

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 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 – Brian Hess, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Todd Keller, Haley Michaud, Justin Krogman, Tracy Wehner, Bob Sloan, Trent Temple, Molly Baltzell, Jeremy Best.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. 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

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 Greg Blackmore and seconded by Julie Burenga to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- VI. Curriculum and Instruction / Educational Impact Presentation:
A. Justin Krogman, Van Wert Elementary School Principal; Tracy Wehner, Van Wert Elementary School Assistant Principal – Elementary School Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program update and discussion

- VII. 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, and monthly revenue and expenditure summary. Mr. Bowersock also reviewed with the Board of Education the April 24, 2024 fiscal year 2024 "amended" permanent appropriations, shared the district's "draft" 5 year forecast that will be presented for approval in May, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and discussed the calendar year 2025 Sedgwick Workers Compensation group rating program.
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section - Mr. Priest provided an update on the Early Childhood Center playground project/equipment upgrades that are to take place this summer. He also reported the receipt of two(2) grants from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. Lastly, Priest shared activities underway during School Bus Driver Appreciation Week and praised the efforts of the district's bus drivers.
- IX. Superintendent's Section - Mr. Bagley reviewed the second reading of new/revised policies from the Neola volume 42, number 2 spring 2024 update recommended for approval. Mr. Bagley also provided an update on staffing, continued conversations on Phase II of the Eggerss Stadium restoration project, and shared the recently published 2023-2024 District Quality Profile. Lastly, Bagley provided a legislative update and highlighted the activities taking place throughout the district.
- X. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – Highlighted the April 4, 2024 All Boards Dinner and Hall of Fame Banquet that was recently held.
 - B. VWAPAF – Discussed upcoming schedule of events; Working to establish standardized safety procedures for all VWAPAF events.
 - C. WASIG – Employee health screenings scheduled to take place 4/30/2024 and 5/1/2024 at the district.
 - D. Athletic Council – Reviewed the agenda/minutes of recent Athletic Council meeting; Thanked outgoing Athletic Booster President, John White, for his service.
 - E. Safety Team - Planning underway for SRT training that will take place at Van Wert City Schools this summer; Plans to purchase "projecting" door signage throughout the district.

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- XI. Consent Resolutions
- Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Scott Mull to approve items "A through P" as presented. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**
- A. Accept the resignation of Kirsten Hauter, elementary school paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
 - B. Approve Molly Baltzell as an elementary school intervention specialist, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
 - C. Approve Victoria Lewis as middle school instrumental music teacher / high school assistant band director, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
 - D. Approve Serena Renner as a custodial/maintenance worker, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective May 20, 2024, as presented.

- E. Approve employee contracts/salary notices for the 2024-2025 contract year as follows:

CERTIFIED ONE-YEAR LIMITED CONTRACTS

Keaton Altimus	Damian Helm	Morgan Miller
Katie Bachelor	Leah Homan	Robin Pennell
Noah Carter	Abby Jackson	Josh Poulson
Gage Chiles	Kerry Koontz	Makenna Sealts
Kim Doidge	Chris Kraner	Tre Short
Alexa Dunlap	Jalen McCracken	Emily Vondran
Karlin Dunlap	Ashley Liebrecht	Sara Zabka
Carly Hamrick	Nicole McClure	

CERTIFIED TWO-YEAR LIMITED CONTRACTS

Tom Baer	Ben Laudick	Andrea Sealscott
Allison Bertke	Emily Lewis	Steve Sealscott
Josie Brunet	Kelsey Luthman	Evie (Smith) Bair
Brooke Comer	Audrea Mancinotti	Pam Switzer
Elizabeth Davis	Lydia Mendenhall	Bev Wisher
Jordan Dettrow	Megan Neuenschwander	Robin Workman
Emma Dues	Nicholas Pauff	Marie Wynn
Ashley Hockenberry	Josiah Poletta	
Khandiss Klinger	Danielle Ray	

CERTIFIED TWO-YEAR LIMITED SALARY NOTICES (2nd Year of a 2-Year Contract)

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

CERTIFIED NEW CONTINUING CONTRACTS 2024-2025

Frankie Bowen
Brooke Boznango
Rachael Dettrow
Eric Muhlenkamp
Ronda Niemeyer
Katy Priest
Colten Royer
Jen Slusher
Renee Staas
Amanda Temple
Alexa Terry

CERTIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT SALARY NOTICES

Nicole Adams	Christine Gemmer	Shelly Place
Sara Alvarez	Erin Heaslip	LeeAnn Pratt
Jennifer Arend	Dianna Hicks	Keith Recker
Jared Army	Glenn Hicks	Julia Reichert
Heidi Arney	Morgan Hicks	Tricia Ridenour
Krista Baer	Michelle Hoffman	Jennifer Rollins
Drew Bittner	Marty Hohman	Jason Royer
Melissa Bloomfield	Sarah Holliday	Sara Royer
Katie Bowersock	Nate Hoverman	Kaleen Sawmiller
Andy Breese	Megan Hurless	Julia Schaffner
Ashley Breese	Jeff Kallas	Leigh Short
Ava Burkheimer	Trinda Keber	Jennifer Simper
Deb Chiles	Mary Kramer	Ashley Sinn
Melinda Clymer	Christine Kreischer	Robert Sloan
Jill Coleman	Judy Krites	Jessica Small
Amy Covey	Matthew Krites	Amy Smith
Joy DeVelvis	Danae Leaser	Stephanie Sudhoff
Rebecca Doctor	Erin Lee	Tami Suzuki
Kimberly Dowdy	Ginny Marbaugh	Kelli Thompson
Josh Early	Traci McCoy	Jennifer Trittschuh
Jill Fast	Melissa Miller	Alicia Welker
Samantha Fleming	Sandy Mishey	Kim Werling
Harry Florence	July Mosier	Natoshia Wilhelm
Laura Foster	Denise Nicolai	Charlie Witten
Rachel Gehrlich	Hannah Philpot	

SALARY NOTICES

Director of Maintenance

Gregg Scheidt

Asst. to Director of Maintenance

Curt Schaffner

Custodian

Rick Allen
Manual Alvarado
Dan Arend
Mark Breece
Kyle Clum
Jeff Dunlap
Chris Golliver
Steven Hittle
Dante Jones
Isaiah Jones
Scott Pollock
Serena Renner
Troy Syphrit

Director of Technology

Justin Bragg

Asst. to Director of Technology

Todd Keller
Rick Kreischer
Aaron Ries

Director of Food Service

John Marquez

Cafeteria Employees

Beth Adkins
Angie Beining
Patricia Bonifas
Laura Eikenbary
Jaclyn Evans
Cheryl Graham
Toni Hauter
Michelle Hipsley
Janey Knittle
Julie LaRue
Vicki Marbaugh
Roy Schleeter

Director of Bus Maintenance

Ben Showalter

Bus Driver

Greg Breese
Amber Gibson
Della Harting
Jenny Yoh

Secretary

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

Executive Secretary

Julie Anderson

EMIS Coordinator

Stacey Snyder

Assistant to the Treasurer

Danielle Parrish (payroll & benefits)
Olivia Young (accounts payable/receivable)

Paraprofessional

Amy Adams
Kaitlin Adam
Eli Alvarez
Devyn Anderson
Amanda Atkinson
Meghan Baldauf (library aide)
Melissa Bockrath
Sherry Boroff
Lisa Bracken
Audrey Coil
Krista Conley
Kristen Conrad
Rachel Davis
Eliza Dickinson
Jennifer Eddy
Annie Eggleston
Nicole Gamble (computer aide)
Brooke Gearhart (computer aide)
Dawn German
LeAnn German (library aide)
Amber Gibson
Juli Hamilton
Della Harting
Neomi Jones
Tracy Kantner
Heather Keller
Wendy Kinkle
Kerri Kiracofe
Tasha Miller
Jennifer Missler
Cara Moonshower
Kimberly Mull
Cheri Oechsle
Kelly Parrish
Michelle Richardson
Betty Ross
Beth Saunier
Autumn Schlatter
Andrea Shaffer
Tamara Sharp
Kelsey Snider
Michelle Spridgeon
Tonya Sroufe
Katrina Steen
Jill Wermer
Deb Williman
Ashley Zappa
Barb Zappa

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

Substitute Coordinator

Kim Clifton

Assistant to the Head Nurse

Stacia Barnhart

Emily Whittington

One on one Nurse

Jennifer Russell

Social Worker

John Basinger

Diana Morrow

Family & Children First Council

Fiscal Assistant

Lisa Bracken

Work-Based Learning Coordinator

Adam Nygren

F. Approve the following supplemental coaching contracts, effective the 2024-2025 contract year, pending all policies pertaining to employment are met as presented:

1. Head winter coaches
 - a. Hannah Phlipot - Head Girls Basketball
 - b. Megan Hurless - Head Boys and Girls Swimming
 - c. Seth Blackmore - Head Boys and Girls Bowling
 - d. Jacque Welch - Head Cheerleading
 - e. Ben Collins - Head Wrestling
 - f. Jeremy Best - Head Boys Basketball
2. Fall assistant coaches
 - a. Steve Recker - HS Football Varsity Assistant
 - b. Josiah Poletta - HS Football Varsity Assistant
 - c. Bryce Crea - HS Football Varsity Assistant
 - d. Nick Pauff - HS Football Varsity Assistant
 - e. Josh Poulson - HS Football Varsity Assistant
 - f. Jalen McCracken - Freshman Football Assistant
 - g. Keaton Altimus - Freshman Football Assistant
 - h. Jordan Danylchuck - HS Football Volunteer Assistant
 - i. Charlie Witten - MS Football
 - j. Brandon Lintermoot - MS Football
 - k. Seth Baer - MS Football
 - l. Chris Heath - MS Football
 - m. Mike Hernandez - HS Golf Volunteer Assistant
 - n. Gage Chiles - HS Cross Country Varsity Assistant
 - o. Noah Carter - HS Cross Country Volunteer Assistant
 - p. Deb Merritt - HS Cross Country Volunteer Assistant
 - q. Toshia Wilhelm - MS Cross Country
 - r. Bob Spath - MS Cross Country
 - s. Melissa Bloomfield - HS Girls Tennis Assistant

