

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 23, 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.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Greg Blackmore**

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 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. Treasurer's Section
Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the July 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 fiscal year 2023 year-end T-2 transportation report information, presented an updated*

Eggerss Stadium project budget, and lastly discussed the 9/1/2023 fleet, liability, and property insurance renewal with Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc.

- VII. *Assistant Superintendent's Section - Mr. Priest provided an update on security upgrades and summer maintenance projects including an update on the new playground equipment for the Early Childhood Center. He also discussed bus route information and procedures in place for the 2023-2024 school year. In closing, Priest praised the custodial and maintenance staff for their efforts in preparing for 2023-2024 school year.*
- VIII. *Superintendent's Section - Mr. Bagley extended his appreciation to all staff members for the successful start to the new school year. He provided an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year and discussed details regarding the implementation of House Bill 33. Lastly, Bagley reviewed the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and the turf installation, and he informed the Board of the open house at Eggerss stadium from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023.*
- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. *Vantage Board Report – A special meeting will take place to discuss the Treasurer search/hiring process.*
 - B. *VWAPAF Report – A banquet was recently held for VWAPAF volunteers that included safety training.*
 - C. *Athletic Council – No report*
 - D. *Safety Team – Active shooter training with staff members and emergency/safety planning for home football games.*

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X. Resolutions

Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Greg Blackmore to approve items “A through AB” 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 Noah Carter from his position as assistant to the director of technology, effective August 18, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve Kennedy Mercer as a kindergarten intervention specialist, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- C. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on July 26, 2023.
- D. Approve the Career Education Opportunity (CEO) Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Crestview Local Schools for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- E. Approve the Career Education Opportunity (CEO) Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Lincolnview Local Schools for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- F. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Crestview Local School District for Crestview students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- G. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Lincolnview Local School District for Lincolnview students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- H. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Parkway Local School District for Parkway students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- I. Approve the Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle/High School student fees for the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

- J. Approve all bus routes and shuttle schedules for the 2023-2024 school year as presented, and authorize Bob Priest to approve changes as deemed necessary.
- K. Approve the substitute staff list for the 2023-2024 school year and any subsequent revisions as presented.
- L. Approve the 2023-2024 Athletic Department Handbook as presented.
- M. Approve an agreement between Wood County Juvenile Detention Center-Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio and Van Wert City Schools for the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- N. Approve a professional service agreement between Therapy Solutions, LLC and Van Wert City Schools for physical therapy services for designated students, effective the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- O. Approve a services agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Montgomery County Educational Service Center for Educational Assessment Team services effective the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- P. Approve a memorandum of understanding between the Van Wert Federation of Teachers and the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education regarding the supplemental pay schedule for concession stand manager, effective the 2023-2024 contract year through the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
- Q. Approve the 2023 Van Wert County Business Advisory Council Compliance & Strategic Plan as presented.
- R. Approve a resolution to make provisional changes to board policies and administrative guidelines and forms to comply with House Bill 33 as presented.
- S. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 contract year:
 - 1. Early Childhood Center:
 - a. Ashley Hockenberry - Data Manager - (Preschool)
 - b. Megan Neuenschwander - Data Manager - (Kindergarten)
 - c. Megan Neuenschwander - RTI Manager
 - d. Diana Morrow - PBIS Coordinator
 - e. Alexa Dunlap - Cougar Pride
 - f. Kennedy Mercer - Cougar Pride
 - g. Ronda Niemeyer - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - h. Kaylen Brown - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - 2. Elementary School:
 - a. Stephanie Sudhoff - Student Council (.5)
 - b. Michelle Hoffman - Student Council (.5)
 - c. Kelsey Luthman - Student Rewards (Primary)
 - d. Samantha Fleming - Student Rewards (Intermediate)
 - e. Josh Early - RTI Manager Grade 1
 - f. Rachael Dettrow - RTI Manager Grade 2
 - g. July Mosier - RTI Manager Grade 3
 - h. Colten Royer - RTI Manager Grade 4
 - i. Jared Army - RTI Manager Grade 5
 - j. Angie Stemen - Data Manager Grade 1
 - k. Ashley Sinn - Data Manager Grade 2
 - l. Jen Simper - Data Manager Grade 3
 - m. Betsy Davis - Data Manager Grade 4
 - n. Drew Bittner - Data Manager Grade 5
 - o. Drew Bittner - ECHO Support Staff
 - p. Gage Chiles - Jumpin Jammers
 - q. Alex Schmidt - Jumpin Jammers
 - r. Alex Schmidt - Road Runners

- s. Jessica Bear - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - t. Alicia Welker - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - u. Katelyn Shindeldecker - Summer Science Camp (.5)
 - v. Kelsey Luthman - Summer Science Camp (.5)
3. Middle School:
- a. Angie Myers - Scholastic Bowl
 - b. Christine Gemmer - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - c. Tami Suzuki - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - d. Kelli Thompson - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - e. Marty Hohman - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - f. Katy Priest - Cougar Leaders
 - g. Josie Brunet - Cougar Leaders
 - h. Brooke Boznango - Cougar Leaders
 - i. Rachel Gehrlich - Yearbook
 - j. Marty Hohman - Middle School Robotics
 - k. Marie Markward - Middle School After School Club Mgr.
 - l. Bryce Crea - Intramurals (.33)
 - m. Glenn Hicks - Intramurals (.33)
 - n. Ben Laudick - Intramurals (.33)
 - o. Tricia Ridenour - Echo Support (.5)
 - p. Melissa Bloomfield - Echo Support (.5)
 - q. Audrea Mancinotti - 6th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - r. Alexa Terry - 6th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - s. Jason Haggerty - 7th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - t. Rachel Gehrlich - 7th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - u. Amie Moonshower - 8th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - v. Angie Myers - 8th Grade Data Manager (.5)
 - w. Megan Hurless - 6th Grade RTI (.5)
 - x. Brooke Boznango - 6th Grade RTI (.5)
 - y. Josie Brunet - 7th Grade RTI (.5)
 - z. Katie Peterson - 7th Grade RTI (.5)
 - aa. Marie Markward - 8th Grade RTI (.5)
 - ab. Tiffany Werts - 8th Grade RTI (.5)
 - ac. Alexa Terry - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - ad. Rachel Gehrlich - Multi-media manager (.5)
4. High School:
- a. Rachael Dettrow- School Plays - Play Director
 - b. Rachael Dettrow - School Musical - Play Director
 - c. Danielle Slagle - School Musical - Music Director (pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met) (.5)
 - d. Griffin Waltmire - School Musical - Music Director (pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met) (.5)
 - e. Bob Sloan - School Musical - Pit Orchestra Director
 - f. Danielle Slagle - School Musical - Assistant Director (pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met) (.5)
 - g. Griffin Waltmire - School Musical - Assistant Director (pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met) (.5)
 - h. Sarah Zabka - Excalibur
 - i. Sarah Zabka - German Club

- j. Katie Delgado - Junior Class Advisor
- k. Natoshia Wilhelm - National Honor Society Advisor
- l. Maggie Roehm - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.5)
- m. Ava Burkheimer - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.5)
- n. Chris Kraner - Scholastic Bowl Advisor
- o. Khandiss Klinger - Spanish Club Advisor
- p. Judy Krites - Student Council Advisor
- q. Katie Bowersock - Student Council Advisor
- r. Charles Witten - Varsity "V" Club Advisor
- s. Melissa Bloomfield - High School Chamber Choir
- t. Bob Spath - ECHO Support Staff (.5)
- u. Jeremy Kitson - ECHO Support Staff (.5)
- v. Nancy Brown - Senior Project Teacher (2 classes)
- w. Pam Switzer - Senior Project Teacher (2 classes)
- x. Robin Workman - Senior Project Teacher (1 class)
- y. Maggie Roehm - Senior Project Teacher Counselor
- z. Matt Saunier- Marching Band Support Staff
- aa. Bob Spath - Robotics Club Advisor
- ab. Noah Carter - Robotics Club Advisor
- ac. Krista Baer - Multi-media Manager (.5)
- ad. Kate Delgado - Multi-media Manager (.5)
- ae. Emilie Lewis - Art Club Advisor
- 5. Athletics
 - a. Tiffany Werts - Cheerleading Varsity Assistant Coach
 - b. Ben Collins - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
 - c. Harry Florence - High School Site Coordinator Fall
 - d. Tom Baer - Middle School Site Coordinator Fall/Spring (.5)
 - e. Josie Brunet - Middle School Site Coordinator Fall/Spring (.5)
- 6. District and Building Leadership Teams
 - a. ECC Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Lori Bittner - Principal and Internal Facilitator (unpaid)
 - 2. Shelly Place - Teacher
 - 3. Nicole Adams - Teacher
 - b. ECC Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Katie Wells - Teacher
 - 2. Erin Heaslip - Teacher
 - 3. Diana Morrow - Social Worker
 - c. Elementary Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Justin Krogman - Principal (unpaid)
 - 2. Tracy Wehner - Assistant Principal and Internal Facilitator (unpaid)
 - 3. Betsy Davis - Teacher
 - 4. Jared Army - Teacher
 - 5. Jess Small - Teacher
 - d. Elementary Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Stephanie Sudhoff- Teacher
 - 2. Amy Covey - Teacher
 - 3. Katelyn Shindeldecker - Teacher
 - 4. Tre Short - Teacher
 - 5. Alex Schmidt - Teacher
 - 6. Rachel Laing - School Psychologist (unpaid)
 - e. Middle School Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Darla Dunlap - Principal and Internal Facilitator (unpaid)

2. Ben Collins - Assistant Principal (unpaid)
 3. Melissa Bloomfield - Teacher
 4. Frankie Bowen - School Counselor
 5. Heidi Arney - Teacher
 - f. Middle School Building Leadership Team only
 1. Tiffany Werts - Teacher
 2. Chris Gemmer - Teacher
 3. Megan Hurless - Teacher
 4. Brooke Boznango- Teacher
 5. Jose Brunet - Teacher
 6. Sarah Smith - School Psychologist (unpaid)
 - g. High School Building and District Leadership Team
 1. Chuck Rollins - Principal (unpaid)
 2. Ryan Parrish - Assistant Principal and Internal Facilitator (unpaid)
 3. Bob Sloan - Teacher and Internal Facilitator
 4. Bob Spath - Teacher
 5. Kim Doidge - Teacher
 6. Katie Bowersock - Teacher
 - h. High School Building Leadership Team only
 1. Pam Switzer - Teacher
 2. Katie Adelblue - Teacher
 3. Jeremy Kitson - Teacher
 4. Ava Burkheimer - School Counselor
 - i. Goedde Building
 1. Rhonda Cunningham - Director (DLT) (unpaid)
 2. Jeff Kallas – Teacher (DLT)
 - j. District Employees (unpaid)
 1. Mark Bagley - Superintendent (DLT only)
 2. Ruth Ann Dowler - Special Services Coordinator (DLT only and Internal Facilitator)
 3. Justin Bragg - Technology Director (DLT only)
 4. Chris Covey - Director of Curriculum & Instruction (DLT/BLT/Internal Facilitator)
- T. Approve a resolution to participate in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council cooperative school bus purchasing program as follows:
Whereas the Van Wert City School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one(1) school bus.
Therefore, be it resolved that the Van Wert City School District Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one(1) school bus.
- U. Approve a resolution to Restate the Ohio Association of School Business Officials 457 Deferred Compensation Plan as follows:
Whereas, Van Wert City Schools (name of school) has previously adopted the Ohio Association of School Business Officials ("OASBO") 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), a retirement plan (the "plan") under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");
Whereas, OASBO last provided its member school districts with an amended and restated Plan, effective as of April 1, 2017, for adoption as the Plan;
Whereas, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act (SECURE ACT) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT)

of 2020 would, in relevant part, require the Van Wert City Schools (name of school) to amend the Plan to ensure compliance with Section 457(b) of the Code and the regulations thereunder; and

Whereas, Van Wert City Schools (name of school) desires to amend and restate the Plan;

Be it resolved that: Effective August 23, 2023 (effective date of amended and restated plan document), the Board of Van Wert City Schools (name of school) (the "Board") authorizes Van Wert City Schools (name of school) to adopt the Plan as amended and restated for such federal legislation.

Be it further resolved that: the Board authorizes the school business official of Van Wert City Schools (name of school) to execute the Plan.

- V. Approve the hiring of athletic event workers on an "as needed" basis for the 2023-2024 school year.
- W. Approve a resolution to nominate Sam Shriver (Van Wert Times Bulletin) and Scott Truxell (Van Wert Independent) to the 2023 Ohio School Boards Association Media Honor Roll as presented.
- X. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- Y. Approve a Community Investment Area Agreement between the City of Van Wert and Slushers Jewelry as presented.
- Z. Approve the fleet, liability, and property coverage (declining earth movement, flood, and terrorism coverage) with Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc. (underwritten by Liberty Mutual) effective September 1, 2023 to September 1, 2024.
- AA. 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 - Van Wert County Board of DD - 6/23/2023 - \$4,778.18
 - Vendor - Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc. - 6/2/2023 - \$3,886.78
- AB. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$1,791.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 - 2. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$4,145.00 to Family and Children First
 - 3. Statewide Ford - \$500.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 4. Sparetime, LLC - \$100.00 to Middle School PBIS
 - 5. Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc. - \$1,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
 - 6. Tawindra Petroleum, Inc. / Ohio City Express - \$250.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
 - 7. Timken Co Charitable and Ed Fund - \$1,999.00 to Middle School STEM
 - 8. Raymond James Charitable / Cooper Family Foundation - \$5,500.00 to English Learners
 - 9. Raymond James Charitable / Cooper Family Foundation - \$5,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
 - 10. Richard & Nancy Kelly - \$500.00 for feminine hygiene products for students
 - 11. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$10,940.00 to Athletic Facilities Fund - Pole Vault Pit
 - 12. Hometown Therapy Group, LLC - \$50.00 to Middle School PBIS

- XI. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective the 2023-2024 school year:
- A. Katelyn Shindeldecker - Bachelors to Bachelors-150
 - B. Jennifer Slusher - Masters to Masters+15
 - C. Maggie Roehm - Masters to Masters+30
 - D. Kelli Thompson - Masters+15 to Masters+30

- XII. Special Education Notice: Van Wert City Schools will offer a public meeting to provide the opportunity for public comment on the district's use of IDEA Part B funds with recommendations or suggestions for special education programs and services. Ruth Ann Dowler, Special Services Coordinator, and Lori Bittner, Early Childhood Center Principal, will be available for this meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at Van Wert Elementary in the office conference room, or by appointment at a later time.

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- XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 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