

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**First Federal Lecture Hall - Niswonger Performing Arts Center**  
**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. **21.05.024**

Set Agenda

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

V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) - Marie Markward, VWMS - *Mrs. Markward and three of her students spoke about the 12-week transition program. The program helps the student transition from middle school to high school as well as transitioning to life after high school. The students were asked what they will miss about the middle school as well as what they are most excited about going to the high school.*

VI. Treasurer's Section

A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the April financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, bank reconciliation as well as amendments to the permanent FY21 appropriations. Lastly, Mrs. Mawer presented the May FY21 Five Year Forecast to the board and requested approval.*

VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton thanked all the classified, certified and administrative staff for all their hard work and support during this challenging school year. Also, the district has a new representative we will be working with at Public School Works. The window opens August 6, 2021 for the staff to go into the system and fulfill their requirements via Public School Works. The district is very, very close to wrapping up the Energy Optimizers project. Play clocks have been installed, so I want to thank all that have donated money and labor to make that happen. The district is working with the YWCA in order to provide approximately 100 students food via the summer food program.*

VIII. Superintendent's Section

A. Second Reading of the New/Revised Policies from the Neola Spring 2021 Update

*Mr. Bagley thanked everyone involved for making the graduation ceremony such a great success. The state continues to work on the biennium budget. They seem to be hung up on fair funding and*

*vouchers. The district does not know as of yet what the requirements or if there will be requirements concerning COVID during the 2021-22 school year, so stay tuned.*

- IX. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *installing an electric charging station at Vantage which is being funded by EPA.*
  - B. VWAPAF Report – *the annex/renovation project is almost complete, and finalizing the securing of grant funds to help pay for the project.*
  - C. Athletic Council – *thanks to Van Wert Health for providing physicals for our athletes. All slots were full so trying to have a second day. Working to board approve head coaches further ahead of their season to help in preparation. Looking at options for online ticket purchasing.*
  - D. Safety Team – *all AEDs are being funded thanks to Van Wert Co Economic Development. The safety plans are up to date. The group's next meeting is August 12, 2021.*

X. **21.05.025**

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-Y 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 Kim Doidge from her position as High School Math Teacher, effective May 28, 2021, as presented.
- B. Accept the resignation of Regina Brenneman from her position as Preschool Teacher, effective the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- C. Accept the resignation of Kathy Wiseman, Early Childhood Center Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- D. Accept the resignation of Ben Collins from his supplemental contract as Head Wrestling Coach, effective the end of the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- E. Approve the rehire of Kerry Koontz - High School Career Counselor for the 2021-2022 contract year.
- F. Approve Libby Burkhart as a Kindergarten Teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- G. Approve Shelby Pleiman as a Kindergarten Teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- H. Approve Samantha Quatman as a 5th Grade Teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- I. Approve Emma Dues as a High School Math Teacher, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- J. Approve Karlin Dunlap as High School Science Teacher at the VW School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- K. Approve Aimee Bassett as High School Math Teacher at the VW School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- L. Approve Ginny Marbaugh as Middle School Teacher at the VW School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- M. Approve Chris Amstutz as Secretary at the VW School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.
- N. Approve Donna Myers as a Paraprofessional at the VW School at the Goedde, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented.

- O. Approve the following 3-year administrative contracts, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024:
1. Lori Bittner - Principal, Van Wert Early Childhood Center
  2. Ben Collins - Assistant Principal, Van Wert Middle School
  3. Bob Priest - Principal, Van Wert High School
- P. Approve the following 2-year administrative contract, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023:
1. Bill Clifton - Assistant Superintendent
- Q. Approve the following as 2021 Summer School Early Childhood Center Staff:
1. Therapists:
    - A. Christine Kreischer
    - B. Danae Leaser
    - C. Janine Warnecke
    - D. Jennifer Huffman
    - E. Lisa Knoch
  2. Teachers:
    - A. Nicole Adams
    - B. Regina Brenneman
    - C. Becky Doctor
    - D. Judi Smith
    - E. Shelly Place
    - F. Drew Bittner
    - G. Jessica Small
    - H. Chris Cochrane
  3. Paraprofessional:
    - A. Sherry Boroff
  4. Nurse
    - A. Theresa Whittington
- R. Approve the following Winter Head Coaching Supplemental Contracts for the 2021-2022 contract year:
1. Ben Laudick - Boys Basketball
  2. Hannah Philipot - Girls Basketball
  3. Megan Hurless - Swimming
  4. Kevin Decker - Bowling
  5. Samantha Fleming - Cheerleading
- S. Approve the correction to the 2021-2022 Employee Recommendations as follows:
1. Ava Burkheimer - Continuing Contract (previously listed as a 1-year contract)
- T. Approve the new/revised policies Neola Spring 2021 Update:
1. Policy 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
  2. Policy 1623 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
  3. Policy 1662 - Anti-Harassment
  4. Policy 2240 - Controversial Issues
  5. Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity
  6. Policy 2260.01 - Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
  7. Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities
  8. Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
  9. Policy 3123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
  10. Policy 3362 - Anti-Harrassment
  11. Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
  12. Policy 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
  13. Policy 4362 - Anti-Harassment
  14. Policy 5517 - Anti-Harrassment

15. Policy 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds
16. Policy 6144 - Investments
17. Policy 6220 - Tax Budget Preparation
18. Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds
19. Policy 6423 - Use of Credit Cards
20. Policy 6600 - Deposit of Public Funds: Cash Collection Points
21. Policy 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
22. Policy 7450 - Property Inventory
23. Policy 7455 - Accounting System for Fixed Assets
24. Policy 8500 - Food Services
25. Policy 8510 - Wellness

- U. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on April 28, 2021.
- V. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- W. Approve the FY21 May Five-Year Forecast, as presented.
- X. Approve the FY21 Permanent Appropriations, as presented.
- Y. Approve payment of a \$1,000.00 stipend to Diane Tobe for completion of FY19 fixed assets inventory, as presented.
- A. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
  1. VWCS Elementary PTO - \$3,722.16 to the ECC Student Activity Account
  2. VWCS Elementary PTO - \$915.00 to the ECC Student Activity Account
  3. Ned & Cindy Compton - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
  4. Alliance Automation, LLC - \$646.45 to High School Robotics
  5. 1st Federal Van Wert - \$646.45 to High School Robotics
  6. State Wide Ford | Lincoln - \$646.45 to High School Robotics
  7. Beta Delta Chapter Psi Iota Xi - \$100.00 to Masque & Gavel
  8. Dan & Claudia Davenport - \$1,000.00 to a one-time scholarship in honor of the Pettijohn family.
  9. Anonymous - \$250 to Elementary School Food Service
  10. Anonymous - \$250 to Early Childhood Center Food Service

XI. Public Notice

- A. The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice with section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Kim Doidge has given notice of her retirement effective May 28, 2021, and is seeking to re-employ with the district. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the issue of Kim Doidge being re-employed in the district at 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

- XII. This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will advance on the pay scale, due to additional college coursework, effective September 1, 2021:
  - A. Zane McElroy - Masters to Masters+15
  - B. Jennifer Simper - Masters to Masters+15
  - C. Sarah White - Masters to Masters+15

XIII. **21.05.026 Time Out: 6:25 p.m.**

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

The next scheduled regular meeting is Wednesday, June 23, 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