

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, Octoberber 23, 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, Julie Burenga, Greg Blackmore, Debby Compton. Absent – Scott Mull. Others Present – Sam Shriver, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Heidi Arney, Darla Dunlap.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission – **Greg Blackmore**
- 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, absent. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
- VI. Curriculum and Instruction / Educational Impact Presentation
Darla Dunlap, Van Wert Middle School Principal, and Heidi Arney, Teacher
- VII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board – *Shared information in reference to Vantage’s District Report Card “5-Star” rating.*
 - B. VWAPAF - *Discussed 2024-2025 programing, VWAPAF staffing, and 2025 budget outlook.*
 - C. VWASIG - *Discussed upcoming insurance open enrollment and employee/member health screenings.*

D. Athletic Council – *No report*

E. Safety Team – *Shared information about the District Safety Meeting that was recently held; Exploring grant opportunities for the purchase of “projecting” door signage throughout the district.*

VIII. Treasurer’s Section

Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the September financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, and monthly revenue and expenditure summary. He also reviewed with the Board of Education information in reference to the district’s 1% school income tax levy in response to Mike Baldea’s request to consider changing the income tax levy from a traditional income tax to an earned income tax. Lastly, Mr. Bowersock provided an update on the employee insurance open enrollment, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and discussed the fiscal year 2024 financial audit.*

IX. Assistant Superintendent’s Section- *Mr. Priest reviewed planning that is underway in reference to the middle school/high school HVAC chiller upgrade and discussed the middle school/high school detention pond repair work. He also provided an update on transportation staffing in place for the 2024-2025 school year and indicated that there is a need for bus drivers to cover field trips during the day. Lastly, Priest reviewed school bus transportation count week and the resulting T-1 reporting ridership and mileage information.*

X. Superintendent’s Section - *Mr. Bagley reviewed with the Board of Education homecoming activities that recently took place throughout the district. He also discussed staffing for the 2024-2025 school year and highlighted October 14, 2024 staff professional development activities. Lastly, Bagley provided an update on the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and closed his report with a legislative update.*

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XI. Consent Resolutions

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

A. Approve a High School Robotics Team overnight trip for 19 students and 3 adults. The team will travel to Newark, Ohio, on January 10-11, 2025.

B. Accept the following athletic supplemental contract resignations:

1. Jacob Durden - Middle School Wrestling Coach (.5)
2. Nick Pauff - High School Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)

C. Approve the following athletic supplemental contracts:

1. Jacob Durden - High School Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)
2. Nick Pauff - Middle School Wrestling Coach
3. Katie Parrish - Middle School Winter Cheerleading Coach

D. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on September 25, 2024.

E. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.

F. Approve the depository agreement with First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Van Wert to serve as a public depository for the Van Wert City Schools during the period 9/25/2024 to 9/25/2029.

G. Approve the depository agreement with GreenWay Bank to serve as a public depository for the Van Wert City Schools during the period 5/26/2024 to 5/24/2029.

H. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:

1. Van Wert Service Club - \$1,200.00 to Summer Speech Program

2. Citizens National Bank - \$250.00 to Golf Activity Fund
3. Robert & Dawn Sloan - \$100.00 to Cross Country Activity Fund
4. Lee Kinstle Sales & Service - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
5. Van Wert County Bar Association - \$500.00 to High School Civics Education Fund
6. Van Wert PTO - \$1,448.00 to Van Wert Early Childhood Center Principal Activity Fund
7. State Farm / Tisha Fast State Farm - \$500.00 to Van Wert Middle School DC Student Activity Fund
8. United Way of Van Wert County - \$2,016.50 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
9. Steve & Clarie Spray - \$306,956.82 to Eggerss Stadium Project Legacy Donation
10. John & Janet White - \$25,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project Legacy Donation
11. Strategence Capital / Tim & Kari Stoller - \$5,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project Legacy Donation
12. Charles & Kathy Steele - \$10,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project Legacy Donation
13. Storm Pierce - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
14. Steve & Melissa Thomas - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
15. Stacie Lautzenheiser - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
16. Vickie Foster - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
17. Van Wert High School Class of 1962 - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
18. Larry & Diane Mengerink - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
19. James & Carol Lahmon - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
20. Glenn & Dianna Hicks - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
21. Kevin & Sandra Dailey - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
22. Dr. Nathaniel Reinemeyer - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
23. Brad & Becky Scheidt - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
24. Van Wert Elks Lodge 1197 - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
25. Tisha Fast State Farm - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
26. Dr. Rob & Deb Adams - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
27. Alexander & Bebout Inc. - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
28. Rita Hurless - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
29. Dennis Wagonrod - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
30. Mike & Val Hamman - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
31. Augusta Lawn Care / Brice Klausling - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
32. Van Wert High School Class of 1966 - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
33. Thomas Pumort - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
34. Bev & Dewey Fuerst - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
35. Lisa Dunn - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
36. Tim & Sally Lahmon - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
37. Ty & Jennifer McClain - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
38. Bill & Kim Clifton - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
39. Paula Giessler - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
40. Bonita Simson - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
41. Dr. Jake Jones & Dr. Becca Adams - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
42. Van Wert High School Class of 2019 - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
43. Trina Schultz - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
44. Nancy & Larry Bowersock - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

- 45. Van Wert High School Class of 1964 - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
- 46. Ross & Anne Shartzner - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
- 47. Van Wert High School Class of 1969 - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

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XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the Meeting at 5:58 p.m. Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Absent - 1

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer