

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 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 – Sam Shriver, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Chuck Rollins.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- 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 Greg Blackmore and seconded by Scott Mull 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 June 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 fiscal year 2024 year-end report information, fiscal year 2025 beginning of year preparations, and the Eggerss 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 taking place this summer. Lastly, Priest reviewed transportation staffing for the 2024-2025 school year and reminded parents of preschool students needing bus transportation to contact the Early Childhood Center immediately if they have not already done so.*
- VIII. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley provided an update on beginning of the school year preparations, on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year, and on strategic planning initiatives taking place during the summer months. Bagley also reviewed the Phase II Eggers Stadium restoration project and closed his report with a legislative update.*
- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report - *Reviewed the Board meeting summary of the most recent Vantage Board meeting.*
 - B. VWAPAF Report - *No report*
 - C. VWASIG - *Reviewed monthly financial information.*
 - D. Athletic Council - *No report*
 - E. Safety Team - *Discussed Special Response Team training with the Van Wert City Police Department.*

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- X. Consent Resolutions
- Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to approve items "A through R" 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 Alicia Welker from her position as elementary school art teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Wendy Kinkle from her position as middle school paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.
 - C. Approve Melissa Buehrer as a high school paraprofessional, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - D. Approve Chloe Ketner as a middle school paraprofessional, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
 - E. Approve Brittney Boaz as a long-term substitute elementary school art teacher, effective the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
 - F. Approve Nancy Riley as an Early Childhood Center custodial/maintenance worker, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective August 16, 2024, as presented.
 - G. Approve Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle School/High School/School at the Goedde cafeteria prices for 2024-2025 as presented.
 - H. Approve a supplemental contract with William Clifton for Stadium Renovation Construction Management, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met as presented.
 - I. Approve an overnight trip/stay as presented:
 - 1. High School Band - 70 students and 10 adults to Orlando, Florida - November 20-25, 2025.
 - J. Approve the transfer of \$40,670.00 (10% of June 30, 2024 Athletic Department cash balance) from Fund 300-9210 to Fund 070-9210 (Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund).
 - K. Approve the Student Activity Budgets for fiscal year 2025 as presented.

- L. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on June 26, 2024.
 - M. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
 - N. Approve the Service Contract Agreement for vision impaired services with Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
 - O. Approve a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (CRA) between the City of Van Wert and G & T Holdings (Great Plains Poultry/Melhorn Trucking) as presented.
 - P. Approve the Service Contract Agreement for hearing/audiology services with Montgomery County Educational Service Center for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
 - Q. 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 invoices \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:
Vendor - BSN Sports LLC - 5/31/2024 - \$3,770.00
 - R. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Anonymous - \$4,350.00 to Wrestling Fund
 - 2. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$57,702.95 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund/Fitness Center
 - 3. The Van Wert County Foundation - \$51,523.26 on behalf of the following grant funds:
 - a. Gaylord and Carmen Leslie Golf Scholarship Fund - \$6,022.40
 - b. Gaylord Leslie Trust - \$2,711.53
 - c. Justin R. Lybold Memorial Fund - \$373.58
 - d. Lacy L. Trammel Memorial Fund - \$435.37
 - e. Leslie Endowment Fund - \$32,303.26
 - f. Van Wert City Endowment Fund for Educators - \$1,677.12
 - g. Richard G. and Kaye Bagley Memorial Endowment Fund - \$386.00 to Middle School Renaissance/PBIS
 - h. David Brumback, II Memorial Fund - \$614.00 to Middle School Renaissance/PBIS
 - i. Charles E. and Velma Eggerss Memorial Fund - \$2,131.00 to Van Wert County Career Education (CEO) Program
 - j. Sarah J. Balyeat Memorial Fund - \$1,174.00 to Van Wert County Career Education (CEO) Program
 - k. Richard R. and Trina L. Shultz Memorial Endowment Fund - \$695.00 to Van Wert County Career Education (CEO) Program
 - l. Glen Elwood Book Memorial Fund - \$3,000.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde Principal’s Fund/Christmas at the Goedde
- XI. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employee will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective the 2024-2025 school year:
- A. Allison Bertke - Bachelor’s to Bachelor’s-150

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- XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the Meeting at 5:22 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer