

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 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. 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. Set 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

A. Nellie Schmidt, District Media Specialist – *Mrs. Schmidt and Trinda Keber talked about virtual reality versus augmented reality. Virtual reality is a complete immersion experience into another world. Augmented reality adds digital elements to a live view often using a smartphone camera. The members were given headsets to experience virtual reality similar to what the students have been experiencing in their classes. The great thing is you can see places and actually feel like you are right there. For example, a couple of the places the Art class has experienced is Taj Mahal and Great Barrier. So, by utilizing the headset they actually felt as if they were really at the Taj Mahal and Great Barrier. Some of the classes using the virtual reality technology includes foreign languages, social studies and intervention services.*

VI. Treasurer's Section

A. Business and Records - *Mrs. Mawer reviewed the November financial reports and the amendments to the FY21 Permanent Appropriations.*

VII. Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Bagley talked about the employees retiring this year that are on the agenda for approval, and their years of experience total 200 years. It is not easy to replace the knowledge and skills that the individuals possess. Mr. Bagley stated he is very proud of the staff and all their hard work this year during the pandemic. The district will be doing remote learning on*

December 21 and 22, 2020, but we are definitely planning to be back in session in person on January 4, 2021.

VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Section – *Mr. Clifton shared via Google drive an updated Building and Grounds Future Forecast. Items on the list in red are complete, and the items in black are planned to be completed in the future. As you recall, we completed a two-year calendar last time so we are in process of creating one year since this year will be completed soon. So, please look for that to be presented soon. Mr. Clifton stated that even though students will be attending remotely, the classified staff will still work their contracted hours.*

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

- A. Vantage Board Report – *the minutes from the last meeting are in the Google drive for your review.*
- B. VWAPAF Report – *the group is working on the getting the annex project underway.*
- C. Athletic Council – *the Council has not met. However, Mr. Bagley and Mr. Adams met with council members and discussed suggestions on improving communications, etc.*
- D. Safety – *no report.*

X. **20.12.083**

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

Motion was made by Scott Mull and seconded by Rachel White to approve items A-M 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 Jamie Gibson, EMIS Coordinator, after 30 years with Van Wert City Schools, effective May 31, 2021.
- B. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Donna Clark, Elementary School Literacy Teacher/Coach, after 34 years in education, 25 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- C. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Tonia Dunifon, Elementary School Music Teacher, after 35 years in education, 34 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- D. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Cynthia Etzler, Elementary School Intervention Specialist, after 28 years in education, 15 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- E. Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Angie Murphy, Elementary School Counselor, after 33 years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- F. Accept the resignation, due to retirement of Brenda Smith, High School Secretary, after 30 years in education, 21 of those years with Van Wert City Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 contract year.
- G. Approve Scott Cunningham as a Custodial-Maintenance Worker, pending all board policies pertaining to employment are met, effective December 21, 2020.
- H. Approve the following as Volunteer Indoor Track Coaches, effective the 2020-2021 contract year:
 - 1. Nate Hoverman
 - 2. Rachel Dickman
- I. Approve the monthly financial report as presented by the Treasurer.
- J. Approve the amendments to the FY 21 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
- K. Approve the November 18, 2020 board minutes as presented.
- L. Accept the following generous donations to Van Wert City Schools as follows:

1. Bruce & Julie Kennedy - \$250.00 to the Special Education Department in memory of Chris Raines
 2. Central Mutual Insurance Company - \$1,944.00 to High School Renaissance
 3. United Way of Van Wert County - \$2,750.00 to Elementary Wellness
 4. Central Mutual Insurance Company - \$2,500.00 to HS Robotics
- M. Accept/Acknowledge the following for donations and assistance to the Athletic Department
1. Mark McBride - \$50.00 to the Athletic Department
 2. Troy & Monica Baker - \$500.00 to the Athletic Department
 3. Eric Hurless - \$100.00 to Football Cheerleading
 4. Van Wert Police and Fire Departments and Van Wert County Sheriff's Department provided in-kind services escorting the football team into town after the Regional Final, State Semi-Final, and State Championship Games.
 5. Northwest Ohio Welch Trophy donated State Semi and State Final Game T-shirts to the Football Team and coaches with a value of \$1,500.
 6. Recking Crew - according to the VW Independent, our team traveled more miles than any team in the state. Charter buses for the football team and cheerleaders valued at \$12,000 were donated by the Recking Crew.
 7. Athletic Booster Club donated the following: hotel rooms for the football State Championship valued at \$3,500 and pizza for the team and cheerleaders after the Bellevue playoff game valued at \$300. The Booster Club also gave monetary donations for state qualifiers to the following activity accounts: Football - \$3,000; Cross Country - \$750; and Cheerleading - \$350.
 8. Andy Gearhart donated pizza for the football team and cheerleaders after the Wyoming Playoff Game valued at \$275.
 9. Eric McCracken donated pizza for the football team and cheerleaders after the Shelby Playoff Game valued at \$275.
 10. Lee Kinstle donated a vehicle for the boys cross country team to take to the State Cross Country Championships in Columbus valued at \$100.
 11. Frankie Heath / Local Cantina donated food for the football team and cheerleaders after the state championship game valued at \$700.

XI. **20.12.084**

Adjournment **Time Out: 5:55 p.m.**

Rachel White made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Debby Compton.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The 2021 Organizational Meeting, Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget Hearing, and Regular January Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the First Federal Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Board President

Fiscal Officer