

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
S.F. Goedde Building - District Office Conference Room
205 W. Crawford St., Van Wert, OH 45891

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call by President - **Time In: 5:00 p.m. Board Members Present- Anthony Adams, Greg Blackmore, Julie Burenga, Debby Compton, Scott Mull. Others Present – David Mosier, Sam Shriver, Mark Bagley, Bill Clifton, Troy Bowersock, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Rhonda Cunningham, Jeff Kallas, Julie Hamilton, Bob Priest, Ryan Parrish, Chuck Rollins, Jen Rollins, Gail McKinnon, Seth Baker, Nate Green.**

- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

- III. Recite our Vision / Mission – **Recited by Julie Burenga**

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

an 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 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. Van Wert Forward Downtown Development presentation / Downtown Redevelopment District request – *Seth Baker, Van Wert County Foundation; Nate Green, The Montrose Group, LLC* – **No action taken**

- VII. Educational Impact Presentation

Van Wert School at the Goedde – Rhonda Cunningham

VIII. Treasurer's Section

Business and Records - Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the March financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, monthly revenue and expenditure summary, and the April 26, 2023 fiscal year 2023 appropriation amendment. Mr. Bowersock reviewed with the Board of Education the district's "draft" 5 year forecast that will be presented for approval in May, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and updated the Board on the House Bill 33 FY2024-2025 biennial budget discussions and the House Bill 1 tax reform legislation.

IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section - Mr. Clifton provided an update on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project. He also discussed the summer maintenance current and future project planning that is underway. Lastly, Clifton reviewed the planned mentoring with Mr. Priest as he transitions into the Assistant Superintendent's role.

X. Superintendent's Section - Mr. Bagley presented the first reading of the new/revised policies from the Neola spring 2023 update. Mr. Bagley also provided an update on staffing and discussed the classified staff contract negotiations. He also continued conversations on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and the turf installation. Lastly, Bagley provided a legislative update and highlighted end of school year activities providing praise for the display of "Cougar Pride."

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

A. Vantage – No report

B. VWAPAF – Financial update and future venue planning

C. VWASIG – No report

D. Athletic Council – No report

E. Safety Team – Year-end building threat assessment reporting and safety drill requirements; update on the district's AED procedures; spring/summer safety training opportunities; threat assessment reporting involving students.

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XII. Consent Resolutions

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve items "A through V" 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 Andrea Mead from her position as high school health and physical education teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

B. Accept the resignation of Alison Springer from her position as 2nd grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

C. Accept the resignation of Debbie Rager from her position as elementary paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year; and in turn approve her as elementary secretary, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

D. Approve Jalen McCracken as a high school math teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

E. Approve Noah Carter as assistant to the director of technology, effective May 1, 2023 through August 16, 2023 as presented.

F. Approve Noah Carter as middle school pre-engineering / gateway to technology teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.

G. Approve Amanda Atkinson as an elementary school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, as presented.

H. Approve Audrey Coil as an elementary school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, as presented.

- I. Approve employee contracts/salary notices for the 2023-2024 contract year, as follows:

CERTIFIED ONE-YEAR LIMITED CONTRACTS

Katie Bachelor	Jason Holubik	Shelby Pleiman
Evie Bair	Kerry Koontz	Josh Poulson
Allison Bertke	Chris Kraner	Katy Priest
Josie Brunet	Emilie Lewis	Danielle Ray
Brooke Comer	Kelsey Luthman	Makenna Ricker
Jordan Dettrow	Lydia Mendenhall	Tre Short
Rachael Dettow	Ashley Liebrecht	Jen Slusher
Kim Doidge	Eric Muhlenkamp	Renee Staas
Emma Dues	Megan Neuenschwander	Scott Turner
Alexa Dunlap	Rhonda Niemeyer	Marie Wynn
Karlin Dunlap	Leah Nietfeld	Robin Workman
Carly Hamrick	Nicholas Pauff	Sara Zabka
Damian Helm	Robin Pennell	

CERTIFIED TWO-YEAR LIMITED CONTRACTS

Kathleen Adelblue	Angela Myers	Judi Smith
Roland Alvarez	Brianna Pelfrey	Angie Stemen
Nancy Brown	Katie Peterson	Ty Wannemacher
Chris Cochrane	Maggie Roehm	Katie Wells
Bryce Crea	Alex Schmidt	Tiffany Wert
Jason Haggerty	Katelyn Shindeldecker	
Jeremy Kitson	Amie Moonshower	

CERTIFIED TWO-YEAR LIMITED SALARY NOTICES

(2nd Year of 2-Year Contract)

Tom Baer	Ben Laudick	Pam Switzer
Frankie Bowen	Audrea Mancinotti	Amanda Temple
Brooke Boznango	Josiah Poletta	Alexa Terry
Elizabeth Davis	Colten Royer	Bev Wisher
Ashley Hockenberry	Andrea Sealscott	
Khandiss Klinger	Steve Sealscott	

