

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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 Presentation:
 - A. State of the District - Mark Bagley, Superintendent, and Chris Covey, Director of Curriculum
- VII. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
 - A. Vantage Board Report
 - B. VWAPAF Report
 - 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

XI. Consent Resolutions

(all items may be voted on in one motion)

- A. Accept the resignation of Christine Amstutz from her position as early childhood center paraprofessional, effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 contract year as presented.
- B. Approve Joseph Balyeat as a high school language arts teacher at the Van Wert School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective September 15, 2026, as presented.
- C. Approve Austin Mitchell as a full-time bus driver, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2026-2027 contract year as presented.
- D. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 26, 2026.
- E. Approve the monthly financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- F. Approve the following supplemental contracts, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2026-2027 contract year as presented:

1. Athletics

a. Winter Head Coach

- 1. Eric Muhlenkamp - Boys and Girls Swimming

b. Spring Head Coaches

- 1. Nate Hoverman - Boys and Girls Track & Field
- 2. Sean Kennedy - Softball
- 3. Mitch Price - Boys Tennis

c. Winter Strength Coach

- 1. Andrew Peel

d. Winter Assistant Coaches

1. Boys Basketball

- a. Damian Helm - Varsity Assistant
- b. Ben Shindeldecker - Junior Varsity
- c. Drew Bagley - 9th grade
- d. Tom Baer - 8th grade
- e. Nate Hoverman - 7th grade

2. Girls Basketball

- a. Alexis Burdette - Varsity Assistant
- b. Erika Racster - Junior Varsity
- c. Sierra Poulson - 8th grade
- d. Allison Schaufelberger - 7th grade

3. Boys and Girls Bowling

- a. Brock Blackmore - Assistant
- b. Jim Davis - Assistant

4. Wrestling

- a. Terrin Contreras - High School Assistant
- b. Nick Pauff - High School Assistant
- c. Isaiah Bretz - Middle School

5. Swimming

- a. Nicole Byrum - Assistant

6. Cheer (Winter)
 - a. Katie Parrish - Middle School
7. Site Coordinator
 - a. Tom Baer - Middle School
 - b. Glenn Hicks - Middle School
- G. Approve the annual 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC, for 94 students and 13 adult chaperones, Monday, October 19, 2026 through Thursday, October 22, 2026, as presented.
- H. Approve the Service Contract Agreement for Comprehensive Gifted Services and Comprehensive Teaching & Learning Services with Mercer County Educational Service Center for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.
- I. Approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for fiscal year 2027 as presented.
- J. Approve the fiscal year 2027 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
- K. Approve a resolution to participate in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council cooperative school bus purchasing program as follows:
 Whereas the Van Wert City School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one(1) school bus.
 Therefore, be it resolved that the Van Wert City School District Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one(1) school bus.
- 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. Van Wert Bedrooms - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 3. Sealscott CPA Inc. - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 4. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 5. VWMS Staff Activity Fund - \$1,728.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 6. Lee Kinstle Sales and Service - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 7. StateWide Ford - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 8. First Federal Van Wert - \$900.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 9. Quality Technology Services, LLC - \$1,500.00 to Middle School Robotics
 10. Van Wert Service Club - \$1,200.00 to Summer Speech Program
 11. Raymond James Charitable / Cooper Family Foundation - \$2,000.00 to High School Academics
 12. Unverferth Family Dentistry Inc. - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 13. Cooper Farms - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 14. Van Wert Family Physicians - \$50.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
 15. Spencer & Erika Wise - \$1,500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 16. Roger & Kay Okuley - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 17. Donald & Grace Mitchell - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 18. Curtis & Julia Schaffner - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 19. Bonnie Thatcher - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 20. Brent & Vicki Stevens - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 21. Garmann Miller - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 22. Steve Racster - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 23. Randy & Susan Heppeard - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
 24. Andrew & Nichole Gearhart - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

25. Kristine Mitchell - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
26. Margaret Mitchell - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
27. James & Marjorie Wollet - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
28. Kimberly Dowdy - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
29. Kevin & Annette Hirsch - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
30. Hall & Amanda Block - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
31. VWHS Class of 1983 - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
32. Deledia Quiroz - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
33. Constance Cobb - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
34. Gregory & Shari Blackmore - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
35. Rebecca Leeth - \$250.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
36. James & Rhonda Mohr - \$500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute
37. Straley Realty and Auctioneers, Inc. - \$2,500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
38. Superior Credit Union - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
39. Janet Gearhart - \$2,500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
40. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home - Andrew Gearhart - \$2,500.00 to Eggerss Stadium Project - Legacy Donation
41. Van Wert Moose Lodge 1320 - \$1,700.00 to Lunchroom Fund for Assistance with Unpaid Student Lunch Balances
42. Lee's Ace Hardware - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
43. Braun Ambulances - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
44. Laudick's Jewelry - \$100.00 to Van Wert Middle School PBIS
45. Class of 2002 Cheerleaders - \$1,000.00 to Eggerss Stadium Paver Tribute

XII. Non-consent Resolution(s)

- A. Approve the following athletic supplemental contract for the 2026-2027 contract year:
1. Charlie Witten - Head Baseball Coach

XIII. Adjournment

**The next scheduled regular meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
The meeting will be in the High School / Middle School Media Center.**