

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**  
Niswonger Performing Arts Center  
10700 State Route 118, Van Wert, OH 45891

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **Time In: 5:00 p.m. Three members were present. Tom Losh and Scott Mull were absent.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- III. **20.07.050**  
Approval of Agenda  
**Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Rachel Dickman to set the agenda as presented. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**
- IV. **20.07.051**  
Motion that all board members were notified of meeting  
**Motion was made by Rachel Dickman and second by Debby Compton to recognize that all members were notified of the meeting. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**
- V. Presentation of the Report and Recommendations for the proposed Eggerss Stadium Renovation Project - Howard Benson, Founder of National Community Development Services, Inc. – *Mr. Benson via Zoom reviewed the Eggerss Stadium Renovation Project report and recommendations with the group. In 2017, 71% of 1,330 voters surveyed favored renovating Eggerss Stadium along with 80% stating they would support a bond issue to help fund the project. A committee determined the aging stadium was deteriorated and need much more than concrete patchwork. The committee researched different options, such as refurbishment, new construction, etc. In October 2017, the committee recommended the Board of Education move forward with renovating Eggerss which is what the majority surveyed wanted to do.... IF the community could raise the funding for the project. The Board acknowledged the recommendation, but also, recognized paying for such facilities is a daunting challenge. At the time, community fundraising was the logical option; however, a major capital campaign will require several size figure gifts and higher. Mr. Benson's organization was retained to complete a funding feasibility study to determine if the necessary financial support would be available if a campaign was implemented. Mr. Benson completed 37 confidential interviews with a representative mix of individuals, business leaders, educators, coaches and elected officials. Overall, there were both supportive and non-supportive comments regarding all the options. It was determined a goal of approximately \$1.3 million would be attainable if a campaign was implemented within in the next year; however, there were some stipulations with the anticipated commitments. The interviewees were candid and forthcoming with their views and opinions as well as their indications of needed financial support. Therefore, these indications do not point to a successful campaign to raise the funds by key stakeholders let alone all the other taxpayers of the district. In summary, the board thanked Mr. Benson for his research and recommendation, and also, thanked the community for coming to the meeting and discussing the topic more in depth. In conclusion, there is more work to be done in order to decide whether the district moves forward with a project, and what the project will consist of.*

VI. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley said all his energy is currently going toward getting school up and running. The staff is doing a wonderful job – a ton of work being done. As of now, there will be 88% of the students are coming back to school in person. It's been five months from today since it was announced schools would be closed and go online. Mr. Bagley also gave a summary of what will happen at school next week regarding districtwide meetings and professional development.*

VII. **20.07.052**  
Resolutions

**Motion was made by Debby Compton and second by Rachel Dickman to approve items A-D as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; D. Compton, yes; and R. Dickman, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

- A. Approve Danielle Ray as a Long-term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher for the 2020-2021 contract-year, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented.
- B. Approve the following employees as Year-1 Mentors for the 2020-2021 contract year. Year-1 Mentors are paid \$500.
  - 1. Shelly Place
  - 2. Nate Hoverman
- C. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2020-2021 contract-year:
  - 1. Bryce Crea - 6th Grade RTI Manager
  - 2. Anita Zuber - 7th Grade RTI Manager
  - 3. Tiffany Werts - 8th Grade RTI Manager
  - 4. Brooke Boznango - 6th Grade Data Manager
  - 5. Tami Suzuki - 7th Grade Data Manager
  - 6. Marie Markward - 8th Grade Data Manager
  - 7. Tom Baer - Middle School Site Manager
- D. Approve the Temporary FY21 Appropriations as presented.

VIII. **20.07.053**

Adjournment **Time Out: 6:58 p.m.**

**Motion by Debby Compton and second by Rachel Dickman to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 3**

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*Board President*

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