

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 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, Debby Compton, Scott Mull. Absent – Greg Blackmore. Others Present – Sam Shriver, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Chris Covey, Mike Baldea.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission – **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 – **Mike Baldea with Flagship Tax Center addressed the Board of Education in reference to the district's 1% school income tax levy. Mr. Baldea requested the Board of Education to consider changing the income tax levy from a traditional income tax to an earned income tax that would result in retirees to be exempt from the school district income tax. Dr. Compton thanked Mr. Baldea for his comments and indicated that the Board of Education will need to research the financial impact before offering a response to the request.**

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 Julie Burenga and seconded by Scott Mull to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

- VI. Curriculum, Instruction, and District Report Card / Educational Impact Presentation:
Mark Bagley, Superintendent, and Chris Covey, Director of Curriculum
- VII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *No report*
 - B. VWAPAF Report - *Discussed 2024-2025 programing and VWAPAF staffing.*
 - C. VWASIG - *Reviewed information from September VWASIG Trustees meeting that included a financial update, rate increases for 2025 plan year, and upcoming insurance open enrollment.*
 - D. Athletic Council – *Reviewed information from recent Athletic Council meeting that included Western Buckeye League ticket prices, punch passes, and the newly renovated Fitness Center.*
 - E. Safety Team - *No report*
- VIII. Treasurer's Section
- Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the August 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 September 25, 2024 fiscal year 2025 permanent appropriations, presented an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget, and lastly discussed the upcoming insurance open enrollment.*
- IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Priest provided an update on transportation staffing in place for the 2024-2025 school year and indicated that transportation count week for funding purposes will take place October 7-11, 2024. He also discussed planning that is underway in reference to the middle school/high chiller HVAC chiller upgrade and reviewed the fire alarm upgrade at the Goedde Building that is nearly complete.*
- X. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley discussed with the Board of Education activities that are taking place throughout the district expressing his appreciation of the ongoing cooperation of the school and community working together. Bagley shared additional information on the district report card praising the staff for their efforts, provided an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year, and closed his report with a legislative update.*

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- XI. Consent Resolutions
- Motion was made by Anthony Adams and seconded by Julie Burenga to approve items "A through M" as presented. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.**
- A. Accept the resignation of Samantha Spanger from her position as middle school paraprofessional, effective September 19, 2024, as presented.
 - B. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on August 28, 2024.
 - C. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
 - D. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2024-2025 contract year as presented:
 - 1. Middle School
 - a. Kelli Thompson - After School Club Manager (.5)
 - 2. Athletics
 - a. Rhonda Cunningham - Concession Stand Manager
 - b. Spring Head Coaches
 - 1. Nate Hoverman - Boys and Girls Track

2. Eli Alvarez - Boys Tennis
3. Sean Kennedy - Softball
4. Charlie Witten - Baseball
- c. Winter Assistant Coaches
 1. Boys Basketball
 - a. Damian Helm - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Ben Shindeldecker - Junior Varsity
 - c. Keaton Altimus - Freshman
 - d. Tom Baer - 8th grade
 - e. Nate Hoverman - 7th grade
 2. Girls Basketball
 - a. Kelsey Luthman - Varsity Assistant
 - b. Paige Gerardot - Junior Varsity
 - c. Sierra Poulson - 8th grade
 - d. Abby Jackson - 7th grade
 3. Boys and Girls Bowling
 - a. Brock Blackmore - Assistant
 - b. Jim Davis - Assistant
 4. Wrestling
 - a. Nick Pauff - High School Assistant (.5)
 - b. Brad Allmandinger - High School Assistant (.5)
 - c. Terrin Contreras - High School Assistant
 - d. Chris Heath - Middle School
 - e. Jacob Durden - Middle School (.5)
 5. Boys/Girls Swim
 - a. Danni Chiles - Assistant
- E. Approve the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC, for 84 students and 11 adult chaperones, on October 22 - October 25, 2024, as presented.
- F. Approve an agreement between Van Wert City Schools and Montgomery County Educational Service Center for Educational Assessment Team services effective the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- G. Approve a professional service agreement between Therapy Solutions, LLC and Van Wert City Schools for physical therapy services for designated students, effective the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- H. Approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for fiscal year 2025 as presented.
- I. Approve the fiscal year 2025 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
- J. Approve a resolution approving the "first amendment" to the architect/engineer agreement with Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc., and authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign that agreement as presented.
- K. Approve acceptance of the proposal with Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc. for the Van Wert Middle School/High School chiller replacement project.
- L. Approve the recommendation of the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group for the 2025 plan year premiums effective January 1, 2025 as follows:
 - Health Insurance Premiums - 4% increase
 - Dental Insurance Premiums - 3% increase
- M. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 1. Wallace Plumbing & Underground LLC - \$1,000.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund for the Fitness Center

2. StateWide Ford - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
3. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$6,416.50 to Athletic Department for Volleyball Standards and Net System
4. Chuck & Jennifer Rollins - \$250.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund for the Fitness Center
5. Bashore Reineck Stoller & Waterman Inc - \$500.00 to Golf Activity Fund
6. Reed Chiropractic - \$500.00 to Golf Activity Fund
7. Sharon Realty Associates, Inc. - \$100.00 to Golf Activity Fund
8. Laing Family Dentistry - \$100.00 to Golf Activity Fund
9. Elite Interiors - \$10.00 to Golf Activity Fund
10. Computer & Networking Technologies, LTD - \$30.00 to Golf Activity Fund
11. Advanced Insurance Group - \$500.00 to Golf Activity Fund
12. Bcourageous III LLC - Biggby 888 - \$500.00 to Golf Activity Fund
13. Pamela Devet & Gaylan Adair - \$100.00 to Lunchroom Fund for Carol Koenig Memorial
14. Walmart Spark Good Local Grant - \$4,000.00 to Van Wert Middle School DC Student Activity Account
15. Richard & Michelle Spridgeon - \$1,000.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
16. Willie Hernandez - \$1,000.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
17. Bunnie Stewart - \$250.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
18. Van Wert High School Class of 1969 - \$250.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
19. Josh & Sierra Poulson - \$250.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
20. Keith & Tonia Dunifon - \$500.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
21. Rick Sealscott/Sealscott CPA Inc - \$1,000.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
22. Christopher Derry/The Derrys - \$1,000.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
23. Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
24. Van Wert Middle School Staff - \$1,300.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
25. Calvary Evangelical Church of Van Wert - \$1,100.00 to Elementary Students of Need Fund

- XII. 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. Ashley Breese - Masters+15 to Masters+30
 - B. Josh Poulson - Masters+15 to Masters+30

- XIII. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of a residential CRA application as presented:
- A. Pregnancy Life Center / The Langdyn House of PLCHC as presented.

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- XIV. Executive Session
- A. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5), for the purpose of discussing matters required to be confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. **Motion was made by Scott Mull and seconded by Anthony Adams to go into executive session at 6:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters required to be confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. Vote: Debby Compton, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Anthony Adams, yes; Greg Blackmore, absent; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.**

Meeting reconvened at 6:41 p.m.

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XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Anthony Adams to adjourn the Meeting at 6:42 p.m. Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Absent - 1

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer