

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.
First Federal Lecture Hall
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

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.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. Recite our Vision / Mission
- IV. Public Participation

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.

- V. Set Agenda
- VI. Curriculum and Instruction / Educational Impact Presentation
 - A. Van Wert Middle School
- VII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board
 - B. VWAPAF
 - C. VWASIG
 - D. Athletic Council
 - E. Safety Team

- VIII. Treasurer's Section
 - A. Business and Records
- IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section
- X. Superintendent's Section
 - A. First reading of the new/revised policies, guidelines and forms from the Neola Volume 44, No. 1 (Fall 2025) update
- XI. Resolutions
 - A. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Yoh from her position as bus driver, effective October 24, 2025 as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Kelli Thompson from her position as Middle School Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation of Daryl Dowdy from his board approved supplemental contract as freshman girls basketball coach effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
 - D. Approve the following supplemental contracts, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2025-2026 contract year as presented:
 - 1. Wrestling
 - a. Terrin Contreras - High School Assistant
 - b. Nick Pauff - High School Assistant
 - c. Brad Allmandinger - Middle School
 - d. Isaiah Bretz - Middle School
 - e. Keaton Sudduth - Volunteer
 - 2. Swimming
 - a. Nicole Byrum - High School Assistant
 - 3. Harry Florence - Winter Site Coordinator
 - E. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on September 24, 2025, as presented.
 - F. Approve the minutes from the special Board meeting held on October 7, 2025, as presented.
 - G. Approve a resolution to appoint Board member, Debby Compton, to the Vantage Career Center Board for 3-year term, commencing on January 1, 2026.
 - H. Approve the Department of Education & Workforce Special Education Model Policies (as approved for 2024-2025 on March 26, 2025) for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
 - I. Approve a professional service agreement between Therapy Solutions, LLC and Van Wert City Schools for physical therapy services for designated students, effective the 2025-2026 school year as presented.
 - J. Approve the recommendation of the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group for the 2026 plan year premiums effective January 1, 2026 as follows:
 - Health Insurance Premiums - 8% increase
 - Dental Insurance Premiums - 2% increase
 - K. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
 - L. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 - 2. Robert & Dawn Sloan - \$50.00 to Cross Country Activity Fund
 - 3. Anonymous Donation - \$400.00 to Wrestling Activity Fund
 - 4. C&J Shave Ice - \$55.00 to Cross Country Activity Fund

5. Westwood Behavioral Health Center, Inc. - \$50.00 to High School Students of Need Fund
6. Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club - \$7,250.00 to Athletic Department for High Jump Pit and Hudl Focus
7. Charities Aid Foundation America & Tisha Fast Insurance Agency Inc./State Farm - \$500.00 to Van Wert Middle School DC Student Activity Fund
8. Citizens National Bank - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
9. Anonymous Donation - \$250.00 to High School Robotics
10. Central Insurance - \$2,500.00 to High School Robotics
11. United Way of Van Wert County, Inc. - \$1,534.50 to Van Wert School at the Goedde
12. Friends of Bryce L Beckman in Memory of Bryce L Beckman - \$1,050.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
13. Carol J. Carter - \$250.00 to to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
14. Tony & Amanda Wright - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

XII. Non-consent Resolution

- A. Approve the termination of employment of Steven Hittle, middle school custodial-maintenance worker, effective October 22, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting is **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m.
The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.