

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 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. 4 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. **22.03.014**
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 and Instruction (Educational Impact) - *Early Childhood Center - Safer, Smarter Schools Mrs. Bittner introduced Betsy Hamman from the YWCA, Shelly Place, Kindergarten teacher and two Van Wert students. Parents were notified in advance of the program, and only one student did not participate. Mrs. Hamman taught the ECC students about the Safer, Smarter Schools program which aligns with Ohio standards. The program included six lessons which were 20 to 30 minute lessons which included 10-15 minutes on the carpet and 10-15 minutes working on their journal. Some of the activities included: teaching the students to say "stop that; that's not safe!" and each student identified three trusted adults. The program is an abuse preventative program.*
- VI. Treasurer's Section
A. Business and Records – *Mrs. Mawer reviewed the financial statements for February, the checks issued, monthly charts, bank reconciliation and the changes to the FY22 permanent appropriations.*
- VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton gave an update on building and grounds. Two custodians are retiring this year, Randy Baer and Steve Long. The curb, asphalt and gym floors projects at the middle and high schools as well as the roof project at the Goedde are being scheduled for this summer as well.*
- VIII. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley spoke about the Cougar Connection newsletter and Van Wert City School's 2021-22 Quality Profile. We are working to fill the positions for the upcoming year*

due to retirements/resignations. Additionally, the district is actively recruiting at colleges. Mr. Bagley gave a legislative update on pending bills. Additionally, the redistricting maps are still up in the air. Senator Rob Colley visited the district recently. We are at the six-week mark for the stadium renovation levy.

- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *any school cancellations going forward for Vantage would require remote learning. New phlebotomy certification has been approved and will be starting soon.*
 - B. VWAPAF Report – *The annex is complete. Sponsor and volunteers banquet was held and a success. The new sign is ordered and to be installed soon.*
 - C. Athletic Council – *the minutes are on Google drive to review. Trent is running a lot of tournaments, but are profitable. We are approving a new soccer coach and list of sports that VWCS is participating in for the 2022-23 year. A new policy about coaches requesting to purchase items is being created.*
 - D. Safety Team – *all schools are required to have threat assessment team and those are in place. Safety drills are all complete.*
- X. **22.03.015**
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-O 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, due to retirement, of Deb Keber, from her position as general cafeteria worker, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 contract year as presented.
 - B. Approve Joshua Poulson as elementary school physical education teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.
 - C. Approve a supplemental coaching contract for Ashley Showalter as head girl's soccer coach, effective the 2022-2023 contract year as presented.
 - D. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2022.
 - E. Approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on February 23, 2022.
 - F. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
 - G. Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. A public hearing was held at the regular board meeting on February 23, 2022 and the calendar complies with minimum hour requirements in the Ohio Revised Code
 - H. Approve a list of sports for the 2022-2023 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. Soccer
 - h. Swimming & Diving
 - i. Tennis
 - j. Track & Field
 - k. Wrestling
 - 2. High School Girls Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Bowling
 - c. Cross Country
 - d. Soccer

- e. Softball - Fast Pitch
 - f. Swimming & Diving
 - g. Tennis
 - h. Track & Field
 - i. Volleyball
 - 3. High School Coed Sport
 - a. Cheerleading
 - 4. Middle School Boys Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Cross Country
 - c. Football - 11 player
 - d. Track & Field
 - e. Wrestling
 - 5. Middle School Girls Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Cross Country
 - c. Track & Field
 - d. Volleyball
 - 6. Middle School Coed Sport
 - a. Cheerleading
 - I. Approve a Lease Agreement between the City of Van Wert and the Board of Education of the Van Wert City School District for the setting up, display, and tearing down of 4th of July 2022 fireworks on the High School/Middle School and Elementary School Campus for the community's enjoyment as presented.
 - J. Approve a resolution to adopt the revised safety plan.
 - K. Approve the amendments to the FY22 permanent appropriations as presented.
 - L. Accept the Vantage Career Center tax levy amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor as presented.
 - M. Approve the Satellite Program Standards & Maintenance Agreement between Vantage Career Center and Van Wert City Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.
 - N. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - 1. F & S, Inc. donated \$50.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 2. Vancrest Health Care Center donated \$175.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 3. Madison Buecker donated \$50.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 4. Rodney & Tonya Sroufe donated \$150.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 5. Anthony & Nicole Adams donated \$250.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 6. Michelle Gunter (Schrader Realty) donated \$100.00 to Masque & Gavel
 - 7. Convoy United Methodist Church, Ladies on a Mission donated \$150.00 to Elementary School Principal's Fund
 - 8. Van Wert Rotary Foundation donated \$300.00 to High School Choir
 - O. The Board recognizes the following as official district support organizations:
 - 1. Van Wert Booster Club
 - 2. The Recking Crew
- XI. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will be advanced on the pay scale, due to additional college coursework, effective April 1, 2022:
- A. Samantha Fleming - Bachelors-150 to Masters

XII. **22.03.016**

Adjournment **Time Out: 6:01 p.m.**

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer