

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**First Federal Lecture Hall - 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. Members present: 5**

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

III. 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.

IV. **21.03.018**

Set Agenda

**Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Rachel White to set the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.**

V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) - Bob Sloan, Band Director – *Mr. Sloan thanked the Board and Administration for their support. It has been a challenging year; however, the students and staff started the year with the “don’t think about what we can’t do, but think about what we can do” attitude. The plan is to hold band camp this year at Huntington College if allowed. Lastly, we are planning a trip to Orlando in a year if it all works out. The students and parents are aware that there could be a change in the plan because of COVID, but hopefully it all works out.*

VI. Treasurer’s Section

A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the February financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, as well as amendments to the permanent FY21 appropriations. Mrs. Mawer also reviewed some FY21 forecast vs. actual revenue numbers as well as some of the revenue items being proposed with the state biennium budget and recently approved federal funding that the district may or will be receiving in the future.*

VII. Assistant Superintendent’s Section – *Mr. Clifton spoke about the status of the Energy Optimizer’s project, the Niswonger PAC project and number of completed vaccines. Lastly, Mr. Clifton stated he is still waiting to hear from the V Economic Development about a grant to assist in purchasing AEDs for the district.*

VIII. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley talked a little about starting up the Middle School/High School at the Goedde, stating there will be some hiring which may be from Synergy staff, our current staff or from the outside. HB67 will give relief for testing and graduation. Mr. Bagley stated when these bill are created and going through the legislative process, the legislators need to talk to other school personnel, not just the Superintendents. Lastly, Mr. Bagley stated that the district continues to look at operational costs without negatively impacting the students' education.*

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

A. Vantage Board Report – *recently administered second round of vaccination, held virtual open house, holding sophomore visits and lastly, the Adult Ed Director is retiring.*

B. VWAPAF Report – *they are starting some events back up starting with ten Friday concerts in the park. Additionally, NPAC is hoping to bring employees back to work soon.*

C. Athletic Council – *the council will meet next Monday. The district hosted the boys' regional tournaments. Lastly, the council is discussing where in the district and city to place state championship signs.*

D. Safety Team – *the team will meet next on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The vaccinations have been completed for all employees that wanted them.*

X. **21.03.019**

Resolutions

(all items may be voted on in one motion)

**Motion was made by Scott Mull 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. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Wendy Howell, High School Science Teacher, after 30 years in education, 24 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.

B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Kerry Koontz, High School Guidance/Career Counselor, after 35 years in education, 34 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.

C. Accept the resignation of Dave Froelich, High School Administrative Assistant to the Principal, after 42 years in education, 29 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.

D. Approve Stacey Snyder as EMIS Coordinator, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met. Stacey will be paid as a timesheet employee until her contract becomes effective on August 1, 2021.

E. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2021.

F. Approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on March 10, 2021.

G. Approve the monthly financial reports and amendments to the FY21 Permanent Appropriations as presented by the Treasurer.

H. Approve the following "then and now certificate." It is hereby certified that, both at the time of the making of this order and at the date of the execution of this certificate, the amount required to pay this order has been appropriated for the purpose of the order and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund, free from any previous encumbrance. I recommend that the following invoice \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Van Wert City Board of Education:

1. BSN Sports Invoice # 911243798 dated 12/23/2020 in amount of \$6,710.00

2. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Coop Invoice # 3263 dated 11/09/2020 in amount of \$4,800.00

I. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:

1. Van Wert Health - \$2,500.00 to purchase automated external defibrillators (AED)
  2. BKH Inc. - \$500.00 to the High School Principal's Account
  3. Van Wert Athletic Booster Club - \$100.00 to Swimming Activity Account
  4. Van Wert Athletic Booster Club - \$100.00 to Boys Bowling Activity Account
  5. Honda - \$1,500.00 to High School Robotics
  6. Vancrest Health Care Center - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
  7. Vancrest Management Corp - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
  8. Van Wert Federal Savings Bank - \$1,000.00 to High School Robotics
  9. Van Wert Rotary Club - 5 disinfecting foggers and cleaner for each district building (Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Goedde building) valued at approximately \$220 each.
- J. Approve the Van Wert High School Band trip to Orlando, Florida, for March 15-20, 2022, as presented.
- K. Approve payment of a \$1,000.00 stipend to Diane Tobe for completion of FY18 fixed assets inventory, as presented.

XI. Public Notice

1. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice with section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Kerry Koontz has given notice of his retirement at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year and is seeking to re-employ with the district. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the issue of Kerry Koontz being re-employed in the district at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

- XII. Acknowledge receipt and notification of a Residential CRA Application for Scott & Lindsey Poor, 819 N. Jefferson St., Van Wert, OH 45891, as presented.

XIII. **21.03.020 Time Out: 6:00 p.m.**

Adjournment **Motion by Greg Blackmore and second by Debby Compton to adjourn the meeting.**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.  
in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

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Board President

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Fiscal Officer