

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 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. Four members were present. Tom Losh 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. **20.08.054**
Approval of Agenda
Motion was made by Rachel Dickman and second by Debby Compton to set the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- V. Treasurer's Section
A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board July financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, bank reconciliation and FY 21 Temporary Appropriations amendments.*
- VI. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley said the school year has gotten off to a great start. There are been some challenges working with the remote learning students, but that is okay. We will work through the challenges. Overall, we are only five students down which is great with all that has happened. The district has applied for the BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant for \$75,000 to be used to purchase hotspots. As far as sports it is great seeing the kids out playing sports. We are really trying to give our kids a season.*
- VII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton talked about what Transportation, Food Services and Custodial staff have been and will continue to do to keep students and staff safe from COVID:*
1. *Transportation: Buses are constantly being sanitized, and all aboard are wearing masks. On Friday each week, the drivers are wiping down and inspecting the interior and looking for any damage caused by the disinfectants.*

2. *Food Services: The staff is serving the students versus the students reaching in to grab their own items. Also, a bar code scanners are being used to enter the student's account information versus the students punching in their account info on a keypad.*
3. *Custodial and Teaching Staff: Classrooms are being sanitized 7 or 8 times per day more than used to be. We have stand hand sanitizers placed in several locations throughout the district to insure hand sanitizer is accessible to all. Sneeze guards and touch bottle fillers have been installed in various locations also.*

All the above has been done to keep our staff and students COVID-free.

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

- A. Vantage Board Report – *Mrs. Compton reported Vantage has received a grant which will allow them to begin a RN nursing program.*
- B. VWAPAF Report – *Mrs. Dickman reported VWAPAF will begin breaking ground soon for their building project. There was special meeting held the first week of August to cancel their concert at the Van Wert County Fair.*
- C. Athletic Council – *Mr. Adams reported the meeting revolved discussing the restrictions and how that is going to work to have a fall sports season.*

IX. **20.08.055**

Resolutions

Motion was made by Scott Mull and second by Rachel Dickman to approve items A-S as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; S. Mull, yes; D. Compton, yes; and R. Dickman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2020.
- B. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on July 30, 2020.
- C. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on August 13, 2020.
- D. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Randy Stemen, Director of Maintenance, after nearly 34 years of service to Van Wert City Schools, effective December 31, 2020, as presented.
- E. Accept the resignation of Laura Farris, Early Childhood Center Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year, as presented.
- F. Accept the resignation of Ashley Driggs, First Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year, as presented.
- G. Accept the resignation of Tom Losh, Board of Education Member, effective August 26, 2020, as presented.
- H. Approve Laura Farris as a General Cafeteria Worker, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- I. Approve Allison Evers as a Long-Term Substitute First Grade Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented.
- J. Approve Tonya Sroufe as a Early Childhood Center Paraprofessional, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented.
- K. Approve a supplemental contract for Josie Luthman as Middle School Site Manager, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- L. Approve the Athletic Handbook, which includes ticket prices, for 2020-2021, as presented.
- M. Approve the Athletic Department 2020-2021 Fall Ticket Policy, as presented.
- N. Approve the revised contract for FY 2021 between the Van Wert County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Van Wert City Schools (Family and Children First Council), as presented. This contract is for Early Intervention and Early Intervention Outreach.

O. Approve to contract with Phelan Insurance Agency for the following insurance coverage with Liberty Mutual Insurance effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, at a premium cost of \$70,000. Coverage includes but not limited to the following: Property, General Liability, Crime, Equipment, Automobile and Excess/Umbrella.

P. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:

1. The Recking Crew - the donation of new goal posts and pad valued at \$15,000
2. CTS Development LLC, Charles Thompson - \$500 to the Van Wert High School Basketball program
3. Nick and Amanda Kleinhenz - \$100 to the Van Wert High School Basketball program

Q. Approve the Temporary FY 21 Appropriations as presented.

R. Accept the grant funding of \$24,466.86 to the Richard L. and Nadie O. Klein Memorial Trust Fund received from the Van Wert County Foundation. The funds are to be directed towards expenses of K-8 students for food, clothing, eye or ear care, teeth and other medical attention.

S. Accept the donation of \$2,000.00 from the Cooper Family Foundation to be used for an educational purpose at the high school.

X. Special Education Notice: Van Wert City Schools will offer a public meeting to provide the opportunity for public comment on the district's use of IDEA Part B funds with recommendations or suggestions for special education programs and services. Ruth Ann Dowler, Special Services Coordinator, and Lori Bittner, Early Childhood Center Principal, will be available for this meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Van Wert Elementary in the office conference room, or by appointment at a later time.

XI. This is to inform the Board of Education for the Van Wert City Schools that the following employees shall be advanced on the pay scale due to additional college coursework, effective September 1, 2020:

1. Jen Arend - Masters+15 to Masters+30
2. Dianna Hicks - Masters+15 to Masters+30
3. Mary Kramer - Masters+15 to Masters+30
4. Ashley Sinn - Masters to Masters+15

XII. **20.08.056**

Executive Session **Time In: 5:35 p.m. Time Out: 7:04 p.m.**

Motion was made by Rachel Dickman and second by Debby Compton to approve the request for executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: A. Adams, yes; S. Mull, yes; D. Compton, yes; R. Dickman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

A. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel.

XIII. **20.08.057**

Adjournment **Time Out: 7:05 p.m.**

Motion by Debby Compton and second by Scott Mull to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 4

Board President

Fiscal Officer