

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 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. Five members were present.**
- 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. **21.10.047**  
Set Agenda  
**Motion was made by Scott Mull and second by Greg Blackmore to set the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5 Nays, 0.**
- V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentations
  - A. Ruth Ann Dowler, Special Education Coordinator – *Mrs. Dowler shared the needs of the Van Wert Schools so far this school year. In the high school, there is an increase in mental health issues. The concern in the middle school are the students with low skill level. In the elementary building, we are seeing autism students with significant needs, i.e. non-verbal or limited speech. Lastly, there are ten kindergarten students on academic IEPs and several preschool students with high needs. It definitely has been a challenging year so far, but thanks to the staff and administrators that are working really hard to take on the challenges. We are making do with the staff we have.*
  - B. Jane Schmid, Workforce Development Manager, Van Wert Area Economic Development – *Mrs. Schmid spoke about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Build Your Future event held at Vantage Career Center for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Build Your Future is a national program to educate students about career opportunities. Some of the skills the students experienced included welding, installing fasteners in doors and locks as well as using an excavator. In 2021 there are 430,000 more skilled trade jobs than last year. As plumbers, electricians, and floor installers retire, not enough people are coming up to fill these jobs. Our desired outcome is that*

*students will discover these lucrative trades and their aptitude for succeeding in these jobs and choose local training and employment opportunities.*

- VI. Board Member Section/Reports from Board Representatives (discussion only)
- A. Vantage Board Report – *Adult Ed medical programs are looking for more space and shopping for a new dissection table.*
  - B. VWAPAF Report – *there is still some minor things to finish in the annex and focusing on getting people back to see shows.*
  - C. Athletic Council – *the meeting minutes are in the Google drive, they are interested in starting an e-sports team, the reverse raffle was a success and Van Wert is hosting some tournaments.*
  - D. Safety Team – *the team recently discussed the table top exercise and are getting prepared for full size exercise held next year, focusing on reuniting with parents after an event occurs.*
- VII. Treasurer’s Section
- A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer shared with the board the September financial statements, checks issued, summary of cash balances by fund, bank reconciliation, and amendments to the permanent FY22 appropriations. Mrs. Mawer also spoke about the Redesign software implementation and informed the board insurance open enrollment is right around the corner.*
- VIII. Assistant Superintendent’s Section – Mr. Clifton spoke about the OFCC safety grant application he is working on. The district can apply for a grant for each of the IRNs we have which means we may possibly get a grant for each of our building. The plan is to use whatever funds we would receive on interior and exterior security cameras. Our new bus is here and will be put into service soon. The T1 report is complete and has been submitted. The report now includes both morning and afternoon bus routes, and ODE will use the greater number of the two routes. Mr. Clifton thanked Mary Ann McIntosh for her years of service.
- IX. Superintendent’s Section – *Mr. Bagley informed the board that Senate Bill 1 which will require ½ credit of financial literacy to graduate as well as allows sub teacher flexibility is being held up and needs to be signed. The stadium renovation levy is being led by John White and Eric McCracken with several sub committees assisting with the effort.*
- A. First Reading of the New / Revised Policies from the Neola Volume 40, No.2 (Fall 2021) and Volume 37, No. 2 (Social Media) Updates
- X. **21.10.048**  
Resolutions
- Motion was made by Debby Compton second by Greg Blackmore to approve items A-L as presented. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White; yes, G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**
- A. Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 22, 2021.
  - B. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
  - C. Approve the amendments to the FY22 permanent appropriations as presented.
  - D. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Mary Ann McIntosh from her position as general cafeteria worker, effective October 15, 2021, as presented.
  - E. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Joyce Mills from her position as elementary school paraprofessional, effective December 31, 2021, as presented.
  - F. Approve Mason Krugh as a custodial/maintenance worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective November 1, 2021, as presented.

G. Approve Beth Adkins as a general cafeteria worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective November 2, 2021, as presented.

H. Approve the following supplemental contracts, effective the 2021-2022 contract year, as presented:

1. Noah Carter - High School Robotics Club Advisor

(Taking the unfilled 4% supplemental for an elementary school robotics club advisor.

Per the negotiated agreement, any supplemental that cannot be filled during a school year due to a shortage of applicants or students may be filled within the same category of the supplemental but at a different level at the discretion of the building administrator or athletic director.)

2. Beth Saunier - School Musical Assistant Director

3. Brooke Boznango - Middle School Building Leadership Team

4. Megan Hurless - District Leadership Team (Middle School)

5. Harry Florence - High School Site Coordinator

6. Charlie Witten - Middle School Athletic Coordinator

7. Nick Pauff - Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)

8. Austin McIntosh - Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)

9. Colten Royer - Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)

10. Terrin Contreras - Assistant Wrestling Coach (.5)

11. Brad Allmandinger - Middle School Wrestling Coach

12. Chris Heath - Middle School Wrestling Coach

13. Ben Collins - Volunteer Wrestling Coach

14. Greg Steinecker - Head Softball Coach

15. Alex Schmidt - Head Boys Tennis Coach

16. Charlie Witten - Head Baseball Coach

17. Mark Collins - Head Boys Track & Field Coach

18. Nate Hoverman - Head Girls Track & Field Coach

I. Approve Shelly Place as a Focused Mentor for the 2021-2022 contract year. Focused Mentors will be paid the tutor rate of \$21.00 per hour.

J. Approve the expansion of the Airport Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) to include land in Vision Park off of Production Drive and Vision Drive, as presented.

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

1. United Way - \$579.00 to Middle School Cougar Leaders

2. Wallace Plumbing - \$600.00 to Wrestling

3. Van Wert Health - \$1,500.00 to Elementary Wellness

4. Janet's Donation Fund - \$2,000.00 to Van Wert School at the Goedde

5. Laudick's Jewelry - \$200.00 to Renaissance Fund

6. Gary & Jane Houg - \$500.00 Girls Basketball

7. Dalton Heppeard - \$866.50 to CEO Program

8. VFW Post 5803 Van Wert - \$100.00 to Girls Tennis

9. Ron Riggerbach - \$50.00 to Athletic Department

10. Central Mutual Insurance Co. - \$2,100.00 to National Honor Society

11. Touches of Time - \$50.00 to Football Cheerleading

12. Straley Realty - \$250.00 to Football Cheerleading

L. Approve the Declaration of Official Intent, as presented, to reimburse any capital expenditure paid prior to the issuance of the obligations intended to fund the future Eggers Stadium renovation project.

## XI. 21.10.049

Executive Session **Time In: 6:18 p.m. Time Out: 8:40 p.m.**

**Motion was made by Rachel White and second by Greg Blackmore to approve to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of public personnel. Vote: A. Adams, yes; R. White; yes, G. Blackmore, yes; D. Compton, yes; and S. Mull, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

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.

XII. **21.10.050 Time Out: 8:41 p.m.**

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

The next scheduled regular meeting is **Wednesday, November 17, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m.  
The meeting will be in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

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Board President

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Fiscal Officer