

March 4, 2019

The Board of Education of Van Wert City Schools met in special session on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Members present: Mr. Anthony Adams  
Mrs. Debby Compton  
Mrs. Rachel Dickman - exited meeting at 4:34 p.m.  
Mr. Tom Losh  
Mr. Scott Mull

Members absent: None

Also present: Vicki Brunn, Superintendent  
Bob Priest, High School Principal  
Mike Ruen, Treasurer

Kirsten Barnhart      Scott Truxell      Kerry Koontz      Jeff Hood  
Justin Bragg

President Compton called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mrs. Dickman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Members Losh, Dickman, Adams, Compton, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

NOTIFICATION OF THE BOARD

Motion by Mrs. Dickman, seconded by Mrs. Compton that all board members were notified of the meeting. Roll Call: Members Dickman, Compton, Adams, Losh, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS - Meeting with State Representative Craig Riedel

The Board discussed a variety of topics with State Representative Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) ranging from the School Report Card and graduation requirements, to the funding of Open Enrollment students, school safety, and College Credit Plus funding and requirements. Also discussed was Governor Mike DeWine's plan to focus on more funding for early childhood education and his desire to address the opioid crisis, along with the Governor's proposal to raise fuel tax rates by \$.18 per gallon. Representative Riedel stated that the State's Rainy Day fund was topped out at \$2.8 billion and that he was against the fuel tax increase unless something else offset the increase, particularly since the State has been operating in the black in recent years by about \$500 million to \$600 million dollars each year.

Mrs. Dickman exited the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mrs. Compton to adjourn. Roll Call: Members Losh, Compton, Adams, and Mull voting "yes". Motion Carried 4-0. Time: 4:51 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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TREASURER