

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 - 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
 - A. Early Childhood Center
- VII. Treasurer's Section
 - A. Business and Records
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section
- IX. Superintendent's Section

- X. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board Report
 - B. VWAPAF Report
 - C. VWASIG Report
 - D. Athletic Council
 - E. Safety Team

- XI. Consent Resolutions
(All items may be voted on in one motion)
 - A. Accept the resignation of Julie Didion from her position as middle school paraprofessional, effective March 5, 2026, as presented.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Joshua Early from his position as elementary school intervention specialist, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year as presented.
 - C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Ronda Niemeyer from her position as preschool teacher, effective August 1, 2026, as presented.
 - D. Accept the resignation of Natalie Ungruhn from her Board approved position as 4th grade teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 contract year, effective March 5, 2026, as presented.
 - E. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Mark Bagley from his position as superintendent, effective July 30, 2026, as presented.
 - F. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Chris Covey from his position as director of curriculum and instruction, effective June 30, 2026, as presented.
 - G. Approve Sierra Poulson as a social worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2026-2027 contract year as presented.
 - H. Approve Kyra Welch as a 4th grade intervention specialist, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2026-2027 contract year as presented.
 - I. Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on February 26, 2026.
 - J. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
 - K. Approve the Electricity Purchase Program agreement with the Ohio Schools Council as presented.
 - L. Approve the 2027-2028 school calendar as presented. A public hearing was held at the regular Board meeting on February 26, 2026 and the calendar complies with minimum hour requirements in the Ohio Revised Code.
 - M. Approve a list of sports for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented:
 - 1. High School Boys Sports
 - a. Baseball
 - b. Basketball
 - c. Bowling
 - d. Cross Country
 - e. Football - 11 player
 - f. Golf
 - g. Swimming & Diving
 - h. Tennis
 - i. Track & Field
 - j. Indoor Track & Field
 - 2. High School Girls Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Bowling
 - c. Cross Country
 - d. Soccer
 - e. Softball - Fastpitch
 - f. Swimming & Diving
 - g. Tennis
 - h. Track & Field

- i. Volleyball
 - j. Indoor Track & Field
 - 3. High School Coed Sports
 - a. Cheerleading
 - b. Wrestling
 - 4. Middle School Boys Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Cross Country
 - c. Football - 11 player
 - d. Track & Field
 - 5. Middle School Girls Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Cross Country
 - c. Track & Field
 - d. Volleyball
 - 6. Middle School Coed Sports
 - a. Cheerleading
 - b. Wrestling
- N. Approve the following overnight stays:
 - 1. High School Girls Bowling (2 students and 2 adults) to the state tournament in Columbus, Ohio, March 6-7, 2026, as presented. (retroactively)
 - 2. High School Varsity Wrestling (5 students and 4 adults) to the district tournament in Norwalk, Ohio, March 6-7, 2026, as presented. (retroactively)
 - 3. High School Varsity Wrestling (2 students and 5 adults) to the state tournament in Columbus, Ohio, March 12-15, 2026, as presented. (retroactively)
- O. Approve requests for early completion of graduation requirements for five high school students as presented.
- P. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. Westwood Behavioral Health Center Inc. - \$125.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 2. Bashore Reineck Stoller & Waterman Inc - \$200.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 3. Van Wert Propane, Inc. - \$50.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 4. Laudick's Jewelry - \$125.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 5. Unverferth Family Dentistry Inc. - \$150.00 to Van Wert Endowment Fund for Educators
 - 6. Pamela Bockey-Smith - \$500.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde Principal's Fund
 - 7. Hometown Therapy Group, LLC - \$30.00 Van Wert Elementary School Wellness
 - 8. Cilantro's Grill and Cantina - \$250.00 to Van Wert High School Cougar Closet for Hygiene Supplies
 - 9. Anonymous - \$1,000.00 to Special Education Program Activity Fund
 - 10. Melissa Gamble - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

XII. Non-consent Resolutions

(Each item to be voted on individually)

- A. Approve a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Architect to award a contract in the amount of \$1,102,940.00 to Alexander & Bebout, Inc. for Phase IV of the Eggerss Stadium Project as presented.
- B. Approve the Negotiated Agreement between the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education and the Van Wert Federation of Teachers effective August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2029, as presented.

XIII. Public Notice

A. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice with section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that:

1. Mark Bagley has given notice of his retirement effective July 30, 2026, and is seeking to re-employ with the district. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the issue of Mark Bagley being re-employed in the district at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.
2. Chris Covey has given notice of his retirement effective June 30, 2026, and is seeking to re-employ with the district. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the issue of Chris Covey being re-employed in the district at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

XIV. Executive Session

A. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and 121.22(G)(4) for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel and for the purpose of employee negotiations.

XV. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.