

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 22, 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 by President – **Time In: 5:00 p.m. Board Members Present- Anthony Adams, Julie Burenga, Debby Compton, Scott Mull. Absent – Greg Blackmore. Others Present – Scott Truxell, Sam Shriver, Mark Bagley, Bill Clifton, Troy Bowersock, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Bob Priest, Cole Harting, Sofi Houg, Emma Wallace.**

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 Debby Compton to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

VI. Curriculum & Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation

A. Van Wert High School - Cole Harting, Sofi Houg, Emma Wallace - Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science

VII. Treasurer's Section

Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the January financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, monthly revenue and expenditure summary, and the February 22, 2023 fiscal year 2023 appropriation amendment. Mr. Bowersock*

informed the Board of the FY2024-2025 biennial budget discussions that commenced with the unveiling of Governor DeWine's budget proposal, now known as House Bill 33.

- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton reviewed House Bill 123 Threat Assessment Training requirements. He provided an update of 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. Lastly, Clifton gave a brief update on the Eggers Stadium project.*
- IX. School Calendar Public Hearing – *The school calendar for the 2024-2025 year was presented for public comment.*
- A. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public hearing in accordance with section 3313.43(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, regarding the school calendar, including a presentation by the superintendent/designee on the total number of hours in the school year, length of the school day, and the beginning and end dates of instruction in the calendar.
- X. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley provided an update on staffing. He also indicated that contract negotiations are underway with the Van Wert Federation of Teachers. Bagley was pleased to inform the Board about the upcoming Washington D.C. trip that is back after a two-year hiatus and scheduled for March 7 – 10, 2023. He also continued conversation on the Eggers Stadium project specifically discussing the turf installation and concrete restoration. Lastly, Bagley expressed his appreciation to State Senator Rob McColley and State Representative Roy Klopfenstein for taking time to visit the Van Wert City School District on February 17, 2023 allowing student and staff members to showcase district initiatives and allowing district officials a chance to advocate on behalf of the school district.*
- XI. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *Annual "Sophomore Day" visitation at Vantage was a success; February 27, 2023 – upcoming Open House and Taste of Vantage; April 13, 2023 – All Boards Dinner.*
- B. VWAPAF Report – *No report*
- C. Athletic Council – *Athletic Director, Trent Temple, is working with other Western Buckeye Schools in a concerted effort to implement the same online ticketing platform for all member schools. The Athletic Department is also exploring cost saving options for the HUDL subscription.*
- D. Safety Team – *No report*

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XII. Consent Resolutions

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

- A. Accept the resignation of James Acquaviva from his position as assistant to the director of technology, effective February 10, 2023 as presented.
- B. Accept the resignation of Cole Harting from his position as high school math teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.
- C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Beth Collins, from her position as Early Childhood Center paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.

- D. Approve Danielle Parrish as Payroll / Benefits Specialist, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective February 13, 2023 as presented.
- E. Approve Jennifer Eddy as an elementary school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective February 22, 2023 as presented.
- F. Approve the following supplemental spring coaching contracts, effective the 2022-2023 contract year, as presented:
 - 1. Softball
 - a. Sean Kennedy - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Scott Bigham - Junior Varsity (.5)
 - c. Taylor Beair - Junior Varsity (.5)
 - d. Kateri Steinecker - Volunteer
 - e. Matt West - Volunteer
 - 2. Boys Tennis
 - a. Drew Wilson - Volunteer Assistant
 - 3. Baseball
 - a. Damian Helm - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Damon Brown - JV
 - c. Eric Putman - Volunteer
 - d. Jeremy Kitson - Volunteer
 - e. Keaton Brown - Freshman
 - 4. Boys/Girls Track & Field
 - a. Nate Hoverman - Head
 - b. Kim Laudick - High School Assistant
 - c. Gage Chiles - Assistant (.5)
 - d. Nick Pauff - Assistant (.5)
 - e. Alexis Dowdy - Assistant (.5)
 - f. Ben Laudick - Assistant (.5)
 - g. Bob Priest - Volunteer
 - h. Kerry Koontz - Middle School
 - i. Bob Spath - Middle School
 - j. Bryce Crea - Middle School
- G. Approve the following supplemental fall coaching contracts, effective the 2023-2024 contract year, as presented:
 - 1. Keith Recker - Head Football
 - 2. Kim Doidge - Head Golf
 - 3. Katie Peterson - Head Girls Tennis
 - 4. Anthony Marsicano - Head Boys Soccer
 - 5. Ashley Showalter - Head Girls Soccer
 - 6. Samantha Fleming - Fall Cheerleading
 - 7. Kim Laudick- Head Boys/Girls Cross Country
 - 8. Rachel Black - Head Volleyball
- H. Approve a 5-year contract for Mark Bagley, Superintendent, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2028 as presented.
- I. Approve the revision of Trent Temple's 2-year contract, adding one additional year, making the contract a 3-year contract effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025.
- J. Approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 Organizational, Budget, & Regular Board Meeting.
- K. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- L. Authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Van Wert High School and Van Wert Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- M. Approve the purchase of two (2) 78 passenger conventional gas buses from Cardinal Bus Sales via the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council bid process for the purchase price, less trade-in, of \$124,417.00 and \$114,058.00 as presented.

- N. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Van Wert City School District Security Camera System Feed to the Van Wert Police and Van Wert Fire Departments as presented.
- O. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Van Wert City School District Security Camera System Feed to the Van Wert Sheriff's Office as presented
- P. Approve an exclusive sponsorship agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, LLC, as presented.
- Q. Accept the Van Wert City School District tax levy amounts and rates as determined by the Van Wert County Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Van Wert County Auditor for the 2024 fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023 as presented.
- R. Approve the amendments to the FY23 appropriations as presented.
- S. Approve an overnight trip for 92 Van Wert Middle School 8th graders and 10 adult chaperones for an educational tour of Washington DC. The students and adults will leave by bus from VWMS on March 7, 2023 at 5:15am and return at 11:00pm on March 10, 2023, as presented.
- T. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. Van Wert Family Physicians donated \$150.00 to Girls Basketball
 - 2. J & D Basement Systems Northwest, LLC donated \$100.00 to Swimming
 - 3. Sixth Cents LLC donated \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 4. Danfoss Power Solutions donated \$1,200.00 to Football
 - 5. Danfoss Power Solutions donated \$250.00 to High School Band
 - 6. Danfoss Power Solutions donated \$250.00 to Middle School PBIS Team
 - 7. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank donated \$1,000.00 to High School Robotics
 - 8. Anonymous Donation to Middle School Activity Fund - DC Trip
 - 9. Ty & Jennifer McClain donated \$125.00 to Art Club
 - 10. Timothy & Jennifer Slusher donated \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 11. Frankie & Laura Bowen donated \$50.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - "DC at Home" Fieldtrips
 - 12. Brewed Expressions donated an iPad for Middle School ELL Students
 - 13. Putnam Law Offices, LLC donated \$500.00 to Athletic Department - Wrestling Tournament
 - 14. Steve & Erika Racster donated \$1,050.00 to Football
 - 15. Trevor & Whitney Webster (Edward Jones) donated \$200.00 to Girls Basketball
 - 16. Van Wert Pallets LLC donated \$100.00 to Girls Basketball
 - 17. Statewide Ford Lincoln Inc. donated \$888.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 - 18. Tisha Fast Insurance Agency Inc. donated \$444.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 - 19. Charles & Sharon Thompson donated \$2,000.00 for Chuck Thompson Athletic Scholarship
 - 20. Hegemier Tire Service of Van Wert LLC donated \$250.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 - 21. Eric Hurless (Edward Jones) donated \$880.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 - 22. Walmart donated \$2,000.00 to Middle School Activity Fund
 - 23. First Bank of Berne donated \$227.00 to Elementary School Activity Fund - Wellness
 - 24. Anonymous Donation to Middle School Activity Fund - DC Trip and Cookie Dough
 - 25. Veronica Cuevas (Edward Jones) donated \$222.00 to Middle School Activity Fund - Cookie Dough
 - 26. Nygren Chiropractic & Acupuncture, LLC donated \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel

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XIII. Nonconsent Resolutions

Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Antony Adams to approve items “A through B” as presented. Scott Mull discussed with the Board of Education that the tax increment financing (TIF) exemption mirrors the TIF granted to G4 Partners, LLC for the Landing at Dickinson Farms. Mull also shared insight from the district’s legal counsel that the Board may want to consider taking an alternate approach in the consideration, negotiation, and approval of future TIF’s. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

- A. Approve a tax increment financing exemption of the City of Van Wert for infrastructure improvements for Jennings Crossing, LLC as presented.
- B. Approve a compensation agreement between Jennings Crossing, LLC and the Board of Education of the Van Wert City School District as presented.

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

- A. Robert Seibert, 262 Kenwick Dr., Van Wert, OH 45891

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XV. Executive Session

- A. Motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 121.22(G)(1) and 121.22(G)(4), for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel and for the purpose of employee negotiations.

Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to go into executive session at 6:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel and for the purpose of employee negotiations. Vote: Scott Mull, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Debby Compton, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

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XVI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Debby Compton to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent – 1

The next scheduled regular Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** (Revised date – Wednesday, March 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