

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 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, 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 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 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 July 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 9/1/2024 fleet, liability, and property insurance renewal with Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc. and presented an update on the Eggerss Stadium project budget.

- VII. *Assistant Superintendent's Section - Mr. Priest shared information from his recent attendance at the Ohio Safe Schools Summit and provided a safety/security planning update lauding the collaboration efforts with local law enforcement. He also reviewed transportation staffing and bus route information in place for the 2024-2025 school year. In closing, Priest discussed summer maintenance projects and praised the custodial and maintenance staff for their efforts in preparing for 2024-2025 school year.*
- VIII. *Superintendent's Section - Mr. Bagley extended his appreciation to all staff members for the successful start to the new school year. He provided an update on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year and discussed ongoing strategic planning initiatives underway. Lastly, Bagley reviewed the Fitness Center and Phase II Eggerss Stadium restoration projects including donor recognition planning and closed his report with a legislative update.*
- IX. *Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)*
 - A. *Vantage Board Report - Discussed beginning of school year activities and provided an enrollment update.*
 - B. *VWAPAF Report - A banquet was recently held for VWAPAF volunteers that included safety training.*
 - C. *VWASIG - Reviewed monthly financial information and discussed the hiring of a Wellness Coordinator.*
 - D. *Athletic Council - No report*
 - E. *Safety Team - Van Wert Police Department recently conducted theoretical training in all buildings. Discussed added security measures with the utilization of a visitors pass program for visitors entering school buildings.*

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- X. *Consent Resolutions*

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to approve items “A through Y” 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 Elizabeth Saunier from her position as middle school paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year as presented.*
 - B. *Approve a one-year leave of absence for Brianna Pelfrey, third grade teacher, effective for the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.*
 - C. *Approve Samantha Spangler as a middle school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.*
 - D. *Approve Brooke Sinn as a long-term substitute kindergarten teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.*
 - E. *Approve Hanna Heitkamp as a long-term substitute third grade teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.*
 - F. *Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on July 24, 2024.*
 - G. *Approve the Career Education Opportunity (CEO) Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Crestview Local Schools for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.*

- H. Approve the Career Education Opportunity (CEO) Agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Lincolnview Local Schools for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- I. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Crestview Local School District for Crestview students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- J. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Lincolnview Local School District for Lincolnview students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- K. Approve the contract between Van Wert City School District and Parkway Local School District for Parkway students attending Van Wert School @ the Goedde for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- L. Approve the Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle/High School student fees for the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
- M. Approve all bus routes and shuttle schedules for the 2024-2025 school year as presented, and authorize Bob Priest to approve changes as deemed necessary.
- N. Approve the substitute staff list for the 2024-2025 school year and any subsequent revisions as presented.
- O. Approve the 2024-2025 Athletic Department Handbook as presented.
- P. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 contract year:
 - 1. Early Childhood Center:
 - a. Ashley Hockenberry - Data Manager - (preschool)
 - b. Megan Neuenschwander - Data Manager - (kindergarten)
 - c. Megan Neuenschwander - RTI Manager
 - d. Diana Morrow - PBIS Coordinator
 - e. Alexa Dunlap - Cougar Pride
 - f. Kennedy Mercer - Cougar Pride
 - g. Ronda Niemeyer - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - h. Kaylen Brown - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - 2. Elementary School:
 - a. Hannah Phlipot/Leah Nietfeld - Student Council (.5 split)
 - b. Brooke Comer - Student Council (.5)
 - c. Kelsey Luthman - Student Rewards (Primary)
 - d. Samantha Fleming - Student Rewards (Intermediate)
 - e. Josh Early - RTI Manager Grade 1
 - f. Rachael Dettrow - RTI Manager Grade 2
 - g. July Mosier - RTI Manager Grade 3
 - h. Colten Royer - RTI Manager Grade 4
 - i. Jared Army - RTI Manager Grade 5
 - j. Angie Stemen - Data Manager Grade 1
 - k. Ashley Sinn - Data Manager Grade 2
 - l. Jen Simper - Data Manager Grade 3
 - m. Betsy Davis - Data Manager Grade 4
 - n. Jared Army - Data Manager Grade 5
 - o. Nate Hoverman - ECHO Support Staff
 - p. Gage Chiles - Jumpin Jammers
 - q. Alex Schmidt - Jumpin Jammers
 - r. Alex Schmidt - Road Runners

