

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 22, 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 – Sam Shriver, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Tracy Wehner, Chuck Rollins, Kent Stanton.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Anthony Adams**

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. 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, and monthly revenue and expenditure summary. Mr. Bowersock also reviewed with the Board of Education the district's "May" 5 year forecast and presented an updated Eggers Stadium project budget.*

- VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Priest provided an update on the Early Childhood Center playground project/equipment upgrades along with other projects throughout the district that are planned to take place this summer. He also discussed the now in effect "Rapback" expansion requirements for drivers and non-licensed school employees. Lastly, Priest reviewed transportation staffing needs for the next school year.*
- VIII. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley highlighted school end of year activities and recognized retiring employees thanking them for their service to Van Wert City Schools. Mr. Bagley also provided an update on staffing and continued conversations on Phase II of the Eggerss Stadium restoration project. Lastly, Bagley provided a legislative update discussing science of reading and cell phone policy requirements.*
- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage – *Discussed the recently donated Thomas Edison building that will be used by the Adult Education program.*
 - B. VWAPAF - *2024-2025 programing/schedule of events.*
 - C. VWASIG - *Reviewed the monthly financial information.*
 - D. Athletic Council - *Reviewed the agenda/minutes of the most recent Athletic Council meeting.*
 - E. Safety Team - *SRT team training scheduled take place June 29, 2024 at Van Wert City Schools; Purchase of "projecting" door signage throughout the district.*

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- X. Consent Resolutions
- Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Scott Mull to approve items "A through AA" 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 Lisa Bracken from her position as Early Childhood Center paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Annie Eggleston from her position as Middle School paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation of Drew Bittner from his position as 5th grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2025 contract year as presented.
 - D. Approve Jon Okuly as a custodial maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective May 20, 2024, as presented.
 - E. Approve Lorie Honigford as a custodial maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective May 28, 2024, as presented.
 - F. Approve Heidi Kline as an Elementary School paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - G. Approve Michelle Miller as an Early Childhood Center paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - H. Approve Emily Colgan as an Early Childhood Center paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - I. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Lori Bittner, Early Childhood Center Principal, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.
 - J. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Ben Collins, Middle School Assistant Principal, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.
 - K. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Rhonda Cunningham, Director, Van Wert School at the Goedde, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.
 - L. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Ryan Parrish, High School Assistant Principal, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.

- M. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Sarah Smith, School Psychologist, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.
- N. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Tracy Wehner, Elementary School Assistant Principal, effective August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027.
- O. Approve the following early childhood center summer 2024 staff as presented:
1. Secretarial - as needed
 - a. Debbie Pollock
 - b. Sherry Boroff
 2. Summer School - Round 1
 - a. Ashley Hockenberry
 - b. Alexa Dunlap
 3. Preschool Testing Week & Summer School (ESY) - Round 2
 - a. Shelly Place (testing week only)
 - b. Drew Bittner (testing week only)
 - c. Nicole Adams
 - d. Ronda Niemeyer
 - e. Becky Doctor
 - f. Judi Smith
 - g. Megan Neuenschwander
 - h. Kennedy Mercer
 - i. Danae Leaser
 - j. Christine Kreischer
 - k. Janine Warnecke
 - l. Jennifer Huffman Willford
 - m. Lisa Knoch
- P. Approve the following elementary ESY summer 2024 staff as presented:
1. Jessica Small
 2. Kim Dowdy
 3. Judi Smith
 4. Chris Cochrane
 5. Jennifer Russell
- Q. Approve middle school summer 2024 staff as presented:
1. Tom Baer
 2. Steve Sealscott
- R. Approve the following fall coaching supplemental contracts, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented:
1. Ben Collins - Middle School volunteer football assistant
 2. Avery Cowan - Middle School volleyball
 3. Katie Karl - Middle School volleyball
 4. Ashley Showalter - High School girls head soccer
 5. Freddy Rodriguez - High School girls soccer assistant
- S. Approve for graduation the Class of 2024 as submitted and presented, providing all requirements are met:
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| Citlali Elizabeth Aguilar-Montiel | Keldyn Joseph Bill |
| Kristian David Akerman | Caleb Wesley Bledsoe |
| Haley Rose Allen | Jordanne Nicole Blythe |
| Gracie Marie Beair | Kailey Marie Blythe |
| Katelyn Rae Beair | Kelby Mykeel Blythe |
| Parker Richard Berryman | Gage Rylee Bolenbaugh |
| Jordyn Michelle Biberstine | Brynn Marie Boroff |
| Morgein Stone Bigham | Mason Joseph Brinkman |

Logan Michael Brought
Allison Emery Brown
Aurora Dawn Brown
Conner Blake Campbell
McKinley John Carter
Tayler Raine Carter
Kevin Spencer Clay
Zoe Helen Coleman
Abram Nicholas Collins
Jadyn Tae Cook
Landen Evan Couch
Kelta Meredith Cowan
Adison Joseph Dangler
Ashton Charles Dawson
John William DeAmicis
Andrew Robert Deitemeyer
Chloe Jennae Dettrow
Meleena Alora Diaz
Emma René Dolan
Kaydin Jay Doner
Logan Matthew Milo Doner
Aaron Michael Dowdy
Sydney Olivia Dowler
Matthew James Dunno
Joaquin Marcos Estrada
Kaden Eric Farmer
Natalie Lamai Fife
Cienna Lynna Flores
Joseph Antonio Foster
Landon Alan Frieden
Riley Jade Friemoth
Tyler Lee Frost
Lydia Nicole Fry
Aiden James Gall
Talynn Christine Garber
Riley Mae Gaskill
Chase Allen Glander
Colin Adams Haggerty
Corryn Marie Hart
Ayla Renae Hartman
Natalie Grace Hauter
Lyndsey Marie Heath
Ella Elizabeth Hernandez
Tiera Marie Hobbs
Caleb Robert Hoersten

Luke Matthew Hoffman
Noah Sebastian Howell
Alexander Lee Hudson
Seth Allen Hunnaman
Brianna Nicole Isbell
Hailey Ann Isbell
Avery Danielle Jerome
Arianna Nichole Johnson
Ethan Marcus Johnson
Macy Louise Johnson
Deborah Ellen Jones
Cayden Kristopher Karl
Emma Kae Kennedy
Hope Elizabeth Keuneke
Jacob Mattingly Kitson
Andrew David Klewer
Alyssa Catherine Knittle
Johnathan Daniel Kramer
Sebastian Michael Kreisler
Jordan Bryant Krugh
Reese Nicholas Krugh
Brayden Christopher Kuhlman
Gavin Douglas Landers
Cayden Edward Laukhuf
Xavier David Leal
Jayden Justine Lovelace
Gabriel Michael Dean Manley
Annika Elise Maples
Jaiden Dee Markowski
Anna Christine Marquez
Cassandra Louise Martz
Gwyneth Rose McComas
Hannah Rose McKenzie
Destyneee Elena McName
Maxwell Anthony Mendez
Jesse Brandon Lee Miller
Rylan Carmichael Miller
Garritt Thomas Missler
Gabriella Lynnette Ann Monroe
Ellie Meredith Mooney
Izabel Lynne Moore
Kayelee ReeAnne Morefield
Aaliyah Mary Moreno-Helle
Payton Elyse Nagel
Lydia Louise Oakley

McKenzie Renee Owens
Alexis Lee Pangle
Alyssa Ann Pangle
Kevin Russell Papke
Brylen Paul Parker
Amani J'Carneil Perkins
Nevin Jay Pierce
Carter James Price
Davison Robert Rager
Jordan Lee Rawlins
Ethanuel Wayne Rhodes
JeJe Rilometo
Payton Xavier Rison
Christopher Lee Runyon
Kiara Lyn Saam
April Louise Scott
Rylan Levi Sempkowski
Kaden Thomas Shaffer
Peyton Homer Shepherd
Breanna Renee Sherer
Ava Barbara Showalter
Fletcher J. Smith
Gretchen Jean Abigail Smith
James Ray Smith
Jazmin Marie Smith
Emma Claire Spoor
Abigail Lynn Sprowl
Hailey Marie Steen
Gage Xander Stemen