CERTIFIED NEW CONTINUING CONTRACTS 2023-2024

Joy DeVelvis	Samantha Fleming	Ginny Marbaugh
Josh Early	Erin Heaslip	Julia Reichert

CERTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT SALARY NOTICES

Nicole Adams	Andy Breese	Laura Etter
Sara Alvarez	Ashley Breese	Jill Fast
Jennifer Arend	Ava Burkheimer	Harry Florence
Jared Army	Deb Chiles	Laura Foster
Heidi Arney	Melinda Clymer	Rachel Gehrlich
Krista Baer	Jill Coleman	Christine Gemmer
Drew Bittner	Amy Covey	Cole Harting
Melissa Bloomfield	Rebecca Doctor	Dianna Hicks
Katie Bowersock	Kimberly Dowdy	Glenn Hicks

Morgan Hicks
Michelle Hoffman
Marty Hohman
Sarah Holliday
Nate Hoverman
Tricia Hughes
Megan Hurless
Jeff Kallas
Trinda Keber
Mary Kramer
Christine Kreischer
Judy Krites
Matthew Krites
Danae Leaser
Erin Lee
Marie Markward

Traci McCoy
Melissa Miller
Sandy Mishey
Rhonda Mohr
Judy Mosier
Denise Nicolai
Hannah Philpot
Shelly Place
LeeAnn Pratt
Keith Recker
Tricia Ridenour
Chuck Rollins
Jennifer Rollins
Jason Royer
Sara Royer
Kaleen Sawmiller

Julia Schaffner
Nellie Schmidt
Leigh Short
Jennifer Simper
Ashley Sinn
Robert Sloan
Jessica Small
Amy Smith
Stephanie Sudhoff
Tami Suzuki
Kelli Thompson
Jennifer Trittschuh
Alicia Welker
Kim Werling
Natoshia Wilhelm
Charlie Witten

SALARY NOTICES

**Director of
Maintenance**
Gregg Scheidt

**Asst. to Director of
Maintenance**
Curt Schaffner

Custodian
Rick Allen
Manual Alvarado
Dan Arend
Nicole Blair
Mark Breece
Jeff Dunlap
Chris Golliver
Brent Hamrick
Theresa Hill
Dante Jones
Isaiah Jones
Mason Krugh
Chris LaRue
Thomas Leiendecker
Scott Pollock
Troy Syphrit

**Director of
Technology**
Justin Bragg

**Asst. to Director of
Technology**
Todd Keller
Rick Kreischer

**Director of Food
Service**
John Marquez

Cafeteria Employees
Beth Adkins
Angie Beining
Patricia Bonifas
Laura Eikenbary
Jaclyn Evans
Theresa Hill
Michelle Hipsley
Janey Knittle
Julie LaRue
Vicki Marbaugh
Roy Schleeter

**Director of Bus
Maintenance**
Ben Showalter

Bus Driver
Greg Breese
Kevin Dailey

Amber Gibson
Della Harting
Mike Ragan
Jenny Yoh

Secretary
Jessica Bear
Tracy Collins
Kate Delgado
Amy Feasel
Vicki Keber
Deb Mengerink
Deb Pollock
Stacy Strick
Rona Trammell

Executive Secretary
Julie Anderson

EMIS Coordinator
Stacey Snyder

**Assistant to the
Treasurer**
Danielle Parrish
Diane Tobe

Paraprofessional

Kaitlin Adam
Eli Alvarez
Devyn Anderson
Lori Becker
Brittany Boaz
Melissa Bockrath
Sherry Boroff
Lisa Bracken
Krista Conley
Kristen Conrad
Rachel Davis
Cindy Dawson
Eliza Dickinson
Jennifer Eddy
Dawn German
Amber Gibson
Juli Hamilton
Kirsten Hauter
Toni Hauter
Neomi Jones
Heather Keller
Wendy Kinkle
Kerri Kiracofe
Tasha Miller
Jennifer Missler
Cara Moonshower
Kimberly Mull
Cheri Oechsle
Kelly Parrish
Debra Rager
Michelle Richardson
Betty Ross
Beth Saunier
Autumn Schlatter
Andrea Shaffer
Tamara Sharp
Kelsey Snider
Michelle Spridgeon
Tonya Sroufe
Jill Wermer
Lydia Whitman
Deb Williman
Ashley Zappa
Barb Zappa