- t. Issa Ickes - HS Volleyball Assistant
 - u. Morgan Hicks - Volleyball Freshman
 - v. Glenn Hicks - HS Volleyball Volunteer Assistant
 - w. Tiffany Werts - HS Cheerleading Varsity Assistant
 - x. Betsy Hamman - MS Cheerleading
- G. Approve the following custodial workers for the summer of 2024, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met. All summer custodial workers are paid from a timesheet; as available/as needed:
- 1. Luke Wessell (new)
 - 2. Dennis Keaton Sudduth (new)
 - 3. Landan Wehner (new)
 - 4. Cassandra Martz (new)
 - 5. Anna Marquez (new)
 - 6. Tonya Sroufe (current paraprofessional)
 - 7. Rachel Davis (current paraprofessional)
 - 8. Lisa Bracken (current paraprofessional)
 - 9. Jen Eddy (current paraprofessional)
 - 10. Meghan Baldauf (current paraprofessional)
 - 11. Brooke Gearhart (current paraprofessional)
 - 12. Kate Delgado (current secretary)
 - 13. Rose Elston (current substitute)
 - 14. Tracy Kantner (current paraprofessional)
 - 15. Mark Taylor (current substitute)
 - 16. Nancy Riley (current substitute)
 - 17. Matthew Dunno (current substitute)
 - 18. Austin Voors (current substitute)
 - 19. Marilyn Cress (current substitute)
 - 20. Malissa Mohr (current substitute)
 - 21. Alexa Gearhart (current substitute)
 - 22. Eliza Leiendecker (current substitute)
 - 23. Nancy Riley (current substitute)
 - 24. Tanner Barnhart (current substitute)
 - 25. Aidan Pratt (current substitute)
- H. Approve the new/revised policies Neola Spring 2024 Update - Vol. 42, No. 2
- 1. Policy 2623 - Student assessment and academic intervention services
 - 2. Policy 2623.02 - Third grade reading guarantee
 - 3. Policy 3120.04 - Employment of substitutes
 - 4. Policy 3140 - Termination and resignation
 - 5. Policy 4124 - Employment contract
 - 6. Policy 4140 - Termination and resignation
 - 7. Policy 5310 - Health services
 - 8. Policy 8600 - Transportation
 - 9. Policy 8600.04 - Bus driver certification
 - 10. Policy 8640 - Transportation for field and other district-sponsored trips
 - 11. Policy 8650 - Transportation by school van
 - 12. Policy 8660 - Transportation of students by private vehicle
- I. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 27, 2024.
- J. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.

- K. Approve the amendments to the fiscal year 2024 Permanent Appropriations totaling \$39,002,122.63 as presented.
- L. Approve enrollment in the Sedgwick Workers Compensation group rating program for the policy period commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.
- M. Approve transfer of \$2,237.03 from the Middle School Library Fund (200 9339) to the High School Library Club Fund (200 9206).
- N. Approve a request for early completion of graduation requirements for a high school student as presented.
- O. Approve a resolution approving the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) amendment with Alexander & Bebout, Inc. for Phase II of the Eggerss Stadium Project and authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign the amendment as presented.
- P. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Danfoss Power Solutions - \$1,000.00 to Athletic Department
 - 2. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$100.00 to Van Wert High School Hygiene Closet
 - 3. Watercutter Financial Advisors/Gabriel Pollock - \$20,000.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
 - 4. Walmart Spark Good Local Grant - \$1,000.00 to Van Wert Middle School Washington DC Student Activity Account
 - 5. United Way of Van Wert County - \$1,625.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 - 6. Casey's General Stores - \$500.00 to Van Wert Middle School Washington DC Student Activity Account
 - 7. Charles & Tina Wannemacher - \$80.00 to Van Wert High School Robotics
 - 8. Chet & Lisa Straley - \$86.00 to Van Wert Elementary School Activity Fund - Therapy Needs
 - 9. Eric & Courtney Hurless - \$146.00 to Van Wert Elementary School Activity Fund - Therapy Needs
 - 10. Austin McIntosh - \$100.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
 - 11. Pamela S Bockey-Smith - \$500.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde Principal's Fund
 - 12. Anonymous - \$1,000.00 to Van Wert Middle School Activity Fund
 - 13. Centurion Club of Van Wert - \$5,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund
 - 14. Paula Giessler Scott - \$200.00 to Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund

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 August 30, 2024, as presented:

A. Brooke Boznango - Masters to Masters+30

XIII. The Annual Food Services Notification regarding compliance with the "Standards for Food and Beverages Act" is presented for your review. - *submitted by John Marquez*

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XIV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Greg Blackmore to adjourn the Meeting at 5:35 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer