

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 31, 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, Bill Clifton, Troy Bowersock, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Justin Krogman, Tracy Wehner, Mark Jones, Bob Priest, Ruth Ann Dowler, Seth Baker, Stacy Adam, Kevin Gehres.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. Recite our 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 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. Educational Impact Presentation / Recognition – *Justin Krogman & Tracy Wehner - Van Wert Elementary – Mark Jones, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators, recognized Tracy Wehner as the Ohio Assistant Principal of the year and Van Wert Elementary as a Hall of Fame School.*

VII. Treasurer's Section

Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the April financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, monthly revenue and expenditure summary, and the May 31, 2023 fiscal year 2023 appropriation amendment. Mr. Bowersock reviewed with the Board of Education the district's "May" 5 year forecast, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and updated the Board on the House Bill 33 FY2024-2025 biennial budget discussions.*

VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Clifton provided an update on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project. He also discussed summer maintenance work currently in progress and upcoming safety training opportunities. Lastly, Clifton closed his report by thanking the Van Wert City Schools and the Van Wert community for the opportunity to serve over the past 36 years as teacher, coach, and administrator.*

IX. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley reviewed the second reading of new/revised policies from the Neola volume 41, number 2 spring 2023 update recommended for approval. Mr. Bagley also provided an update on staffing and continued conversations on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and the turf installation. He continued and provided a legislative update and highlighted the cooperative efforts and partnerships being established with the Van Wert City Schools. Bagley closed by lauding and thanking Mr. Bill Clifton for his 36 years of service at Van Wert City Schools.*

X. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)

A. Vantage – *Highlighted end of school year activities*

B. VWAPAF – *No report*

C. VWASIG - *2024 rate/premium discussion and health initiative cost saving measures for consideration*

D. Athletic Council - *No report*

E. Safety Team – *Summer safety training opportunities*

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XI. Consent Resolutions

Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Greg Blackmore to approve items "A through AK" 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 Brittney Boaz from her position as high school paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

B. Accept the resignation of Mimmo Lytle from his position as head wrestling coach, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

C. Accept the resignation of Melissa Bloomfield from her supplemental contracts as Masque and Gavel play director, musical-play director and musical-music director, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

D. Approve Gage Chiles as elementary school physical education teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

E. Approve Keaton Altimus as middle school physical education teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

F. Approve Nicole McClure as high school science teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

G. Approve Abby Jackson as first grade teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

H. Approve Kaylen Brown as kindergarten teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

- I. Approve Amy Adams as early childhood center paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effect the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- J. Approve Tracy Kantner as early childhood center paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effect the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- K. Approve Billie Racer as middle school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effect the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
- L. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Chris Covey, director of curriculum, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- M. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Ruth Ann Dowler, special services coordinator, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- N. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Darla Dunlap, middle school principal, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- O. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Doug Grooms, school psychologist, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- P. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Justin Krogman, elementary school principal, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- Q. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Rachel Laing, school psychologist, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2026.
- R. Approve a supplemental coaching contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented:
 - 1. Tisha Parrish - Middle School Volleyball coach
 - 2. Glenn Hicks - Middle School Volleyball volunteer
 - 3. Kim Dowdy - High School Volleyball volunteer
 - 4. Jalen McCracken - Freshman Football coach
 - 5. Keaton Altimus - Freshman Football coach
 - 6. Jordan Danylchuck - Middle School Football volunteer
 - 7. Ben Collins - Head Wrestling coach
- S. Approve the following early childhood center summer 2023 staff as presented:
 - 1. Secretarial - As needed
 - a. Debbie Pollock
 - b. Sherry Boroff
 - 2. Summer School - Round 1
 - a. Ashley Hockenberry
 - b. Alexa Dunlap
 - c. Kaitlin Adam
 - d. Krista Conley
 - 3. Preschool Testing Week & Summer School (ESY) - Round 2
 - a. Nikki Adams
 - b. Judi Smith
 - c. Ronda Niemeyer
 - d. Kim Dowdy
 - e. Shelly Place
 - f. Drew Bittner
 - g. Janine Warnecke
 - h. Jenn Hoffman
 - i. Lisa Knoch
 - j. Danae Leaser
 - k. Christine Kreischer
- T. Approve the following elementary summer 2023 staff as presented:
 - 1. Chris Cochrane
 - 2. Jessica Small
 - 3. Ashley Liebrecht

- U. Approve middle school summer 2023 staff as presented:
 - 1. Tom Baer - Summer Bridge
 - 2. Steve Sealscott - Summer Bridge
- V. Approve the following custodial workers for the summer of 2023, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met:
 - 1. Jen Eddy (current paraprofessional)
 - 2. Billie Racer (current paraprofessional)
 - 3. Mason Imler (new)
 - 4. Steven Bowers (new)
 - 5. Annesah Jones (new)
 - 6. Aidan Pratt (new)
 - 7. Luke Wessell (new)
 - 8. Marilyn Cress (current substitute)
- W. Approve the following team overnight stays as presented:
 - 1. High School track, 11 athletes, 6 adults to Columbus, OH, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium for State Track Meet / Homewood Suites; June 1-3, 2023
 - 2. Girls soccer, 15 athletes, 1 adult to Chain o'Lakes State Park, Albion, IN; June 9-12, 2023
 - 3. Football, 55 athletes, 9 adults to East Harbor State Park, Lakeside Marblehead, MI; July 12-14, 2023
 - 4. High School Band to Huntington University, Indiana, for band camp July 24-28, 2023
- X. Approve the new/revised policies Neola January 2023 Update - Vol. 41, No. 2:
 - 1. Bylaw 0131.1 - Technical Corrections (Revised)
 - 2. Policy 2114 - Meeting State Performance Indicators (Revised)
 - 3. Policy 2271 - College Credit Plus Program (Revised)
 - 4. Policy 2412 - Homebound Instruction Program (Revised)
 - 5. Policy 3120.09/4120.09 - Volunteers (Rescind)
 - 6. Policy 8120 - Volunteers (Replacement/Revised)
 - 7. Policy 5310 - Health Services (Revised)
 - 8. Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements (Revised)
 - 9. Policy 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students (Revised)
 - 10. Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
 - 11. Policy 8390 - Animals on District Policy (Revised)
 - 12. Policy 8400 - School Safety (Revised)
 - 13. Policy 8420 - Emergency Situations at Schools (Revised)
 - 14. Policy 8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect (Revised)
 - 15. Policy 1615 - Use of Tobacco by Administrators (Revised)
 - 16. Policy 3215 - Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff (Revised)
 - 17. Policy 4215 - Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff (Revised)
 - 18. Policy 5512 - Use of Tobacco (Revised)
 - 19. Policy 7434 - Use of Tobacco on School Premises (Revised)
 - 20. Policy 9160 - Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)
 - 21. Policy 1615 - Use of Tobacco by Administrators (Revised)
 - 22. Policy 3215 - Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff (Revised)
 - 23. Policy 4215 - Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff (Revised)
 - 24. Policy 5512 - Use of Tobacco (Revised)
 - 25. Policy 7434 - Use of Tobacco on School Premises (Revised)
 - 26. Policy 9160 - Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)

- 27. Policy 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- 28. Policy 7540.04 - Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- 29. Policy 8300 - Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (Revised)
- 30. Policy 8305 - Information Security (Revised)
- 31. Policy 8315 - Information Management (Revised)
- 32. Policy 9700.01 - Advertising and Commercial Activities (Revised)
- Y. Approve an agreement with the YMCA of Van Wert County regarding a small parcel of ground at the southeast corner of the stone parking lot directly behind the football stadium as presented.
- Z. Approve the certificate of completion of the project agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission as follows:
 - WHEREAS, the Van Wert City School District entered into a Classroom Facilities Assistance Program with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission on July 23, 2009, and
 - WHEREAS, all construction has been completed and all contractual obligations have been met, and
 - WHEREAS, the final reconciliation of the Van Wert City School District's Project Construction Fund (Fund 10) with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission has been completed,
 - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Van Wert City School District approve the Certificate of Project Completion and authorize the President and Treasurer to execute the Certificate, and,
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to close the Project Construction Fund (Fund 10) and dispose of the remaining funds in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 3318.12.
- AA. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Van Wert Federation of Teachers and the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education regarding high school bowling supplemental positions, effective the 2023-2024 contract year through the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
- AB. Approve the fiscal year 2023 May Five-Year Forecast based upon the information and assumptions available as of May 24, 2023 as presented.
- AC. Approve the establishment of fund 070-9023 - Early Childhood Center Playground Project Fund.
- AD. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 26, 2023.
- AE. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- AF. Approve the amendments to the FY23 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$36,469,671.36 as presented.
- AG. Approve three year services agreement with Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 as presented.
- AH. Approve the personal leave day payment for Rebecca Proffitt as presented.
- AI. 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 invoice \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:
 - The Marsh Foundation - 10/31/2022 - \$3,381.24
- AJ. Approve the Phase I and Phase II Downtown Redevelopment District Real Property Tax Exemptions resolution as presented.
- AK. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Citizens National Bank - \$150.00 to Students of Need Fund

2. Paulding Putnam Electric Trust - \$1,000.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - D.C. Scholarships
3. Van Wert Service Club - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Schools Educator's Fund
4. Edward Jones - Trevor Webster - \$1,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
5. Eric McCracken - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
6. Sealscott CPA Inc. - \$200.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
7. GLM Transport, Inc. - \$500.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
8. Nygren Chiropractic & Acupuncture, LLC - \$100.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
9. Ayers Mechanical Group - \$250.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
10. Max & Linda Gamble - \$50.00 to Goedde Principal's Fund
11. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
12. Unverferth Family Dentistry Inc. - \$150.00 to Van Wert City Schools Educator's Fund
13. Sycamore Drive In - \$250.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
14. Schlatter Premier Turf Management LLC - \$200.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
15. Katherine & Cody Bowersock - \$250.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
16. Laurie's Naturescapes LLC - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
17. Sycamore Drive In - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
18. Van Wert County Foundation / John F. Maney and Margaret Shaffer Maney Memorial Fund - \$3,000.00 to a Student Scholarship
19. Midwest Electric Community - \$500.00 to Middle School Activity Fund
20. Wallace Plumbing & Underground - \$500.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
21. Jacob & Elizabeth Hamman - \$150.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
22. Van Wert City Schools Elementary PTO - \$1,996.25 to Early Childhood Center Activity Fund - Inflatables
23. BA Carts, LLC - \$100.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground
24. United Way of Van Wert County - \$5,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground

XII. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employee will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective the 2023-2024 school year:

- A. Kelsey (Wertz) Luthman - Bachelors-150 to Masters
- B. Lydia Mendenhall - Bachelors+10 to Bachelors-150

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

1. Habitat for Humanity, 519 Center 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 Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to go into executive session at 5:58 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 7:02 p.m.

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XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 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