

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 26, 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, Scott Mull. Absent – Debby Compton. 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 Scott Mull**

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, absent. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

- VI. Treasurer's Section
Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the June financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, and monthly revenue and expenditure summary. Mr. Bowersock reviewed with the Board of Education fiscal year 2023 year-end report information and fiscal year 2024 beginning of year preparations,*

presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, updated the Board on the House Bill 33 FY2024-2025 biennial budget bill, and lastly discussed the OFCC project close-out and resulting debt retirement of the OASBO State Asset Pool loan.

- VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Priest provided an update on the summer maintenance projects and cleaning. He commended the custodial and maintenance staff for their efforts in preparing for 2023-2024 school year. Lastly, Priest informed the Board of the upcoming Bus Driver in-service on August 2nd at Vantage Career Center and reminded "new preschool student" parents of the August 4th preschool registration deadline.*
- VIII. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley provided an update on beginning of the school year preparations, on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year, and on staff development initiatives taking place during the summer months. He reviewed the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and the turf installation indicating that planning continues for future Phase II & Phase III renovations and for legacy naming rights. Bagley closed his report with a legislative update.*
- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board Report – *No report*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *Reviewed parking lot renovations and additional handicap parking.*
 - C. Athletic Council – *No report*
 - D. Safety Team – *Discussed Special Response Team training with the Van Wert City Police Department.*

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- X. Consent Resolutions

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve items "A through M" as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, absent. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

- A. Accept the resignation of Lydia Whitman from her position as Early Childhood Center paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.
- B. Approve Emily Vondran as a kindergarten teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- C. Approve Katrina Steen as an early childhood center paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- D. Approve Morgan Miller as a first grade teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- E. Approve Andrew Hamblett as assistant to the director of technology, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- F. Approve Annie Eggleston as a middle school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- G. Approve a supplemental contract with William Clifton for Stadium Renovation Construction Management, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented.
- H. Approve the Service Contract Agreement for hearing/audiology services with Montgomery County Educational Service Center for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

- I. Approve the Service Contract Agreement for vision impaired services with Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.
 - J. Approve the transfer of \$36,787.00 (10% of June 30, 2023 Athletic Department cash balance) from Fund 300-9210 to Fund 070-9210 (Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund).
 - K. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on June 29, 2023.
 - L. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
 - M. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. The Van Wert County Foundation - \$7,000.00 on behalf of the following grant funds:
 - a. Associated Charities Fund - \$2,500.00 to Goedde Culinary Instructional Needs
 - b. Clara Anderson Memorial Fund - \$1,000.00 to VW High School Scholastic Bowl
 - c. Helen C. Etzler Scholarship Fund - \$3,500.00 to CEO Program
- 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. Andrea Sealscott - Bachelors to Bachelors-150
 - B. Krista Baer - Masters to Masters+15

- XII. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of a residential CRA application as presented:
- A. Roxanne Utrup, 614 George St., Van Wert, OH 45891

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- XIII. 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 Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to go into executive session at 5:33 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, absent. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent. Meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m.**

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- XIV. Adjournment
- Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent - 1**

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23, 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