

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 25, 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, Chuck Rolins, Landan Wehner, Joaquin Estrada, Misty Johnson, Emma Spoor.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Debby Compton**

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 Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams 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:
Chuck Rollins, Van Wert High School Principal

- VII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board - *Treasurer search/hiring process update.*
 - B. VWAPAF – *Executive Director search/hiring process update.*
 - C. VWASIG – *Insurance open-enrollment update.*
 - D. Athletic Council - *Reviewed the agenda/minutes of the Athletic Council meeting.*
 - E. Safety Team - *Safety threat assessment review; planning underway for the required Functional Safety Drill.*
- 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 October 25, 2023 fiscal year 2024 “amended” permanent appropriations, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, reviewed with the Board of Education the district’s “draft” fiscal year 2024 5 year forecast, and lastly discussed the fiscal year 2023 financial audit.*
- IX. Assistant Superintendent’s Section - *Mr. Priest provided an update on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project. He also shared information on the Ohio School Safety Center’s conference that he recently attended. Lastly, Priest reviewed school bus transportation count week and the resulting T-1 reporting ridership and mileage information.*
- X. Superintendent’s Section - *Mr. Bagley presented the first reading of the new/revised policies from the Neola Volume 42, No. 1, Fall 2023 update. He also shared information on a concerted district-wide effort promoting a positive culture focus. Lastly, Bagley discussed planning for the upcoming solar eclipse, reviewed artificial intelligence trends in education, and closed his report with a legislative update.*

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- XI. Resolutions
- Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Debby Compton to approve items “A through G” as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**
- A. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 27, 2023.
 - B. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
 - C. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented:
 - 1. High School
 - a. Multi-media manager - Correct the supplemental contract that was approved at the August 23, 2023 board meeting: remove Krista Baer (.5) and approve Kate Delgado for the full supplemental amount. Kate Delgado was originally approved as (.5) to split the contract with Krista Baer.
 - 2. Approve the following employees as Year-1 Mentors for the 2023-2024 contract year. Year-1 Mentors are paid \$500.00:
 - a. Deb Chiles
 - b. Marie Markward
 - c. Tom Baer
 - d. Ty Wannemacher
 - e. Mary Kramer
 - f. Charlie Witten

3. Approve the following employees as Focused Mentors for the 2023-2024 contract year.
Focused Mentors are paid \$21.00 per hour:
 - a. Tami Suzuki
 - b. Nate Hoverman
4. Athletics
 - a. Keaton Altimus - Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach
- D. Approve a clinical affiliation agreement with Rhodes State College as presented.
- E. Approve an overnight trip to Washington, DC for 79 eighth grade students and 12 chaperones, October 24-27, 2023 as presented.
- F. Approve the amendments to the fiscal year 2024 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$37,694,097.47 as presented.
- G. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 1. Van Wert Service Club Inc. - \$560.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
 2. Judith Loughrie - \$50.00 to Girls Basketball
 3. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$1,625.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 4. Van Wert County Probate Court - \$50,000.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 5. Anonymous - \$50,000 to Eggerss Stadium Legacy Fund - Band Bleachers
 6. Lloyd's Auto Service - \$100.00 to Middle School PBIS
 7. Sixth Cents LLC / Ragers Sausage - \$175.75 to Volley for the Cure
 8. Treece Landscaping & Design - 175.75 to Volley for the Cure
 9. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$176.00 to Volley for the Cure
 10. Wallace Plumbing LLC - \$200.00 to Volley for the Cure
 11. Anonymous - \$899.00 to Middle School Principal's Fund - D.C. Trip
 12. Deaf Dog Coffee Company LLC - \$120.00 to Middle School PBIS
 13. Van Wert City Schools Elementary PTO - \$1,020.00 to Early Childhood Center Principal's Fund
 14. Agrauxine Corp. - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 15. Central Mutual Insurance Company - \$2,500.00 to High School Robotics
 16. John & Janet White - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund

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XII. 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.

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Greg Blackmore to go into executive session at 5:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

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XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer