

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 20, 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, Scott Mull. Others Present – Sam Shriver, Dave Mosier, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud, Chuck Rollins, Ryan Parrish, Chris Covey, Cheri Oechsle, Ben Collins, Terrin Contreras, Nick Pauff, Brad Allmandinger, Roger Okuley, Kay Okuley, Mia Mott, Kailei Marbaugh, Kaven Welch, Jillian Sempkowski.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – **Recited by attendees in unison**
- II. Vision / Mission – **Recited by Greg Blackmore**

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 Julie Burenga and seconded by Greg Blackmore 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. Curriculum and Instruction / Educational Impact Presentation
- A. Chuck Rollins, Van Wert High School Principal, Ryan Parrish, Van Wert High School Assistant Principal - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) update and discussion
- VII. Board member section / Reports from Board representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board report - *Thomas Edison building renovation update.*
- B. VWAPAF report - *Discussed VWAPAF staffing and staff attendance at MAX, OAPN, and IEBA Conferences.*
- C. VWASIG - *Discussed insurance open enrollment and employee/member health screenings.*
- D. Athletic Council – *Update on winters sports that are now underway.*
- E. Safety Team - *Shared information about the upcoming District Safety Meeting; Reviewed the implementation of the Rapture visitor management system.*
- VIII. Treasurer's section
- Business and Records - *Mr. Bowersock shared with the Board of Education the October 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 an updated Eggerss Stadium project budget and presented the district's fiscal year 2025 five-year forecast.*
- IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Priest provided an update on custodial staffing and on roofing repairs that have taken place as part of the district's annual roof maintenance plan. He also discussed added security measures with the implementation of the Rapture visitor management system that will start December 2, 2024 for all visitors entering school buildings during the school day.*
- X. Superintendent's section - *Mr. Bagley discussed with the Board of Education activities that are taking place throughout the district and indicated that work continues on the district strategic plan. He also shared information from the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference commending the Van Wert School District Board of Education members for their attendance. Lastly, Bagley provided an update on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year, 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 N" 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, due to retirement, of Jennifer Arend from her position as early childhood center literacy coach, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
- B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Dianna Hicks from her position as fourth grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
- C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Kim Werling from her position as elementary school literacy coach, effective September 1, 2025, as presented.
- D. Approve Kyle Clum as High School/Middle School Custodial Maintenance Supervisor, effective November 18, 2024, as presented.

- E. Approve Julie Didion as a middle school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective November 18, 2024, as presented.
- F. Approve Jayme Fox as a middle school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective November 21, 2024, as presented.
- G. Approve Trent Huffine as a middle school/high school custodial/maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective December 2, 2024, as presented.
- H. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on October 23, 2024.
- I. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- J. Approve the fiscal year 2025 Five-Year Forecast based upon the information and assumptions available as of November 20, 2024, as presented.
- K. Approve an overnight trip, retroactively, for high school cross country (10 students and 4 adults) to the state cross country meet, November 1-2, 2024, as presented.
- L. Approve an overnight trip for girls varsity bowling (7 students and 3 adults) to the preseason state Bowling Coaches Association tournament, November 22-23, 2024, as presented.
- M. 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 - Northwest Ohio Welch Trophy - 10/7/2024 - \$3,340.00

- N. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. Van Wert Moose Lodge 1320 - \$3,498.00 to Lunchroom Fund for Student Lunches
 - 2. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$875.00 to Boys Basketball Activity Fund for Practice Gear
 - 3. Sealscott CPA Inc. - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 4. Ohio Northern University - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 5. Agrauxine - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 6. Central Mutual Insurance Company - \$5,000.00 to Van Wert High School PBIS
 - 7. YWCA of Van Wert County - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 8. Slushers Jewelry - \$100.00 to Van Wert Elementary School Wellness
 - 9. Craig Leathers - \$500.00 to Swimming Activity Fund
 - 10. Tisha Fast State Farm - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 11. Citizens National Bank - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 12. Lee’s Ace Hardware - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 13. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 14. Laudick’s Jewelry - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 15. Deaf Dog Coffee Company LLC - \$128.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 16. Anonymous Donation - \$300.00 to Cross Country Activity Fund
 - 17. The Wrecking Crew - \$5,000.00 to Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund for the Fitness Center
 - 18. Lee Kinstle Sales and Service - \$200.00 to Cross Country Activity Fund
 - 19. Jeffery-Mohr Dentistry - \$250.00 to Van Wert Elementary School Wellness
 - 20. Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc. - \$20.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 21. First Federal of Van Wert - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 22. Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc. - \$50.00 to Van Wert High School Cougar Closet for Hygiene Supplies

23. Aaron Mechling - \$50,452.83 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
24. Ava K. Burkheimer - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
25. Mark & Cindy Hurless - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
26. Van Wert High School Class of 1975 - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
27. Dana Hoffman - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
28. Dewaine Johnson - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
29. Mary Kehres - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
30. Dr. Craig Hanson & Jill Worthington Hanson - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
31. Jill Worthington Hanson - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
32. Sarah Looker - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
33. Mike & Bettey Holliday - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
34. Lisa & Demond Johson - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
35. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$50,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
36. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$500.00 to Golf Activity Fund
37. Braun Industries, Inc. - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
38. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$100.00 to Van Wert High School Cougar Closet for Hygiene Supplies
39. Fraternal Order of Police of Van Wert Ohio - \$5,000.00 to Wrestling Activity Fund
40. Lee Kinstle Sales and Service - \$1,000.00 to Girls Basketball Activity Fund
41. Van Wert Service Club Inc. - \$1,400.00 to Van Wert Service Pack
42. LifeHouse Church - \$20,731.41 to Students of Need Fund

XII. Nutrition Standards Annual Report – Presentation of Van Wert City School District’s annual food service report regarding the district's compliance with the standards prescribed in section 3301.68 of the Ohio Revised Code.

XIII. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of two residential CRA applications as presented:

- A. Rockey & Dehbora Taylor, 525 N. Race St., Van Wert, OH 45891
- B. Melmark Properties LLC, 509 Monroe St. Van Wert, OH 45891

XIV. Other Business – 2025 Organizational Meeting / Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Budget Hearing / Regular January 2025 Meeting

- A. It was discussed that the Board of Education set the date, time, and location of the 2025 organizational meeting, with the fiscal year 2026 tax budget hearing to follow. The regular January 2025 meeting will immediately follow the tax budget hearing meeting. In addition, the Public Records Commission (Board president, Board vice-president, Superintendent and Treasurer) will meet immediately prior to the organizational meeting to review the records retention schedule.
2025 Organizational Meeting / Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Budget Hearing / Regular January 2025 Meeting set for January 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

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XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and seconded by Scott Mull to adjourn the Meeting at 5:55 p.m. Vote: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Goedde Building.

Board President

Fiscal Officer