- s. Jessica Bear - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - t. Debbie Rager - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - u. Katelyn Shindeldecker - Summer Science Camp (.5)
 - v. Kelsey Luthman - Summer Science Camp (.5)
 - w. Kim Werling - Literacy Facilitator (.5)
 - x. Sarah Holliday - Literacy Facilitator (.5)
 - y. Ashley Breese - Cougar Pride (.5)
 - z. Allison Bertke - Cougar Pride (.5)
3. Middle School:
- a. Angie Myers - Scholastic Bowl
 - b. Rachel (Gehrlich) Cheney - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - c. Angie Myers - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - d. Kelli Thompson - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - e. Marty Hohman - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.25)
 - f. Katy Priest - Cougar Leaders
 - g. Josie Brunet - Cougar Leaders
 - h. Brooke Boznango - Cougar Leaders
 - i. Rachel Gehrlich - Yearbook
 - j. Marty Hohman - Robotics
 - k. *TBD - Middle School After School Club Mgr.*
 - l. Bryce Crea - Intramurals (.33)
 - m. Glenn Hicks - Intramurals (.33)
 - n. Ben Laudick - Intramurals (.33)
 - o. Melissa Bloomfield - Echo Support
 - p. Audrea Mancinotti - 6th Grade Data Manager
 - q. Christine Gemmer - 7th Grade Data Manager
 - r. Tami Suzuki - 8th Grade Data Manager
 - s. Heidi Arney - 6th Grade RTI (.5)
 - t. Brooke Boznango - 6th Grade RTI (.5)
 - u. Megan Hurless - 7th Grade RTI (.5)
 - v. Katie Peterson - 7th Grade RTI (.5)
 - w. Amie Moonshower - 8th Grade RTI (.5)
 - x. Payton Shays - 8th Grade RTI (.5)
 - y. Alexa Terry - Multi-media manager (.5)
 - z. Rachel Gehrlich - Multi-media manager (.5)
4. High School:
- a. Rachael Dettrow- School Plays - Play Director
 - b. Rachael Dettrow - School Musical - Play Director
 - c. Danielle Slagle - School Musical - Music Director
 - d. Bob Sloan - School Musical - Pit Orchestra Director
 - e. Sarah Zabka - Excalibur
 - f. Sarah Zabka - German Club
 - g. Katie Delgado - Junior Class Advisor (2 positions)
 - h. Natoshia Wilhelm - National Honor Society Advisor
 - i. Jordan Dettrow - Coordinator of Student Rewards
 - j. Maggie Roehm - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.5)
 - k. Ava Burkheimer - Coordinator of Student Rewards (.5)

- l. Angela Myers - Scholastic Bowl Advisor
- m. Khandiss Klinger - Spanish Club Advisor
- n. Judy Krites - Student Council Advisor
- o. Katie Bowersock - Student Council Advisor
- p. Charles Witten - Varsity Club Advisor
- q. Melissa Bloomfield - High School Chamber Choir
- r. Bob Spath - ECHO Support Staff (.5)
- s. Jeremy Kitson - ECHO Support Staff (.5)
- t. Jackie Sroufe - Senior Project Teacher (2 classes)
- u. Pam Switzer - Senior Project Teacher (2 classes)
- v. Robin Workman - Senior Project Teacher (2 classes)
- w. Ava Burkheimer - Senior Project Teacher Counselor
- x. Matt Saunier- Marching Band Support Staff
- y. Bob Spath - Robotics Club Advisor
- z. Noah Carter - Robotics Club Advisor
- aa. Judy Krites - Robotics High School Assistant
- ab. Kate Delgado - Multi-media Manager
- ac. Emilie Lewis - Art Club Advisor
- ad. Melinda Clymer - RTI Manager
- ae. Emma Schmitmeyer - RTI Manager
- af. Erin Lee - RTI Manager
- ag. Katie Merley - RTI Manager
- ah. Natoshia Wilhelm - RTI Manager
- ai. Sarah Zabka - RTI Manager
- 5. Athletics
 - a. Tom Baer - Middle School Site Coordinator 3%
 - b. Glenn Hicks - Middle School Site Coordinator 3%
 - c. Harry Florence - High School Site Coordinator 3%
 - d. Charlie Witten - High School Site Coordinator 3%
- 6. District and Building Leadership Teams
 - a. ECC Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Lori Bittner - Principal and Internal Facilitator (unpaid)
 - 2. Shelly Place - Teacher
 - 3. Nicole Adams - Teacher
 - b. ECC Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Katie Wells - Teacher
 - 2. Erin Heaslip - Teacher
 - 3. Diana Morrow - Case Worker
 - c. Elementary Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Justin Krogman - Principal (unpaid)
 - 2. Tracy Wehner - Assistant Principal (Internal Facilitator) (unpaid)
 - 3. Evie Bair - Teacher
 - 4. Jared Army - Teacher
 - 5. Jess Small - Teacher
 - d. Elementary Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Stephanie Sudhoff- Teacher
 - 2. Jen Slusher - Teacher
 - 3. Katelyn Shindeldecker - Teacher
 - 4. Tre Short - Teacher
 - 5. Rachel Dettrow - Teacher

