

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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 and soon-to-be appointed member were present.**

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

III. **20.09.074**

Appointment of Gregory Blackmore to fill the vacated position on the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education. This appointment is for the term ending December 31, 2021.

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

IV. 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.

V. **20.09.075**

Approval of Agenda

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

VI. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation - Chris Covey, Director of Curriculum – *Mr. Covey reviewed the 2019-20 report card for Van Wert City Schools in detail as well as showed a comparison of the 2019-20 results compared to the previous year. Keep in mind, this report card looks different and was unable to provide some of the standard results due to the pandemic, and the closing of schools which resulted in no spring testing. Mr. Covey talked about some of the things that will be happening this year in the buildings to hopefully improve our future report card results.*

VII. Treasurer's Section

A. Business and Records – *Mrs. Mawer reviewed with the board all the August Financial reports as well as the amendments to the now Permanent FY2021 Appropriations.*

VIII. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley as well as Rachel Dickman spoke a little about some of the policy changes which are in the first reading status. Mr. Bagley thanked the board for all their work interviewing and selecting our new board member, and thanked the other candidates for applying for the seat. Mr. Bagley thanked Mr. Blackmore for applying, and accepting the board position and looks forward to working with him. Also, Mr. Clifton, Mrs. Mawer and Mr. Bagley had a phone conversation with Energy Optimizers which the group feels were positive and we are moving in the right direction to close out the lighting project soon. Lastly, Mr. Bagley informed the board about the district's first positive COVID case of a student. The district now has two positive cases, one student and one staff. We have a COVID dashboard on our website which will be updated weekly on Tuesdays.*

A. First reading of new/revised policies (all are listed under "Policies for Board Approval 39-1" in BoardDocs):

1. Neola Vol. 39, No. 1 August 2020 Update
2. Special Update Title IX Regulations (po2266)
3. Special Update OTES 2.0 (po3220)
4. Policy 6151 (Bad Checks) and Policy 7450 (Property Inventory)

IX. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton said the interviews will be starting soon for Randy Stemen's replacement in hopes of bringing a recommendation of the board in October. Also, Mr. Clifton acknowledged that the board is interested in touring all the buildings, so we will get that tour setup in the near future.*

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

A. Vantage Board Report – *Debby Compton informed the audience Vantage has a 5 year .7 mill permanent improvement renewal levy on the upcoming election that needs your support. It is a renewal for Van Wert voters, so it would not increase your taxes. It would cost a home owner of \$100,000 home \$10.23 per year.*

B. VWAPAF Report – *VWAPAF met on Monday night. The group is hoping to have a least some outdoor shows as long as they cannot be indoors. VWAPAF is waiting for funds from the state to get started on the annex project. Van Wert Foundation has agreed to provide gap loans if needed.*

C. Athletic Council – *the Council met on Monday. The group continued to discuss the fall sports and the concerns surrounding that in regards to COVID. Trent continues to creatively think of ways to increase the hurting revenue stream resulting from having to limit the number of fans in the stands.*

XI. **20.09.076**

Resolutions

Motion was made by Rachel Dickman and second by Debby Compton to approve items A-K as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; S. Mull, yes; G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and R. Dickman, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on August 26, 2020
- B. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on September 10, 2020
- C. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on September 14, 2020
- D. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on September 17, 2020
- E. Approve the minutes from the special Board Meeting held on September 22, 2020
- F. Accept the following supplemental resignations, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented:

1. Julia Reichert - Chamber Choir Director
2. Tom Baer - M.S. Site Manager
3. Josie Luthman - M.S. Site Manager.
- G. Approve Kelsey Snider as an Early Childhood Center Paraprofessional, effective September 24, 2020, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, as presented.
- H. Approve Lori Gunderman as the Payroll/Benefits Specialist for a Continuing Contract, beginning with the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented.
- I. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2020-2021 contract year, as presented:
 1. Tim Brown - Head Boys Soccer Coach
 2. Joseph Foster - Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
 3. Ryan Parrish - M.S. Site Manager (.5)
 4. Keith Recker - M.S. Site Manager (.5)
- J. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
 1. Jack L. Frysinger - \$120.00 to the Van Wert Athletic Department
 2. Barbara & Carl Meeks - \$100.00 to the Early Childhood Center
 3. Statewide Ford Lincoln - \$500.00 to High School Robotics
 4. The Athletic Booster Club - \$75,000.00 for the track resurfacing
 5. Miller Precision Mfg. Industries, Inc. - \$100.00 to High School Robotics
- K. Approve the amendments to the appropriations which are now considered FY21 Permanent Appropriations

XII. 20.09.077

Adjournment **Time Out: 6:15 p.m.**

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

Board President

Fiscal Officer