

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
First Federal Lecture Hall
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

MINUTES

Public Records Commission (board president, board vice-president, superintendent and treasurer) to meet immediately prior to the organizational meeting to review records retention schedule. – No action taken

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

I. Opening – **Time In: 5:00 p.m.**

A. Welcome by Board President Anthony Adams

II. Board of Education Section

23.01.001

A. Election and appointment of a President Pro-Tem for tonight's Organizational Meeting

Motion was made by Scott Mull and seconded by Julie Burenga to nominate Anthony Adams as President Pro-Tem. Vote: Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Debby Compton, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

B. Call to Order and Roll Call by President Pro-Tem - **Board Members Present- Anthony Adams, Greg Blackmore, Julie Burenga, Scott Mull. Absent – Debby Compton. Others Present – Dave Mosier, Brian Hess, Mark Bagley, Bill Clifton, Troy Bowersock, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Kristi Fuerst, Justin Krogman, Justin Dickman, Warren Straley.**

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

D. Election of Officers

23.01.002

1. Nominations for and election of Board President for the 2023 calendar year

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Greg Blackmore to nominate Scott Mull as Board President. Vote: Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Debby Compton, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

23.01.003

2. Nominations for and election of Board Vice-President for the 2023 calendar year

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to nominate Julie Burenga as Board Vice-President. Vote: Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Debby Compton, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

3. President's Acceptance – **Scott Mull assumed the role of Board President and presided over the meeting.**

E. Appointment of Board Representatives

1. Representative to the Athletic Council – **Julie Burenga**
2. Representative to the District Safety Team – **Greg Blackmore**
3. Representative to VWASIG (Van Wert Area School Insurance Group) – **Anthony Adams**
4. Representative to the Vantage Board of Education – **Debby Compton**
5. OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) Legislative Liaison / Delegate Capital Conference – **Scott Mull**
6. Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Annual Capital Conference – **Julie Burenga**
7. Representative to the Neola Policy Development Committee – **Julie Burenga**
8. Representatives to VWAPAF (Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation) – **Greg Blackmore**

23.01.004

F. Establish dates, times, and place for regular meetings during the 2023 calendar year
Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Greg Blackmore to establish Board Meeting dates (4th Wednesday - February through October; 3rd Wednesday – November and December) at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, absent. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

23.01.005

III. Resolutions

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve items “A – Q” 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. Approve continued membership in the Ohio School Board Association for calendar year 2023.
- B. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to request advance draws on tax settlements when available and as needed during the 2023 calendar year.
- C. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to invest inactive and/or interim funds during the 2023 calendar year.
- D. Approve STAR Ohio, First Financial Bank, First Financial Bank Wealth Management / Yellow Cardinal Advisory Group, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank as depositories for public funds of the Van Wert City Schools.
- E. Authorization to be given to the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- F. The Treasurer of Schools to be designated to attend the public records training for the school system in compliance with House Bill 9.
- G. The Superintendent of Schools be appointed as purchasing agent for all funds except athletic and food service funds for the 2023 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.

- H. The Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee be authorized to approve the use of school buses for non-routine trips for the 2023 calendar year and to establish bus routes and pickup points.
- I. The Superintendent of Schools be authorized to approve professional meeting attendance for certified and classified staff for the 2023 calendar year.
- J. The Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer be authorized to apply for local, state and federal grant programs/funds for the 2023 calendar year.
- K. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated as the approving official to review and approve student activity budgets, including 018 Funds.
- L. The authorization to be given to the Superintendent to employ substitutes and temporary personnel as is needed.
- M. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff and accept resignations between board meetings, pending board approval at the next meeting.
- N. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated to approve special education cooperative agreements as necessary.
- O. The Athletic Director to be appointed purchasing agent for athletic account purchases for the 2023 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- P. The Food Service Director be appointed purchasing agent for food service purchasing for the 2023 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- Q. The Board of Education approves the 2024 Tax Budget, as well as tax rates and values, as presented and further that the Tax Budget be filed with the County Auditor prior to January 20, 2023, as required by law.

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.

23.01.006

V. SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR JANUARY 2023 MEETING

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga 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. Curriculum & Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation

- A. School Board Recognition Month Video Presentation – Justin Krogman
- B. TIF presentation/discussion for Jennings Crossing Residential Development – Warren Straley and Justin Dickman

VII. Treasurer's Section

- A. Business and Records – *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the December financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, monthly revenue and*

expenditure summary, and the fiscal year fiscal year 2024 tax budget. Mr. Bowersock informed the Board that the Treasurer's office has completed the W-2 and 1099 processing.

- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton reviewed information on AED devices throughout the district. He discussed ongoing safety measures and coordination efforts with local law enforcement for building entry access and interior surveillance camera access in the event of an incident/dangerous situation. He also gave an update on the sewer line installation under the football field to be performed by Van Wert City. Lastly, Clifton noted that the lighting project at the Early Childhood Center is complete.*
- IX. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley expressed his excitement about the economic development efforts in Van Wert City and Van Wert County and is pleased that the school district is able to be a partner in local development efforts. He also spoke briefly about Senate Bill 134 noting that passage of the bill could have negative impact on public school district funding. Lastly, Bagley gave an update on the Eggers Stadium renovation project.*
- X. Board Member Section
- A. Vantage Board Report – *No report*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *Stage floor sanding/refinishing project is complete.*
 - C. Athletic Council – *No report*
 - D. Safety Team – *Discussed the upcoming school-wide safety meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023.*

23.01.007

XI. Resolutions

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Greg Blackmore to approve items "A – I" 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 Carlee Miller from her position as payroll/benefits specialist, effective January 20, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve a supplemental coaching contract, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, for Anthony Marsicano, head boys soccer coach as presented.
- C. Approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022 regular board meeting as presented.
- D. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- E. Approve the following team/club overnight stays:
 - 1. Wrestling Team - Dayton, Ohio - December 26-28, 2022 (retroactively)
 - 2. AP Government - Ohio State We the People Championship, Columbus, Ohio - Friday, February 3, 2023
- F. Approve a memo of understanding between Tri County ADAMHS Board and Van Wert City Schools regarding a grant in the amount of \$30,384 for reimbursement of costs associated with recovery support items for SMI youth attending the Van Wert School at the Goedde, as presented.
- G. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (CRA) between the City of Van Wert and Midway West Properties LLC (Beer Barrel Pizza and Grill) as presented.
- H. Approve the Supply and Installation Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Maumee Bay Turf Center for the Eggers Stadium "synthetic recreational field" as presented.
- I. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. Trevor & Whitney Webster (Edward Jones) donated \$550.00 to Athletic Department - Wrestling Tournament
 - 2. Rodney & Kay Bevington donated \$5,000.00 to Athletic Facilities Fund

3. Convoy United Methodist Church Inc. Ladies on a Mission donated \$350.00 Elementary School Students in Need Fund
4. Van Wert Rotary donated \$300.00 to High School Choir
5. Citizens National Bank donated \$250.00 to Goedde Building Principal's Account
6. Citizens National Bank donated \$250.00 to Middle School Activities Account
7. Citizens National Bank donated \$250.00 to Family & Children First Fund
8. Bruce Kennedy donated \$2,500.00 to High School Robotics
9. Devin & Samantha Webster donated \$2,500.00 to Wrestling Activity Account
10. Van Wert County Foundation on behalf of the Harold B. and Dortha F. Cully Memorial Fund donated to High School Robotics
11. Van Wert County Foundation on behalf of the Ilo D. and Carlos E. Miller Memorial Fund donated to High School Robotics
12. Van Wert County Foundation on behalf of the John D. and Nellie S. Ault Memorial Fund Goedde Building Principal's Account Farm to Fork Program

- XII. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employee(s) will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective February 1, 2023:
- A. Lydia Mendenhall - Bachelors to Bachelors+10

23.01.008

- 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 Julie Burenga and seconded by Greg Blackmore to go into executive session at 6:11 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 6:58 p.m.

23.01.009

- XIV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent – 1

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 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