specialist, effective January 22, 2024 as presented.
 - L. Approve Nate Hoverman and Kimberly Laudick as volunteer indoor track coaches, effective the 2023-2024 contract year.
 - M. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 15, 2023.
 - N. Approve the minutes from the special board meeting held on December 12, 2023.
 - O. Approve the monthly financial report as presented.
 - P. Approve the amendments to the fiscal year 2024 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
 - Q. Approve an Athletic Training Services Agreement with OhioHealth Physician Group, Inc., effective August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2028 as presented.
 - R. Approve the hiring and hourly rate for Lisa Bracken to provide support services as needed to the Treasurer's Office for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
 - S. Approve transfer of \$250,000.00 (Mercy Health sponsorship proceeds) from the General Fund (001) to the Eggers Stadium Renovation Fund (004 9023).
 - T. Approve changing the 2023-2024 district calendar to alleviate transportation issues due to the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse. February 19, 2024 (Presidents' Day) is currently a professional development day with students not in session. The district will change February 19, 2024 to a regular school day with students and staff in session. April 8, 2024 will become a professional development day, with staff reporting but students will not be in session.
 - U. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. LifeHouse Church - \$23,341.81 to Students of Need Fund
 - 2. Frank & Cheryl Bowen - \$50.00 to Middle School Principal's Fund - D.C. Trip
 - 3. Van Wert Service Club Inc. - \$1,400.00 to Van Wert Service Pack Fund
 - 4. Walmart - \$25,00.00 to Middle School Principal's Fund - D.C. Trip

5. Bruce Kennedy - \$2,500.00 to High School Robotics
6. Skylar & Nancy Cunningham - \$500.00 to Goedde Principal's Fund
7. Citizens National Bank - \$100.00 to Goedde Principal's Fund
8. Citizens National Bank - \$100.00 to Middle School Principal's Fund
9. Citizens National Bank - \$250.00 to VW County Family & Children First
10. Van Wert Rotary Foundation - \$300.00 to High School Choir
11. Gary Taylor - \$50.00 to High School Choir
12. Main Street Van Wert, Inc. - \$100.00 to High School Choir
13. Ty & Jennifer McClain - \$1,100.00 to Athletic Dept. Capital Projects Fund

XII. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective February 1, 2024:

- A. Rachael Dettrow - bachelors-150 to masters
- B. Katelyn Shindeldecker - bachelors-150 to masters
- C. Ty Wannemacher - bachelors-150 to masters

XIII. Adjournment

Board of Education Vacancy

The Van Wert City School District Board of Education will seek applicants to fill a Board vacancy, which becomes vacant January 1, 2024. Those interested in serving on the Van Wert City School District Board of Education should submit a notice of interest in writing to Mark Bagley, Superintendent by December 29, 2023. Applicants will be reviewed by the Board President and Superintendent, in which a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education. The Board vacancy/appointment is anticipated to be acted upon at its January 11, 2024 meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

The 2024 organizational meeting, fiscal year 2025 tax budget hearing, and regular January board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. In addition, the public records commission (board president, board vice-president, superintendent and treasurer) will meet immediately prior to the organizational meeting to review the records retention schedule. The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

