

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
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. There were four members present. Scott Mull was absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. 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.

- IV. **22.02.008**
Set Agenda
Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Rachel White to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes, 4 Nays, 0.
- V. Curriculum & Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation
 - A. Van Wert Middle School – *First of all, the Spelling Bee Champs were recognized for placing second at the county spelling bee. Secondly, Julia Reichert and Melissa Bloomfield spoke about the Discover program. The program encourages students to discover their talents. The students can explore a variety of subjects that could help them choose a career path. The subjects include Art, TCB (taking care of business), Keyboarding, Chapter Adventures, Life Fitness, Gateway to Technology, Healthy Choices, Music Appreciation, Creative Dramatics, Vocal Music, Band and STEM.*
- VI. Treasurer’s Section
 - A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the January financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund and amendments to the FY22 appropriations. Mrs. Mawer informed the board that the department has working on the 1095Cs, transitioning our new payroll person and completing audits.*
- VII. Assistant Superintendent’s Section – *Mr. Clifton informed the board that the district received a grant to assist with purchasing up to four buses over a two-year period. However, the district intends to only purchase one bus per year as we have been doing. The district is in the process of deciding the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. We compile two calendars and let the teaching staff vote to determine which one will be implemented. Mr. Clifton and Mr. Scheidt are putting together a long-term capital and maintenance plan to bring before the board in the future.*

VIII. Public hearing as presented below:

A. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public hearing in accordance with section 3313.43(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, regarding the school calendar, including a presentation by the superintendent/designee on the total number of hours in the school year, length of the school day, and the beginning and end dates of instruction in the calendar.

IX. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley reviewed some of the state legislation that is in the legislative process currently, such as the redistricting maps, HB126 on property valuations, report cards and the backpack bill. Vantage will be offering Education on Location for teachers to attend if they want to. March 21st will start the six week push for the levy by the levy committee.*

X. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)

A. Vantage Board Report – *minutes are on the Google drive and the All Boards Meeting will be held April 7th.*

B. VWAPAF Report – *met on Monday, sign is being talked about and they possibly have a grant to fund handicap accessibility.*

C. Athletic Council – *we will be holding OHSAA basketball tournaments and club volleyball. The competition cheer team will be competing on Sunday at state.*

D. Safety Team – *no report*

XI. **22.02.009**

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-S as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

A. Accept the resignation of Lori Gunderman from her position as Payroll/Benefits Specialist, effective January 27, 2022, as presented. Mrs. Gunderman will receive her 2021-2022 per diem rate while training her replacement up to but no later than April 15, 2022.

B. Accept the resignation of Taylor Schwarck from her position as Elementary School Paraprofessional/computer instructor, effective January 28, 2022, as presented.

C. Accept the resignation of Sarah White from her position as Middle School Counselor, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.

D. Accept the resignation of Ryan Holliday from his supplemental contract as Head Cross Country Coach, effective January 25, 2022, as presented.

E. Approve Carlee Miller as Payroll/Benefits Specialist, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective February 22, 2022, as presented. Days worked prior to February 22, 2022 will be paid at her per diem rate of pay.

F. Approve Katy Priest as a Middle School English Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2022-2023 contract year, as presented.

G. Approve Laura Eikenbary as Head Cook at the Early Childhood Center, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2022-2023 contract year, as presented.

H. Approve the following supplemental spring coaches, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented:

1. Softball

a. Sean Kennedy - Varsity Assistant Coach

b. Scott Bigham - Junior Varsity (.5) Coach

c. Jada Preston - Junior Varsity (.5) Coach

d. Kateri Steinecker - Volunteer Coach

- e. Bill Steinecker - Volunteer Coach
- 2. Boys Tennis
 - a. Brandon Amstutz - Head Coach
 - b. Alex Schmidt - Volunteer Assistant Coach
- 3. Baseball
 - a. Eric Putman - Varsity Assistant Coach
 - b. Damon Brown - Junior Varsity Coach
 - c. Jeremy Kitson - Volunteer Coach
 - d. Damian Helm - Volunteer Coach
- 4. Boys/Girls Track & Field
 - a. Rachel White - Volunteer Assistant Coach
 - b. Gage Chiles - Volunteer Assistant Coach
 - c. Nick Pauff - Assistant Coach (.5)
 - d. Alexis Dowdy - Assistant Coach (.5)
 - e. Ben Laudick - Assistant Coach (.5)
 - f. Kim Laudick - Assistant Coach (.5)
 - g. Kerry Koontz - Middle School Coach
 - h. Steve Sealscott - Middle School Coach
 - i. Bryce Crea - Middle School Coach
- I. Approve the following supplemental fall coaches, effective the 2022-2023 contract year, as presented:
 - 1. Keith Recker - Head Football Coach
 - 2. Kim Doidge - Head Golf Coach
 - 3. Katie Peterson - Head Girls Tennis Coach
 - 4. Tim Brown - Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - 5. Samantha Fleming - Fall Cheerleading Coach
- J. Approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 Organizational, Budget, & Regular Board Meeting.
- K. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- L. Approve the FY22 Permanent Amended Appropriations, as presented.
- M. Approve the creation of a Media Center Makerspace student activity fund and budget as presented. The fund will be used to purchase supplies and materials to design, create and sell projects by middle and high school students utilizing the Makerspace in the Media Center.
- N. Authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Van Wert High School and Van Wert Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
- O. Approve Family and Children First Administrative Agent Contract for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024, as presented.
- P. Approve the requests for early completion of graduation requirements for two high school students, as presented.
- Q. Approve the following overnight student/team/club overnight stays:
 - 1. Eighth grade students and adult chaperones to Washington DC on March 28-April 1, 2022, as presented.
- R. Approve the Van Wert Area Business Advisory Council Compliance Plan 2022, as presented.
- S. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 - 1. Wayne Kilton - \$125.00 to Endowment Fund for Educators
 - 2. Vancrest Management Corp - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 3. Van Rue Properties - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 4. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank - \$1,000 to High School Robotics
 - 5. 1st Federal Van Wert - \$1,000 to High School Robotics
 - 6. University of Northwestern OH - \$1,000 to High School Robotics
 - 7. StateWide Ford - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 - 8. Tisha Fast Insurance - \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 9. First Bank of Berne - \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel

10. Racster Renovations - \$1,250 to Football Activity Fund
11. Strive-To-Be - \$640.00 to Wrestling Activity Fund
12. Flickinger Memorial Trust - \$1,000 to Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
13. VW Foundation's Charities Fund - \$750.00 to Goedde Principal's Fund
14. Eastside Auto Repair & Sales - \$400.00 to Masque & Gavel
15. Sixth Cents LLC - \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
16. Van Wert Service Club - \$125.00 to Endowment Fund for Educators
17. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank - \$125.00 to Endowment Fund for Educators
18. Tisha Fast Insurance Agency - \$100.00 to High School Robotics
19. Tenneco Federal-Mogul - \$1,000.00 to High School Robotics
20. Rauch Law Offices - \$150.00 to Masque & Gavel
21. Laudick's Jewelry - \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
22. Stratelligence Capital, LLC - \$125.00 to the VWCS Endowment Educator's Fund

XII 22.02.010 Time In: 6:10 p.m. Time Out: 6:50 p.m.

Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Debby Compton to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

XIII. 22.02.011

Adjournment **Time Out: 6:51 p.m.**

Motion by Rachel White and second by Greg Blackmore to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer