

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 27, 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, Brent Stevens.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison.**
- III. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Bob Priest**

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 Julie Burenga and seconded by Greg Blackmore 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. Van Wert County Economic Development Update:
Brent Stevens, Executive Director, Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation
- VII. Curriculum, Instruction, and District Report Card / Educational Impact Presentation:
Mark Bagley, Superintendent, and Chris Covey, Director of Curriculum

- VIII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *Treasurer search/hiring process update.*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *Executive Director - Tafi Stober – resignation. Commended Stober for her tenure as the Executive Director.*
 - C. Athletic Council – *Reviewed the agenda/minutes of the Athletic Council meeting. Commended Rhonda Cunningham and the Goedde Building for providing concessions at Fall athletic events.*
 - D. Safety Team – *Safety threat assessment planning underway. Bus evacuation drills for the 2023-2024 school year are complete.*

- IX. Treasurer's Section
- Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the August 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 September 27, 2023 fiscal year 2024 permanent appropriations, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and lastly discussed the 2023 Van Wert County property reappraisal.*

- X. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Priest discussed custodian/maintenance worker staffing changes within the district. He also shared information on school bus purchase plans for the 2023-2024 school year and provided an update on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project.*

- XI. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley discussed with the Board of Education planned activities for Homecoming week and provided an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year. He also shared information on the new playground equipment for the Early Childhood Center. Bagley discussed the district report card praising the staff for their efforts and closed his report with a legislative update.*

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- XII. Resolutions
- Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Anthony Adams to approve items “A through U” 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 of Mason Krugh from his custodial-maintenance position, effective September 24, 2023 as presented.
- B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Brent Hamrick from his custodial-maintenance position, effective December 31, 2023 as presented.
- C. Accept the resignation of Kevin Decker, Head Boys and Girls Bowling Coach, effective immediately for the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- D. Accept the resignation of Greg Steinecker, Head Softball Coach, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.
- E. Approve Jennifer Russell as a one-to-one nurse, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective September 11, 2023 as presented.
- F. Approve Tom Lee as a custodial-maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective September 28, 2023 as presented.
- G. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 23, 2023.
- H. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- I. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented:

1. Elementary School
 - a. Kim Werling - Literacy Facilitator (.5)
 - b. Sarah Holliday - Literacy Facilitator (.5)
 - c. Ashley Breese - Cougar Pride (.5)
 - d. Alicia Welker - Cougar Pride (.5)
2. Athletics
 - a. James McElroy - Boys Soccer Assistant Coach
 - b. Rhonda Cunningham - Concession Stand Manager
 - c. Winter Head Coach
 1. Seth Blackmore - Boys and Girls Bowling
 - d. Spring Head Coaches
 1. Eli Alvarez - Boys Tennis
 2. Charlie Witten - Baseball
 3. Nate Hoverman - Boys and Girls Track
 4. Sean Kennedy - Softball
 - e. Winter Assistant Coaches
 1. Boys Basketball
 - a. Brandon Miller - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Damian Helm - Junior Varsity
 - c. Tom Baer - 8th grade
 - d. Nate Hoverman - 7th grade
 2. Girls Basketball
 - a. Harry Florence - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Kelsey Luthman - Junior Varsity
 - c. Sierra Shaffer - 8th grade
 - d. Abby Jackson - 7th grade
 3. Wrestling
 - a. Nick Pauff - High School Assistant (.5)
 - b. Brad Allmandinger - High School Assistant (.5)
 - c. Terrin Contreras - High School Assistant
 - d. Austin McIntosh - High School Volunteer
 - e. Chris Heath - Middle School
 - f. Jacob Durden - Middle School
 - g. Isaiah Bretz - Middle School Volunteer
 4. Boys/Girls Swim
 - a. Bethany Fast - Assistant
 - b. Keith Rydell - Volunteer
 5. Cheer (Winter)
 - a. Molly Baltzell - Middle School
 6. Bowling
 - a. Jim Davis - Assistant
 - b. Brock Blackmore - Assistant
 7. High School
 - a. Student Rewards - Correct the supplemental contract as approved at the August 23, 2023 board meeting; remove Maggie Roehm and approve Jordan Dettrow.
- J. Approve the hourly rate of \$22.18 for Rebecca Proffitt to provide support services as needed to the cafeteria for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- K. Approve the recommendation of the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group for the 2024 plan year premiums effective January 1, 2024 as follows:
 - Health Insurance Premiums - 2% increase
 - Dental Insurance Premiums - 1% increase

- L. Approve to increase the balance in the Board approved Athletic Checking Account that is used by the Athletic Director for paying officials, entry fees, and other approved athletic related expenses from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.
- M. Approve transfer of Eggerss Stadium donations from the Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund (070 9210) to the Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund (004 9023) in the amount of \$7,550.00.
- N. Approve transfer of the Eggerss Stadium remaining funds from the Building Fund - Eggerss Stadium (004 9018) to the Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund (004 9023) in the amount of \$24,933.07.
- O. Approve transfer of the BETA Club remaining funds from the BETA Club Fund (200 9232) to the High School Renaissance Fund (018 9322) in the amount of \$5,604.70.
- P. Approve the fiscal year 2024 Western Ohio Advocacy Network (WOAN) membership as presented.
- Q. Approve the purchase of one (1) 84 passenger transit bus from Cardinal Bus Sales via the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council bid process for the purchase price, less trade-ins, of \$132,685.00 as presented.
- R. Approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for fiscal year 2024 as presented.
- S. Approve the fiscal year 2024 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$37,675,257.47 as presented.
- T. Approve the Treasurer to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy to provide coverage for those school officers, employees, or appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a surety bond before entering upon the discharge of public duties as presented.
- U. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Bee Gee Realty & Auction Co. - \$50.00 to Middle school PBIS
 - 2. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$50.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 3. Laudick's Jewelry - \$200.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 4. Cooper Farms - Cooked Meats - \$250.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 5. Putnam Law Offices, LLC - \$50.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 6. Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc. - \$20.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 7. Tisha Fast Insurance Agency Inc. - \$100.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 8. Unverferth Family Dentistry Inc. - \$50.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 9. Bashore Reineck Stoller & Waterman Inc. - \$100.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 10. Rich Kline - \$500.00 to Girls Tennis
 - 11. Rich Kline - \$1,000.00 to Girls Softball
 - 12. Van Wert Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$696.00 to Football Cheerleaders
 - 13. Valam Hospitality, Inc. / Comfort Inn - \$200.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 14. Van Wert City Schools Elementary PTO - \$3,696.55 to Elementary School Principal's Fund
 - 15. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory - \$50.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 16. Cowan Funeral Home, Inc. - \$100.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 17. G S Overhead Door Service LLC - \$500.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 18. John & Janet White - \$350.00 to Girls Basketball
 - 19. Sara Sharninghouse - \$1,000.00 to Wrestling
 - 20. Van Wert City Schools Elementary PTO - \$1,473.44 Early Childhood Center Playground

XIII. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of a residential CRA application as presented:

A. LaGina Sprunger, 143 E. Raymond St., Van Wert, OH 45891

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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.

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to go into executive session at 6:14 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 6:55 p.m.

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XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 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