Computer**Aide/Paraprofessional**

Nicole Gamble
Brooke Gearhart

Library**Aide/Paraprofessional**

Meghan Baldauf
LeAnn German

**Marketing and PR
Specialist**

Haley Michaud

Occupational Therapist

Janine Warnecke

Occupational Therapy**Assistant**

Jennifer Huffman
Lisa Knoch

Physical Therapy**Assistant**

Jaime Gardner

Head Nurse

Natasha Hunnicutt

Assistant to the School**Nurse**

Stacia Barnhart
Emily Whittington

School Psychologist

Doug Grooms
Rachel Laing
Sarah Smith

Social Worker

John Basinger
Diana Morrow

Family & Children**First Council****Fiscal Assistant**

Lisa Bracken

Work-Based Learning**Coordinator**

Adam Nygren

- J. Approve the following custodial workers for the summer of 2023, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met:
1. Mark Taylor (current substitute teacher)
 2. Layten Collins (new)
 3. Nancy Riley (current custodial substitute)
 4. Alexa Gearhart (current custodial substitute)
 5. David Byrne (current custodial substitute)
 6. Malissa Mohr (current custodial substitute)
 7. Tonya Sroufe (current paraprofessional)
 8. Rachel Davis (current paraprofessional)
 9. Lisa Bracken (current paraprofessional)
 10. Eliza Leiendecker (new)
 11. Matthew Dunno (new)
- K. Approve the following supplemental coaching contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, pending all policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented:
1. Head winter coaches
 - a. Ben Laudick - Head Boys Basketball
 - b. Hannah Phlipot - Head Girls Basketball
 - c. Megan Hurless - Head Boys and Girls Swimming
 - d. Kevin Decker - Head Boys and Girls Bowling
 - e. Jacque Welch - Head Cheerleading
 2. Fall assistant coaches
 - a. Steve Recker - Football Varsity Assistant
 - b. Josiah Poletta - Football Varsity Assistant
 - c. Bryce Crea - Football Varsity Assistant
 - d. Nick Pauff - Football Varsity Assistant
 - e. Josh Poulson - Football Varsity Assistant
 - f. Charlie Witten - Football Middle School
 - g. Brandon Lintermoot - Football Middle School
 - h. Seth Baer - Football Middle School
 - i. Chris Heath - Football Middle School
 - j. Mike Hernandez - Golf Volunteer
 - k. Gage Chiles - Cross Country Varsity Assistant
 - l. Toshia Wilhelm - Cross Country Middle School
 - m. Bob Spath - Cross Country Middle School
 - n. Noah Carter - Cross Country Volunteer
 - o. Deb Merritt - Cross Country Volunteer
 - p. Eli Alvarez - Girls Tennis Volunteer
 - q. Issa Ickes - Volleyball High School
 - r. Morgan Hicks - Volleyball Freshman
 - s. Alexa Dunlap - Volleyball Middle School
 - t. Betsy Hamman - Cheerleading Middle School
- L. Approve for graduation the Class of 2023 as submitted and presented, providing all requirements are met.
- M. Approve the contract for FY 2024 between the Van Wert County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Van Wert City Schools (Family and Children First Council) as presented. This contract is for Early Intervention and Early Intervention Outreach.
- N. Approve a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Architect to award a construction contract to Alexander & Bebout, Inc. for the Eggerss Stadium phase 1 general work.
- O. Approve a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Architect to award a construction contract to County Electric LLC for the Eggerss Stadium phase 1 electrical work.

- P. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 29, 2023.
- Q. Approve the depository agreement with Van Wert Federal Savings Bank to serve as a public depository for the Van Wert City Schools during the period 3/15/2023 to 5/26/2024.
- R. Approve enrollment in the Sedgwick Workers Compensation group rating program for the policy period commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.
- S. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- T. Approve the amendments to the FY23 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$36,258,476.36 as presented.
- U. 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(s) \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education: The Marsh Foundation - 3/23/2023 - \$7,130.00
- V. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 1. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Schools Educator’s Fund
 2. Strategic Capital, LLC - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Schools Educator’s Fund
 3. First Federal of Van Wert - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
 4. Brewed Expressions LLC - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
 5. Wayne Kilton - \$125.00 to Van Wert City Schools Educator’s Fund
 6. United Way of Van Wert County - \$802.40 to Goedde Principal’s Fund - Cupcake Wars
 7. Danfoss Power Solutions / Eaton Corp - \$222.00 Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 8. Danfoss Power Solutions / Eaton Corp - \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
 9. United Way of Van Wert County - \$1,625.00 to Goedde Principal’s Fund
 10. Van Wert Vision, LTD. - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball
 11. 3 Graces Boutique LLC - \$125.00 to Girls Basketball

XIII. Nonconsent Resolutions

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- A. Approve the Negotiated Agreement between the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education and the Classified Employees of Van Wert City Schools effective August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2026, as presented.
Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Greg Blackmore to approve item “A” as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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- B. Accept the resignation of Chuck Rollins from his position as high school science teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year; and in-turn approve a 3-year administrative contract for him as high school principal, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026, as presented.
Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve item “B” as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- XIV. The Annual Food Services Notification regarding compliance with the “Standards for Food and Beverages Act” is presented for your review. – *submitted by Rebecca Proffitt*

- XV. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees advanced/will advance on the payscale, due to additional college coursework:

- A. Rachel Dettrow - Bachelors to Bachelors-150, effective the next pay following April 1, 2023

- B. Glenn Hicks - Masters+15 to Masters+30, effective the 2023-2024 contract year
- C. Tricia Ridenour - Masters+15 to Masters+30, effective the 2023-2024 contract year

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XVI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Debby Compton to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 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