

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - 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, Debby Compton, Greg Blackmore, Julie Burenga, Scott Mull. Others Present - Sam Shriver, Scott Truxell, Mark Bagley, Troy Bowersock, Bob Priest, Justin Bragg, Haley Michaud.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America - **Recited by attendees in unison**
- III. Vision / Mission - **Recited by Mark Bagley**

**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 Debby Compton to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: Anthony Adams, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, 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 2025 year-end report information, fiscal year 2026 beginning of year preparations, and the Eggerss Stadium project budget.*
- VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Priest provided an update on maintenance projects that are underway this summer throughout the district including parking lot maintenance, repairs on the track, and masonry repairs/restoration. Lastly, Priest reviewed transportation staffing for the 2025-2026 school year, and he updated the Board of Education on van transportation legislation and the resulting implications in purchasing a replacement van.*
- VIII. Superintendent's Section - *Mr. Bagley provided an update on beginning of the school year preparations, on staffing for the 2025-2026 school year, and information on the data center that is likely coming to Van Wert. Bagley also reviewed Phase III of the Eggerss Stadium restoration project and closed his report with a legislative update including information on the state biennial budget bill (House Bill 96).*
- 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 and highlighted the new fire training facility.*
  - B. VWAPAF Report - *No report*
  - C. VWASIG - *Reviewed monthly financial information.*
  - D. Athletic Council - *No report*
  - E. Safety Team - *No report*

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- X. Consent Resolutions
- Motion was made by Julie Burenga and seconded by Scott Mull to approve the consent items "A through Q" as presented. Vote: Anthony Adams, yes; Julie Burenga, yes; Greg Blackmore, yes; Debby Compton, yes; Scott Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**
- A. Accept the resignation of Tricia Ridenour, gifted intervention specialist, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 contract year as presented.
  - B. Approve a one-year leave of absence for Joshua Early, elementary school intervention specialist, effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
  - C. Approve Joshua Capetillo as a custodian/maintenance worker, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective July 21, 2025, as presented.
  - D. Approve the rehire of Roland Alvarez as a high school intervention specialist, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
  - E. Approve Amy Foreman as a long-term substitute elementary intervention specialist, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
  - F. Approve a supplemental contract for Kannen Wannemacher as high school girls head tennis coach, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
  - G. Approve Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle School/High School/School at the Goedde cafeteria prices for 2025-2026 as presented.

- H. Approve a supplemental contract with William Clifton for Stadium Renovation Construction Management, effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, pending all Board policies pertaining to employment are met as presented.
- I. Approve a new substitute teacher rate of pay of \$110.00 per day effective the 2025-2026 school year as presented.
- J. Approve an overnight trip/stay as presented:
  - 1. High School Band Camp - 61 students and 18 adults to Huntington University, Huntington, IN; July 21-25, 2025, as presented.
- K. Approve the Student Activity Budgets for fiscal year 2026 as presented.
- L. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on June 25, 2025, as presented.
- M. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- N. Approve a Professional Services Agreement for behavioral health services with Westwood Behavioral Health Center, effective August 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026, as presented.
- O. Approve the Internship Agreement pursuant to a school psychology internship with Miami University, effective the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
- P. Approve the transfer of \$44,822.00 (10% of June 30, 2025 Athletic Department cash balance) from Fund 300-9210 to Fund 070-9210 (Athletic Department Capital Projects Fund).
- Q. 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. - \$1,534.50 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
  - 2. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$3,750.00 to Family and Children First
  - 3. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$1,500.00 to Middle School STEM
  - 4. Central Insurance / Willow Bend Country Club - \$1,600.00 to Athletic Department
  - 5. Braun Industries, Inc. - \$200.00 to Girls Soccer Activity Fund
  - 6. Van Wert Moose Lodge 1320 - \$1,000.00 - Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
  - 7. The Van Wert County Foundation - \$6,400.00 on behalf of the following grant funds:
    - a. Fred W. and Kathleen M. Wollenhaupt Memorial Fund - \$755.06 to Van Wert Career Education (CEO) Program
    - b. Kenneth and Jeanne W. Koch Memorial Fund - \$3,099.47 to Van Wert Career Education (CEO) Program
    - c. David J. and Sue Williams Memorial Fund - \$45.47 to Van Wert Career Education (CEO) Program
    - d. Richard G. and A. Kaye Bagley Memorial Endowment Fund - \$500.00 to HS Civic Education (We the People) Fund
    - e. Glen Elwood Book Memorial Fund - \$2,000.00 to the Goedde Principal's Fund - Christmas at the Goedde
- 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 2025-2026 school year:
  - A. Josiah Poletta - Bachelor's to Bachelor's+10
- XII. Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of residential CRA applications as presented:
  - A. Phadom LLC - 330 Davis Street, Van Wert, OH 45891
  - B. Phadom LLC - 332 Davis Street, Van Wert, OH 45891
  - C. Phadom LLC - 910 Hughes Street, Van Wert, OH 45891
  - D. Phadom LLC - 912 Hughes Street, Van Wert, OH 45891
  - E. Phadom LLC - 1008 George Street, Van Wert, OH 45891
  - F. Phadom LLC - 1010 George Street, Van Wert, OH 45891

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XIII. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Debby Compton and seconded by Greg Blackmore to adjourn the Meeting at 5:31 p.m. Vote: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0**

**Next Meeting Date**

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

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*Board President*

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