

**VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 - 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

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. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion was made by Greg Blackmore and second by Rachel White to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**
- V. Curriculum and Instruction (Educational Impact) Presentation  
*Anita Zuber, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher - Van Wert Middle School - Anita Zuber spoke about what 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts students have been doing and learning. A topic of discussion has been "Teens Through the Decades" where the students have been learning what teens were like over the past decades. There were some they actually could relate to, such as a past decade's clothing style that has come back into style. The students have read and discussed Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko which is a historical fiction book about living at Alcatraz not as a prisoner, but as a kid meeting some famous criminals of the past. Ms. Zuber also talked about RTI (Response to Intervention), the steps with that process and all means all. All means all students need to receive the services they need to receive.*
- VI. Treasurer's Section
  - A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer reviewed the October financial reports and the amendments to the FY21 Permanent Appropriations. Additionally, Mrs. Mawer presented the Five Year Forecast to the board.*
- VII. Superintendent's Section – *Concerning finances, Mr. Bagley stated the Finance Committee will begin meeting in the near future, and is going to be a resource to communicate our finances to the staff and the community. Next Mon will be a day of professional development for the staff as the students will not be in session then Mon evening and Tues parent teacher conferences will be held. The number of COVID cases in the community and here are high, but we plan to stay in*

*session and work through it. Winter sports are currently moving ahead. The first girls' basketball will be Friday night at home against Coldwater. The State football game will be held Sunday at Columbus at 12:15 p.m.*

VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton stated a study has taken place to determine if the district currently has the correct number of AED (automated external defibrillator) units in house and the status of the units we have. The district currently needs several additional units. Van Wert Health has committed to donating funds to help purchase the AEDs and the district may look for a grant to assist as well. Mr. Clifton updated the board on the custodial and maintenance personnel changes that have happened or happened in the near future. Lastly, Energy Optimizers will be at the Performing Arts Center tomorrow to look at lighting and a do a couple of installs. Their plan is to finish lighting in the Music Hall by Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.*

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

- A. Vantage Board Report –*no report*
- B. VWAPAF Report – *the annex project is getting underway.*
- C. Athletic Council- *Boys Cross Country competed at state and did well. It is an exciting time for the football team competing on Sunday for the state title.*

X. **20.11.081**

*Resolutions (all items may be voted on in one motion)*

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

- A. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Jeff Hood, High School Health and Physical Education Teacher, after 35 years in education with 25 of those years at Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Diane Hood, Kindergarten Teacher, after 30 years in education with 22 of those years at Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Kim Fleming, 3rd Grade Teacher, after 35 years in education with 25 of those years at Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- D. Approve Curtis Schaffner as Assistant to the Director of Maintenance, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective November 30, 2020, as presented.
- E. Approve the October 28, 2020 board meeting minutes.
- F. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- G. Approve the Five-Year Forecast as presented.
- H. Approve the amendments to the FY 21 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
- I. Approve payment of a \$1,000.00 stipend to Diane Tobe for completion of the FY16 fixed asset inventory, as presented.
- J. Accept the following generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools from:
  - 1. Various donations totaling \$550.00 to Special Education in memory of Chris Raines
  - 2. Federal-Mogul Powertrain - \$1,000.00 to High School Robotics
  - 3. Schrader Realty - \$176.32 to High School Robotics
  - 4. Schrader Realty - \$100.00 to Elementary School Principal's Fund
  - 5. Pel Industries - \$134.08 to High School Principal's Fund
  - 6. OhioPyle Prints - \$32.38 to High School Principal's Fund
  - 7. Laudick's Jewelry - \$200.00 to High School Boys Basketball
  - 8. Bret Leon - \$200.00 to High School Boys Basketball
  - 9. Anonymous donation - \$400.00 to High School Boys Basketball
  - 10. Bret & Trinda Keber - \$20.00 to the MS Student Activity Fund

- 11. Kelli Thompson - \$20.00 to the MS Student Activity Fund
- 12. Harold Rosendahl - \$500.00 to VWHS Masque and Gavel
- K. Approve the Van Wert City School Policy and Plan for the Identification and Service for Children who are Gifted, as presented.
- L. Approve an Itinerant Teaching Services Contract between Van Wert City Schools and Crestview Local Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

XI. The district's Annual Food Service Notification is presented for review.

XII. Any Other New Business

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education set the date, time, and location of the 2021 Organizational Meeting, with the Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget Hearing to follow. The regular January 2021 meeting will follow the Tax Budget Hearing Meeting.

*The Organizational meeting will begin at 5:00 on January 13, 2021.*

XIII. This is to inform the Board of Education for the Van Wert City Schools that the following employee shall be advanced on the pay scale due to additional college coursework, effective February 1, 2021:

- A. Katie Krieg - Masters to Masters+15

XIV. **20.11.082**

Adjournment **Time Out: 6:20 p.m.**

**Scott Mull made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Greg Blackmore. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

The next scheduled regular meeting is Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 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