- e. Middle School Building and District Leadership Team (Both DLT and BLT)
 - 1. Darla Dunlap - Principal (Internal Facilitator) (unpaid)
 - 2. Ben Collins - Assistant Principal (unpaid)
 - 3. Melissa Bloomfield - Teacher
 - 4. Amie Moonshower - Teacher
 - 5. Heidi Arney - Teacher
- f. Middle School Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Tiffany Werts - Teacher
 - 2. Chris Gemmer - Teacher
 - 3. Brooke Boznango- Teacher
 - 4. Jose Brunet - Teacher
 - 5. Frankie Bowen - School Counselor
- g. High School Building and District Leadership Team
 - 1. Chuck Rollins - Principal (unpaid)
 - 2. Ryan Parrish - Assistant Principal (Internal Facilitator) (unpaid)
 - 3. Bob Sloan - Teacher (Internal Facilitator)
 - 4. Bob Spath - Teacher
 - 5. Kim Doidge - Teacher
 - 6. Katie Bowersock - Teacher
- h. High School Building Leadership Team only
 - 1. Pam Switzer - Teacher
 - 2. Katie Merley - Teacher
 - 3. Jeremy Kitson - Teacher
 - 4. Ava Burkheimer - School Counselor
- i. Goedde Building
 - 1. Rhonda Cunningham - Director (DLT) (unpaid)
 - 2. Jeff Kallas - Teacher
- j. District Employees (unpaid)
 - 1. Mark Bagley - Superintendent (DLT and Internal Facilitator)
 - 2. Ruth Ann Dowler - Special Services Coordinator (DLT only and Internal Facilitator)
 - 3. Justin Bragg - Technology Director (DLT only)
 - 4. Chris Covey - Director of Curriculum & Instruction (DLT/BLTs/Internal Facilitator)
- k. Echo Support Staff
 - 1. Nate Hoverman - Elementary School
 - 2. Melissa Bloomfield - Middle School
 - 3. Bob Spath - High School (.5)
 - 4. Jeremy Kitson - High School (.5)
- l. Mentors/Focused Mentors for the Resident Educator Program
 - 1. Year-1 Mentors (mentors are paid \$500.00)
 - a. Deb Chiles
 - b. Betsy Davis
 - c. Nate Hoverman
 - d. Tiffany Werts
 - e. Katie Bowersock
- Q. Approve a memorandum of understanding between the Van Wert Federation of Teachers and Van Wert City Schools Board of Education, to add three weeks (15 days) of extended time to the gifted teacher's contract, effective for and expiring at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.

- R. Approve a resolution regarding the employment of substitute teachers who do not hold a post-secondary degree, as permitted in House Bill 33 and its extension House Bill 583, on as needed basis for individuals who hold the proper state license and who meet all board policies pertaining to substitute employment, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
- S. Approve an agreement between Wood County Juvenile Detention Center-Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio and Van Wert City Schools for the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
- T. Approve a memorandum of understanding between Bowling Green State University and Van Wert City Schools for participation in the university's teacher preparation program, effective August 1, 2024 through August 1, 2029, as presented.
- U. Approve the hiring of athletic event/school event workers on an "as needed" basis for the 2024-2025 school year.
- V. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- W. Approve a Community Investment Area Agreement between the City of Van Wert and First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Van Wert as presented.
- X. Approve the fleet, liability, and property coverage (declining earth movement, flood, and terrorism coverage) with Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc. (underwritten by Liberty Mutual) effective September 1, 2024 to September 1, 2025.
- Y. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$2,016.50 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 - 2. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$4,585.00 to Family and Children First
 - 3. The Van Wert County Foundation on behalf of the Richard L. & Nadie O. Klein Memorial Trust - \$27,767.46 to Klein Trust Fund
 - 4. Timken Co Charitable and Ed Fund - \$2,000.00 to Middle School Robotics
 - 5. Raymond James Charitable / Cooper Family Foundation - \$2,000.00 to High School Academics Fund
 - 6. Van Wert County Probate Court - \$10,000.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
 - 7. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$12,315.00 to Athletic Department for Wrestling Mats
- XI. 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 the 2024-2025 school year:
 - A. Melissa Bloomfield - Masters+15 to Masters+30
 - B. Damian Helm - Bachelors+10 to Masters
 - C. Marty Hohman - Masters+15 to Masters+30
 - D. Sandy Mishey - Masters to Masters+15
- XII. Special Education Notice - Van Wert City Schools will offer a public meeting to provide the opportunity for public comment on the district's use of IDEA Part B funds with recommendations or suggestions for special education programs and services. Ruth Ann Dowler, Special Services Coordinator, and Lori Bittner, Early Childhood Center Principal, will be available for this meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Van Wert Elementary in the office conference room, or by appointment at a later time.

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XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer