

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 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 and 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 & Instruction (Educational Impact) presentation
 - A. Special services
- VII. Treasurer's section
 - A. Business and records
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's section
- IX. Public hearing as presented below:
 - A. The Van Wert City School District board of education hereby gives public hearing in accordance with section 3313.48(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.
- X. Superintendent's section

- XI. Board member section / reports from board representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage
 - B. VWAPAF
 - C. VWASIG
 - D. Athletic council
 - E. Safety team
- XII. Consent Resolutions
(All items may be voted on in one motion.)
- A. Accept the resignation of Theresa Hill, elementary school cafeteria/custodial worker, effective January 31, 2024, as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Drew Hamblett, assistant to the director of technology, effective February 1, 2024, as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation of Nellie Schmidt, district library media specialist, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - D. Accept the resignation of Tricia Hughes, Van Wert School at the Goedde English language arts teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - E. Accept the supplemental contract resignation of Griffin Waltmire from his positions as school musical-music director (.5) and school musical assistant director (.5) as presented.
 - F. Approve the following supplemental contract changes, effective the 2023-2024 contract year:
 - 1. Remove Ty Wannemacher (previously approved on 10/25/2023) and approve Nate Hoverman as a year-1 mentor
 - 2. Due to Griffin Waltmire's resignation from the two supplemental positions he split with Danielle Slagle, adjust Danielle's supplemental approval to the music director (1 full at 4%) only. The assistant director supplemental will remain unfilled (1 full at 2%).
 - G. Approve Steven Hittle as a custodial / maintenance worker, effective February 19, 2024, as presented.
 - H. Approve Cheryl Graham as an elementary school cafeteria worker, effective February 19, 2024, as presented.
 - I. Approve Payton Shays as a middle school English language arts / social studies teacher effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - J. Approve Jaclyn Sroufe as a high school English language arts teacher effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - K. Approve the following supplemental spring coaching contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, as presented:
 - 1. Softball
 - a. Scott Bigham - varsity assistant (.5)
 - b. Matt West - varsity assistant (.5)
 - c. Destiny Coil - junior varsity
 - d. Cheri Blackmore - volunteer
 - e. Alli Kennedy - volunteer
 - 2. Baseball
 - a. Damian Helm - varsity assistant
 - b. Damon Brown - junior varsity
 - c. Jalen McCracken - volunteer
 - d. Jeremy Kitson - volunteer
 - 3. Boys/Girls Track & Field
 - a. Kim Laudick - high school assistant
 - b. Gage Chiles - assistant (.5)
 - c. Nick Pauff - assistant (.5)
 - d. Alexis Dowdy - assistant (.5)

- e. Ben Laudick - assistant (.5)
 - f. Bob Priest - volunteer
 - g. Kerry Koontz - middle school
 - h. Bob Spath - middle school
 - i. Bryce Crea - middle school
- 4. Boys Tennis
 - a. Katie Peterson - varsity assistant
- L. Approve the following supplemental fall coaching contracts, effective the 2024-2025 contract year, as presented:
 - 1. Keith Recker - head football
 - 2. Katie Peterson - head girls tennis
 - 3. Kim Laudick- head cross country
 - 4. Kim Doidge - head golf
 - 5. Samantha Fleming - head fall cheerleading
 - 6. Rachel Black - head volleyball
- M. Approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024 organizational, budget, & regular board meeting.
- N. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- O. Approve the amendments to the fiscal year 2024 permanent appropriations as presented.
- P. Approve the depository agreement with Flagstar Bank, NA to serve as a public depository for the Van Wert City Schools during the period 1/24/2024 to 1/23/2029.
- Q. Authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Van Wert High school and Van Wert Middle school for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- R. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (CRA) between the City of Van Wert and The Mohr Organization (dba Youngs Waste) as presented.
- S. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area Agreements (CRA) between the City of Van Wert and the Van Wert County Foundation (dba Van Wert Forward II, LLC and 223 Main, LLC) 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 the July 4th, 2024 fireworks on the high school/middle school and elementary school campus for the community's enjoyment as presented.
- U. Approve Family and Children First Administrative Agent Agreement for the two year period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026, as presented.
- V. Approve a facility agreement with the City of Van Wert Parks & Recreation Department, for usage of park facilities for school athletic contests and the usage of school facilities for recreational programs offered by the Van Wert Parks Department as presented.
- W. Approve the updated Business Advisory Council Joint Statement as presented.
- X. Approve the following student overnight trips as presented:
 - 1. High School Robotics - January 26, 2024 to Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati
 - 2. High School Robotics - February 16, 2024 to Ohio State University Newark Campus
 - 3. Varsity Swimming - February 21-23, 2024 to the State Swim Meet in Canton
 - 4. High School Wrestling - March 1-2, 2024 to Districts in Norwalk
- Y. Accept the Van Wert City School District tax levy amounts and rates as determined by the Van Wert County Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Van Wert County Auditor for the 2025 fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024 as presented.
- Z. Approve a resolution approving the construction manager at risk (CMR) agreement with Alexander & Bebout, Inc. for Phase II of the Eggers Stadium Project and authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign the agreement as presented.
- AA. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 contract year:
 - 1. Julia Reichert - High School RTI manager

2. Natoshia Wilhelm - High School RTI manager
3. Sarah Zabka - High School RTI manager
4. Erin Lee - High School RTI manager
5. Melinda Clymer - High School RTI manager
6. Emma Dues - High School RTI manager

AB. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:

1. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$4,145.00 to Family and Children First
2. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$1,791.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
3. Elizabeth Anne Gardner - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
4. Joseph Gardner - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
5. Strategic Capital, LLC - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
6. Wayne Kilton - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
7. Dentman LLC - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
8. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
9. Sealscott CPA Inc. - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
10. Leland Smith Insurance Services INC - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
11. Shad & Kelly Foster - \$100.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
12. Trent & Amanda Temple - \$500.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
13. Tony & Marylou Smith - \$5,000.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
14. Kerry & Amy Koontz - \$250.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
15. Paulding Eagles - \$7,000.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde Building Principal's Account
16. Convoy Methodist Church Ladies On A Mission - \$150.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde Building Principal's Account
17. Troy & Leah Treece - \$100.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
18. Fairway Grill Restaurant - \$100.00 to Boys Tennis Fund
19. Steve & Clare Spray - \$500.00 to Athletic Capital Projects Fund
20. Anonymous Donation - \$1,900.00 to Athletic Department Fund - Track Electric Starter
21. Van Wert Service Club Inc. - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators
22. Paulding Putnam Electric Trust - \$1,500.00 to Van Wert Middle School Robotics
23. Midwest Electric Community - \$600.00 to Van Wert Middle School Robotics
24. Jubilee Spring Flower Show - \$500.00 to Van Wert Middle School Robotics
25. Kurt & Nancy Muntzinger - \$250.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
26. Charles & Sharon Thompson - \$1,000.00 to John Fox Maney Scholarship Fund
27. Charles & Sharon Thompson - \$1,000.00 to Margaret Shaffer Maney Scholarship Fund
28. Danfoss Power Solutions - \$1,679.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
29. Todd & Anna Temple - \$100.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund

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

A. Joshua Poulson – Bachelors-150 to Masters

XIV. 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.

XV. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.