

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
Niswonger Performing Arts Center
10700 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, OH 45891

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

- I. Opening **Time In: 5:00 p.m.**
- A. Welcome by Board President Anthony Adams
 - B. Oath of Office – **the Oath of Office was given to Mr. Scott Mull and Mr. Greg Blackmore by Mrs. Mawer, Treasurer.**
 - 1. Gregory Blackmore
 - 2. Scott Mull
- II. Board of Education Section
- A. **22.01.001**
Election and appointment of a President Pro-Tem for tonight’s Organizational Meeting
Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Scott Mull to nominate Anthony Adams as President Pro-Temp. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Call to Order and Roll Call by President Pro-Tem **Five members present**
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
 - D. Election of Officers
 - 22.01.002**
 - 1. Nominations for and election of Board President for the 2022 calendar year
Motion was made by Scott Mull and second by Rachel White to nominate Anthony Adams as President for 2022. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 22.01.003**
 - 2. Nominations for and election of Board Vice-President for the 2022 calendar year
Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Greg Blackmore to nominate Rachel White as Vice President for 2022. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 3. President’s Acceptance (presides over the meeting from this point forward)
 - E. Appointment of Board Representatives
 - 1. Representative to the Athletic Council – *Rachel White*
 - 2. Representative to the District Safety Team – *Greg Blackmore*
 - 3. Representative to VWASIG (Van Wert Area School Insurance Group) – *Scott Mull*
 - 4. Representative to the Vantage Board of Education – *Debby Compton*
 - 5. OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) Legislative Liaison / Delegate Capital Conference – *Anthony Adams*
 - 6. Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Annual Capital Conference – *Rachel White*
 - 7. Representative to the Neola Policy Development Committee – *Rachel White*
 - 8. Representatives to VWAPAF (Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation) – *Greg Blackmore*
 - F. Establish dates, times, and place for regular meetings during the 2022 calendar year - *the board meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Wed Feb through Oct and the 3rd Wed for Nov and Dec.*
- III. **22.01.004**
Resolutions

(All items may be voted on in one motion)

Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Debby Compton to approve items A-Q as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approve continued membership in the Ohio School Board Association for calendar year 2022.
- B. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to request advance draws on tax settlements when available and as needed during the 2022 calendar year.
- C. The Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to invest inactive and/or interim funds during the 2022 calendar year.
- D. Approve STAR Ohio, First Financial Bank, First Financial Bank Wealth Management, and Van Wert Federal Savings Bank as depositories for public funds of the Van Wert City Schools.
- E. Authorization to be given to the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- F. The Treasurer of Schools to be designated to attend the public records training for the school system in compliance with House Bill 9.
- G. The Superintendent of Schools be appointed as purchasing agent for all funds except athletic and food service funds for the 2022 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- H. The Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee be authorized to approve the use of school buses for non-routine trips for the 2022 calendar year and to establish bus routes and pickup points.
- I. The Superintendent of Schools be authorized to approve professional meeting attendance for certified and classified staff for the 2022 calendar year.
- J. The Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer be authorized to apply for local, state and federal grant programs/funds for the 2022 calendar year.
- K. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated as the approving official to review and approve student activity budgets, including 018 Funds.
- L. The authorization to be given to the Superintendent to employ substitutes and temporary personnel as is needed.
- M. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff and accept resignations between board meetings, pending board approval at the next meeting.
- N. The Superintendent of Schools to be designated to approve special education cooperative agreements as necessary.
- O. The Athletic Director to be appointed purchasing agent for athletic account purchases for the 2022 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- P. The Food Service Director be appointed purchasing agent for food service purchasing for the 2022 calendar year within appropriations as approved by the Board of Education.
- Q. The Board of Education approves the 2023 Tax Budget, as well as tax rates and values, as presented and further that the Tax Budget be filed with the County Auditor prior to January 20, 2022, as required by law.

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.

- V. **22.01.005**
SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR JANUARY 2022 MEETING
Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Rachel White to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.
- VI. Curriculum & Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation
A. School Board Recognition Month - *Mr. Krogman gave a gift to each member from the staff as well as shared a video made by the staff giving thanks to the board for all they do for our school district.*
- VII. Treasurer's Section
A. Business and Records – *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the December financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, amendments to the FY22 appropriations and lastly, the fiscal year 2023 tax budget. Mrs. Mawer informed the board that the department has working on benefits, tax budget, W-2s and 1099s.*
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton was not in attendance.*
- IX. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley informed the board that Mr. Clifton read every article he could find about the shooting in Oxford, MI. The safety committee will be discussing the shooting in the near future, not to critique, but to see if there is anything our district may learn from the incident. Staffing has been a challenge, but we are feeling very fortunate. We are looking at some college students as prospective future hires. Chris and Mr. Bagley are going to a conference next week and they will be speaking to the legislators about New Tech and Project Based Learning we do here at Van Wert. Mr. Bagley talked about the levy and our awesome levy committee and all the work they are doing. Mark and Bill met with Garmann Miller last night to talk about next steps regarding the stadium.*
- X. Board Member Section
A. Vantage Board Report – *Vantage Board will meet tomorrow. They were successful in moving adult education program to Thomas Edison.*
B. VWAPAF Report – *the board met before the end of the calendar year. They are still waiting on the cabinets. Tafi is excited about 2022.*
C. Athletic Council – *The event with Allie Clifton went really well. Trent compared ticket sales from 2019 to this year, and it is \$20,000 ahead. Trent is considering creating a visitor's guide that some other districts have. Mr. Temple is also strategizing on how to increase team sizes if they are not adequate.*
D. Safety Team – *Jan 20, 2022 is the next safety team's meeting. As mentioned earlier, the team will be discussing the Oxford MI shooting. Also, on Jan 17, 2022, there will be active shooter training at the Niswonger with the Van Wert police department.*
- XI. **22.01.006**
Resolutions

(All items may be voted on in one motion.)

Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Rachel White to approve items A-K as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approve Andrea Shaffer as an elementary school paraprofessional, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective January 13, 2022.
- B. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2021-2022 contract year:
 - 1. Angie Myers - Middle School Quiz/Scholastic Bowl Coach
 - 2. Chris Kraner - High School Quiz/Scholastic Bowl Coach
- C. Approve a 2-year administrative contract to Trent Temple, Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024.
- D. Approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021 regular board meeting.
- E. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- F. Approve the FY22 Permanent Amended Appropriations, as presented.
- G. Approve the resolution determining to proceed with bond issue for the purpose of constructing and renovating athletic facilities additions and improvements, together with equipment, site improvements, and all appurtenances in the principal amount of \$5,000,000.00 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of twenty years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the County Auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 1.15 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023 as presented.
- H. Approve Van Wert City School's participation in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program with Sedgwick Claims Mgmt. Services as the representative for the policy year 2022.
- I. Approve the following team/club overnight stays:
 - 1. Wrestling Team - Marion Harding wrestling tournament - December 29, 2021 (retroactively)
 - 2. Robotics Club
 - a. Kirtland, OH - January 14-15, 2022
 - b. Dayton, OH - March 4-5, 2022 (pending state qualification)
 - c. Cleveland, OH - March 23-26, 2022
 - 3. Beta Club - Beta Convention, Hyatt Convention Center, Columbus, OH - February 15-16, 2022
- J. Approve the following Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreements, as presented:
 - 1. City of Van Wert, Van Wert County with V WERT 2
 - 2. City of Van Wert, Van Wert County with MBK, LLC
 - 3. City of Van Wert, Van Wert County with VAN WERT FORWARD 1 LLC
- K. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. Citizens National Bank - \$500.00 to Van Wert Goedde School's Principal's fund
 - 2. Main Street Van Wert - \$100.00 to High School Choir
 - 3. First Bank of Berne - \$400.00 Jumpin' Jammers Elementary Wellness
 - 4. Class of 2001 - \$111.21 to The Grove of Mighty Oaks project
 - 5. Mr. Ed's Driving School - \$500.00 to High School's Principal's fund
 - 6. Van Wert Athletic Boosters - \$570.00 to Boys' Basketball Activity Account
 - 7. Central Mutual Insurance Company - \$2,500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 8. Van Wert Service Club, Inc. - \$500.00 to Middle School Robotics

XII. 22.01.007 Time Out: 5:57 p.m.

Adjournment Motion by Greg Blackmore and second by Scott Mull to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Board President

Fiscal Officer