

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**First Federal Lecture Hall - Niswonger Performing Arts Center**  
**10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - **Time In: 5:00 p.m. Board Members Present - Anthony Adams, Greg Blackmore, Julie Burenga, Debby Compton, Scott Mull. Others Present – Scott Truxell, Sam Shriver, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Darla Dunlap, Ben Collins, Hannah Eberle, Josie Coleman, Alex Benner, Jayden White.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Julie Burenga**

**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.

- IV. Public participation - **None**

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.

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- V. Set agenda  
**Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Debby Compton to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**
- VI. Curriculum and Instruction / Educational Impact Presentation:  
Darla Dunlap, Van Wert Middle School Principal
- VII. Board member section / Reports from board representatives (discussion only)  
A. Vantage Board - *Treasurer hiring update.*

- B. VWAPAF - *Executive Director search/hiring process update.*
- C. VWASIG - *Insurance open-enrollment update.*
- D. Athletic Council – *No Report*
- E. Safety Team - *Required Functional Safety Drill completed at each building on November 15, 2023. Planning underway for OTOA training that will take place at Van Wert Elementary School.*

VIII. Treasurer's section

Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the September financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, and monthly revenue and expenditure summary. Mr. Bowersock also reviewed with the Board of Education the November 15, 2023 fiscal year 2024 "amended" permanent appropriations, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and lastly reviewed with the Board of Education the district's fiscal year 2024 five-year forecast*

IX. Assistant Superintendent's section – *Mr. Priest reviewed buildings & grounds, stadium renovation, and transportation report information.*

X. Superintendent's section – *Mr. Bagley reviewed the second reading of the new/revised policies from Neola Volume 42, Number1 Fall 2023 update recommended for approval. Mr. Bagley also provided an update on staffing, discussed upcoming parent-teacher conferences, and recognized OSBA Media Honor Roll recipients, Scott Truxell – Van Wert Independent and Sam Shriver – Van Wert Times Bulletin. Bagley closed his report with a legislative update.*

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XI. Resolutions

**Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve items "A through N" as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

- A. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Marie Markward from her position as middle school language arts / social studies teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- B. Accept the resignation of Anthony Marsicano from his position as head boys soccer coach, effective November 1, 2023 as presented.
- C. Approve Kyle Clum as a custodial / maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective December 11, 2023 as presented.
- D. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2023-2024 school year, as presented:
  - 1. Matt Krites - Winter Site Coordinator
  - 2. Ashley Sinn - Year-1 Mentor for the Resident Educator Program. Year-1 mentors are paid \$500.00
- E. Approve of the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 25, 2023.
- F. Approve the monthly financial report as presented.
- G. Approve the fiscal year 2024 Five-Year Forecast based upon the information and assumptions available as of November 15, 2023 as presented.
- H. Approve the amendments to the fiscal year 2024 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$37,706,297.47 as presented.
- I. Approve the pricing agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, LLC to supply natural gas at a cost of \$4.238 per DTH for the billing cycle period June 2024 through May 2025 as presented.

- J. Approve the pricing agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, LLC to supply electricity at a cost of \$0.0583 per kWh for the billing cycle period June 2024 through May 2025 as presented.
- K. Approve the new / revised board policies from the Neola Volume 42, Number 1 Fall 2023 update:
1. po0142.2 - Conflict of interest
  2. po0164 - Notice of meetings
  3. po2623.02 - Third grade reading guarantee (revised)
  4. po3120.08 - Employment of personnel for co-curricular/extra-curricular activities
  5. po4120.08 -Employment of personnel for co-curricular/extra-curricular activities
  6. po5113.01 - Intra-district open enrollment
  7. po5320 - Immunization
  8. po5337 - Care of students with active seizure disorders
  9. po6240 - Board of revision complaints and countercomplaints
  10. po6700 - Fair labor standards act (FLSA)
  11. po7440 - Facility security
  12. po8120 - Volunteers
  13. po8330 - Student records
  14. po8600 - Transportation
  15. po8650 - Transportation by school van
  16. po9160 - Public attendance at school events
  17. po9211 - District-support organizations
  18. po9270 - Equivalent Education outside the schools & participation in extra-curricular for students no enrolled in the district (revised)
- L. Approve an overnight trip for the boys cross country team (8 students and 4 adults) to the state cross country meet, November 3-4, 2023 as presented.
- M. Approve the following” then and now certificate.” 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. I recommend that the following invoices \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:
- Vendor - A&A Mechanical LLC - 10/28/2023 - \$3,855.38
- N. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
1. Van Wert Rotary Foundation - \$1,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
  2. Van Wert Moose Lodge 1320 - \$250.00 to Middle School PBIS
  3. Gary & Melissa Clay - \$450.00 to Cross Country
  4. Kenneth Minnich - \$500.00 to Cross Country
  5. Dalton Heppeard - \$800.00 to CEO Program Fund
  6. Columbus Foundation / Battelle Foundation - \$5,000.00 to Van Wert Middle School Coding for the Future Grant
  7. Columbus Foundation / Battelle Foundation - \$5,000.00 to Van Wert Middle School Food Chains Brought to Life Grant
  8. Van Wert USBC Association - \$500.00 to Bowling
  9. First Federal of Van Wert - \$50.00 to Bowling
  10. Ohio Northern University - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
  11. Citizens National Bank - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
  12. Jane Clifton - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund
  13. El Mexicano Restaurant Inc - \$300.00 to Boys Tennis
  14. Unverferth Family Dentistry Inc. - \$500.00 to Middle School Activity Account
  15. Quality Painting & Roofing LLC - \$1,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground

- XII. Nutrition Standards Annual Report – Presentation of Van Wert City School District’s annual food service report regarding the district's compliance with the standards prescribed in section 3301.68 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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- XIII. Other New Business

A. It is recommended that the board of education set the date, time, and location of the 2024 organizational meeting, with the fiscal year 2025 tax budget hearing to follow. The regular January 2024 meeting will immediately follow the tax budget hearing meeting. 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.

**Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Greg Blackmore that the board of education set January 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center as the 2024 organizational meeting with the fiscal year 2025 tax budget hearing to follow. The regular January 2024 meeting will immediately follow the tax budget hearing meeting. 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. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

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- XIV. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0**

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

A special meeting / work session will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Goedde Building Conference room. No board action will be taken at the meeting.

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

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*Board President*

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