Ashlyn Kate Stoller
Devon Jamal Story
Alexandra Dream Suckow
Dennis Keaton Sudduth
Kaitlyn Briana Sully
Kaedyn Donald Swander
Dylan Andrew Taylor
Vincent Gilbert Thatcher
Zaelynn Nevaeh Tobias
Olivia Ann Treece
Hannah Lee Ann Trowbridge
Wesley Charles Vermilion
Sarah Grace Verville
Kennadie Leah Marie Vizuete
Christian Lee Wallenhorst
Addison Lee Waltmire
Alayna Denise Wannemacher
Essence Lashay Ware
Carmella Marie Watts
Landan David Wehner
James Louis Welker
Lea-Ann Madison Wilson
Caleb Gabriel Wise
Landon Alan Wollet
Mason Lee Charles Workman
Kierden Kenley Yoh
Caleb Michael Young
Keylei Makaelyn Young

- T. Approve the following student overnight trips as presented:
1. High School Band (55 students and 12 adults) to Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana, for band camp - July 22-26, 2024
 2. High School Cross Country (25-28 students and 4 adults) to Crockett's Run-Logan County, Ohio (Hocking Hills) for cross country camp - August 5-8, 2024
 3. High School Girls Basketball (15 students and 3 adults) to Cedar Point Shootout, Sandusky, Ohio - June 10-11, 2024
 4. High School Girls Basketball (18 students and 3 adults) to University of Findlay Basketball Camp - June 20-21, 2024
 5. High School Football (55 students and 9 adults) to East Harbor State Park, Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio for football camp - July 17-18, 2024
 6. High School Girls Soccer (25 or less students and 4 adults) to Chain O'Lakes State Park for soccer camp - August 2-5, 2024
- U. Approve the fiscal year 2024 May Five-Year Forecast based upon the information and assumptions available as of May 22, 2024, as presented.
- V. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 24, 2024.

- W. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- X. Approve transfer of \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund (001 0000) to the Capital Projects Fund (070 9024).
- Y. Approve a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Architect to award a contract to Buschur Electric, Inc. for the fire alarm replacement at the Van Wert School at the Goedde.
- Z. Approve the Deed of Easement as granted by the Young Men's Christian Association of Van Wert County Ohio to the Board of Education of the Van Wert City School District as presented.
- AA. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Anonymous - \$400.00 to Van Wert Middle School Washington DC Student Activity Account
 - 2. Robert & Marcia Priest \$500.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund
 - 3. First Bank of Berne - \$400.00 to Girls Soccer
 - 4. Van Wert County Foundation - \$500.00 on behalf of the Tyler Priest Memorial Scholarship Fund
 - 5. Van Wert County Foundation - \$1,500.00 on behalf of the John Fox Maney Scholarship Fund
 - 6. Van Wert County Foundation - \$1,500.00 on behalf of the Margaret Shaffer Maney Scholarship Fund
 - 7. Van Wert County Foundation - \$2,500.00 on behalf of the L.G. Purmort Black, Inc. Scholarship Fund
 - 8. Van Wert High School Band Parent Association - \$4,475.00 - Scissor Lift Purchase
 - 9. Dillon & Renee Staas - \$1,000.00 to Early Childhood Center Playground Fund
 - 10. Phil Gamble - \$15,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Legacy Fund - Stadium Victory Tunnel
 - 11. John & Beth Gamble - \$15,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Legacy Fund - Stadium Victory Tunnel
 - 12. Melvin & Arlene Hurless - \$15,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Legacy Fund - Stadium Concession Stand
 - 13. Van Wert High School Class of 1962 - \$50.00 to Eggerss Stadium Renovation Fund
 - 14. Van Wert City Schools Elementary PTO - \$1,500.00 to Elementary Schools Wellness Program Fund

- XI. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective the 2024-2025 school year:
 - A. Lydia Mendenhall - bachelor's-150 to master's
 - B. Joshua Poulson - master's to master's+15

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- XII. 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 5:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

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- XIII. Adjournment
 - Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Greg Blackmore to adjourn the Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0**

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer