

the Van Wert City School Board of Education - Regular

December 19, 2018

The Board of Education of Van Wert City Schools met in regular session on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the S.F. Goedde Building Board Room.

Members present: Mr. Anthony Adams
Mrs. Debby Compton
Mrs. Rachel Dickman
Mr. Tom Losh
Mr. Scott Mull

Members absent: None

Also present: Vicki Brunn, Superintendent
Bill Clifton, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Ruen, Treasurer

Kristi Fuerst	Bob Priest	Dave Mosier	Kirsten Barnhart
Nicholas Krugh	Steve Hellman	Mackenzie Hellman	Michael Hellman
Richard Nouza	Dillan Baer	Jeremy Kitson	Jan Hammons
Brady Hammons	Lee Ann Pratt	Rob Place	Tina Decker
Eric McCracken	Mason Place	Jacob Place	Keith Recker
Stacy Adam			

President Compton called the meeting to order.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Mr. Mull, seconded by Mr. Losh to appoint Rachel Dickman to fill the vacated position on the Van Wert City Schools Board of Education, this appointment is for the term ending on December 31, 2019. Roll Call: Members Mull, Losh, Adams, and Compton voting “yes”. Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Ruen gave the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Rachel Dickman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mr. Mull to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Members Losh, Mull, Adams, Dickman, and Compton voting “yes”. Motion Carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 28, 2018 will stand approved as issued.

The minutes of the special board meeting held on December 13, 2018 will stand approved as issued.

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT - Kristi Fuerst, Marketing/Public Relations Specialist

Mrs. Fuerst spoke to the Board about the recently performed open enrollment survey. The survey, which started with 228 families and 380 students, included 66 families who were contacted, explored the reasons families were open enrolling their students out of VWCS. Valid phone numbers weren't available for numerous families thereby reducing the number of contacts.

Each respondent was asked six questions as part of the survey, with Fuerst noting that the “main culprits” for open enrollment was alumni and family, with many of parents who switched their students to another school district saying it was because they themselves were alumni of that district or had family members who lived there. Others had varying reasons for leaving the Van Wert district, including teachers who left the Van Wert district and took their students to their new district, those who became members of the city school district through expansion of the district, but whose children had always been students of another district, a perception that another district was better, a preference for a smaller school district, and athletic preferences.

Of the 380 students who left the district, 214 went to Lincolnview, 109 to Crestview, 42 to Parkway, 10 to Wayne Trace, and the remainder to various districts.

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Mr. Ruen said there is some good news in the equation, with the number of students coming to the district from other districts through open enrollment was also comparatively high at approximately 130. Ruen noted that. "So, the number of students who actually do come to us is a very strong number, and I think that says something about what Van Wert has to offer."

Mrs. Fuerst also updated the Board on this week's release of a quality profile compiled for the district, as well as noting the district's new website is scheduled to go live on January 2, 2019. SchoolPointe is the vendor for the new platform and is specifically designed for schools and is compliant with applicable Federal ADA requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2019-2020 School Calendar

The Van Wert City School District Board of Education hereby gives public hearing in accordance with section 3313.48(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, regarding the School Calendar, including a presentation by the Superintendent/designee on the total number of hours in the school year, length of the school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction in the calendar.

Mr. Clifton presented the Board with a proposed calendar that included a teacher start date of August 16, 2019 and an ending date of May 26, 2020; with the first student date of August 20, 2019, and graduation on May 24, 2020. There was no response from the public attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the following Treasurer's Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approve the Treasurer's Report
2. Approve the bills and financial statements
3. Approve Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2019 as presented, total General Fund Resources of \$29,486,481.81 and total Resources for all funds of \$49,184,855.04
4. Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Permanent Appropriations as presented, total General Fund Appropriations of \$23,962,589.23 and total Appropriations for all funds of \$37,259,323.37
5. Approve the following Then and Now Certificates:

P.O. #	Vendor	Fund/Account	Amount	Description
2054	YMCA	300-4558-490-9210	\$4,000.00	2018-2019 Pool Rental
91042	OHSAA	022-4516-849-9009	\$12,901.40	Football Tournament Proceeds
91095	US Bank	003-6100-823-9995	\$4,230.67	P.I. TAN Interest Payment

6. Acknowledge the following charitable groups, entities, and individuals for their generous donations to the Van Wert City Schools:
 - a. To the High School Robotics Club:
 - Federal Mogul (\$1,000.00)
 - Walmart (\$1,500.00)
 - ISPACE, Inc. (\$1,400.00)
 - b. Janice Ashby - For High School Substance Abuse Presentation (\$6,000.00)
 - c. To Van Wert Middle School Renaissance Program:
 - Van Wert Propane, Inc. (\$100.00)
 - Cowan Funeral Home, Inc. (\$100.00)
 - StateWide Ford (\$100.00)
 - Bebout & Houg Roofing & Siding, Inc. (\$25.00)
 - 1st Federal (\$250.00)
 - Fortmans Crescent Linen Service, LLC (\$100.00)
 - Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Inc. (\$100.00)
 - Unverferth Family Dentistry, Inc. (\$25.00)
 - Sealscott CPA, Inc. (\$50.00)
 - d. Van Wert United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association - Van Wert Bowling Teams (\$100.00)
 - e. Drew & Cassie Waltmire - Cross Country Athletic Account (\$25.00)

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Mr. Clifton updated the Board regarding the School Safety Plan.
- Facilities/Buildings & Grounds - Access door systems have been installed at the ECC and Elementary, while surveillance cameras have been installed at the Goedde Building.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Business Advisory Committee Report - Ms. Brunn invited Stacy Adam, Executive Director, Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation who provided a presentation outlining numerous economic indicators in Van Wert County.
- Strategic Plan - Ms. Brunn noted that the process of updating the Strategic Plan by developing Smart Goals as been moving along very well, a full group meeting will be held on January 17, 2019.
- Professional Development - An additional P.D. day has been added for April 18, 2019, designed towards teacher training for the education of the District’s gifted student population.

REPORT FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Vantage Board Report - Vantage last met on December 6th

VWAPAF Board Report - Mr. Mull noted that Tafi Stober has been hired to replace Paul Hoverman as Executive Director of VWAPAF, effective upon Paul’s retirement in May 2019.

VWASIG Board Report - Last meeting was held on September 26, next meeting scheduled for January 30, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mr. Mull to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Accept the resignation of Steven Hellman, Boys’ Assistant (JV) Bowling Coach, effective December 7, 2018.
2. Approve a leave of absence of up to 12 weeks for Brianna Pelfrey, Third Grade Teacher, effective January 2019.
3. Approve an Interagency Agreement between Van Wert City Schools; Van Wert County Family and Children First/Help Me Grow; Van Wert County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Council on Rural Services (Kids Learning Place) regarding provision of services for children in Van Wert County birth through age 5 including children with disabilities enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start effective September 2018-September 2019.
4. Approve Vicki Brunn as a Van Wert City School Board of Education appointee to the Directors of the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation, effective immediately through June 2019. Vicki Brunn will replace Michelle Stoller, who has resigned from her appointment.
5. Approve the updated and revised Facility Rental Instructions and Facility Rental Applications for the Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Goedde Building, as presented.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR THE 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Losh to elect Scott Mull as President Pro-Tem for the January 2019 Organizational Meeting.

Roll Call: Members Adams, Losh, Dickman, Mull, and Compton voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

ADVANCEMENT ON PAY SCHEDULE

This is to inform the Board of Education that the following employees will be advanced on the payscale, due to additional college coursework, effective February 1, 2019:

1. Ashley Driggs - Masters+15 to Masters+30
2. Laura Foster - Masters to Masters+15

CRA APPLICATION

Acknowledge notification from the City of Van Wert of a residential CRA application as presented:

1. Robin E. Agler, 255 Prairie Lane, Van Wert, OH

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Eric McCracken, Rob Place, Jeremy Kitson, Nick Krugh, Dillon Baer, Keith Recker and Rich Nouza all spoke on behalf of Steve Hellman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Losh 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, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5), for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or regulations or State statutes. Roll Call: Members Adams, Losh, Dickman, Mull, and Compton voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

The Board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The Board exited executive session and re-entered regular session at 7:40 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER COACH

Motion by Mr. Losh, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve Steve Hellman as volunteer Boys' Assistant (JV) Bowling Coach effective for the 2018-2019 contract year. Roll Call: Members Losh, Adams, Dickman, Mull, and Compton voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mull, seconded by Mrs. Dickman to adjourn. Roll Call: Members Mull, Dickman, Adams, Losh, and Compton voting "yes". Motion Carried 5-0. Time: 7:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT

TREASURER