

MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
CRIDERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District was called to order by President Joshua Little.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Cossel
Joshua Little
Ron Mertz
Gregg Ruppert
Willie Sammetinger

Also in attendance were Aaron Rex, Superintendent; Angie Sparks, Treasurer, and various District administrators and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the board meeting and then turned it over to Mr. Jason Wolke, Principal, to introduce the families and students in attendance.

Mr. Wolke welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming tonight. He stated that they have a building of over 360 students and to recognize just five of them is very difficult. The five that are being recognized tonight show the three qualities that they work on in the building every single day. They are respectful, responsible, and kind.

Student Recognition - Recognize the following students from Cridersville Elementary School:

KINLEIGH NEUMEIER - Kindergarten - nominated by Mrs. Gullette and Mrs. Black

BENJAMINN BISHOP - 1st Grade - nominated by Mrs. Neu

BRYNLEE HOPKINS - 2nd Grade - nominated by Mrs. Cutnaw

CADENCE PLAUGHER - 3rd Grade - nominated by Mrs. Stubbs

CHLOE SEITZ - 4th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Brown

Mr. Wolke thanked everyone once again. He informed the families that their child attends a school building with the best people that they'll ever have working with their kids. They are the hardest working teachers. I know they feel great about being able to recognize the students here tonight.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports are presented by administrators. Copies are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Willie Sammetinger, Board Member, asked a question regarding Mr. Mike Watt's report. He asked if they will need any grinding done for the asphalt. Mr. Watt said that will be determined during the bid process. Mr. Watt also indicated that the concrete work at the High School that was put off due to COVID is now complete. They will be moving on to the Middle School and Cridersville within the next week.

Mr. Watt stated that Friday night the District will be hosting a tournament game. All tickets are sold online through the OHSAA. He instructed buyers to go to Division III, Region 12. There is also a link on our school website.

Mr. Gregg Ruppert, Board Member, asked if the District was going to do any work at the Middle School baseball field, since there has been work done at the High School baseball and softball fields. Mr. Watt indicated that work would be done there next.

Mr. Wolke introduced Mrs. Aundrea Brown and asked her to explain a little bit about how the Junior Historians at Cridersville Elementary came to be. Mrs. Brown explained that due to COVID last year, some of the classes took a walking field trip last spring. They visited various sites around Cridersville. At one point, Mr. Greg Myers mentioned the Junior Historians Club from the past and how it came to be. They decided to bring back the club. Mr. Sean Heights, Custodian at Cridersville Elementary, decided to map out the plan for the group. Once a month, they are meeting with ten kids. The first trip was to the Blackhoof Monument. Each student is provided a journal and a pen so they can draw or write about what they are visiting. Some of the meetings will take place at the school and others will take place at the Cridersville Historical Museum. This is a good opportunity for the kids to learn about our history. They are very thankful to be able to do this.

Mr. Aaron Rex asked Ms. Carrie Knoch, Director of Student Achievement, to describe what happened during the third grade testing. Ms. Knoch indicated that the kids were all taking the test on the computer and the internet just stopped working. She stated that the teachers monitor the students' progress on the testing site. They can't see the answers the students are giving, just what they are completing. This site went down and the teachers started calling Carrie. Then all of a sudden the student site started spinning and went down. Carrie got on the phone and called the State Department and asked if they had any reports of any outages. The State said no. They were a little nervous because at the end of the day, the site automatically stops the test and they are sent to be scored. No one knew if all the work that the students had done would be saved. They were able to work through it and the students were allowed to go back in the next day to finish the test. Most of the work had been saved so that was a big relief. They finished the writing and then took the second part the next day.

The students were taking a high stakes test that determines if they will pass the third grade and the internet goes down. That can create a lot of stress. The outage was a wide-spread outage through the A-site. Ms. Knoch didn't hear anything from anyone else because not all the schools

take the test on the same day. They receive a two week time frame to test. They do get a second chance in the spring and there are alternative measures as well, if some students didn't do well on this test.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz reported that the State contacted Apollo for them to possibly become a CDL testing site. This is really big for them financially because when Apollo sends someone to test for a CDL license, they have to send a qualified driver with them to drive the rig to the testing site, which is two hours away. The individual takes the test and then comes back. It becomes an all day ordeal. They are working to try and make this happen.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

66-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meeting held September 28, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:

Approve the following FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:

General Fund – Wellness (Fund 001-9013) - \$4,260.48

Wapakoneta Elementary Faculty Fund (Fund 022-9555) - \$840.95

FFA Fund (Fund 200-9214) - \$9,830.75

Wapakoneta Middle School Music Fund (Fund 300-9211) - \$1,247.40

Then and Now Purchase Orders

As required by the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D), the Board needs to approve the following then and now purchase orders, since the invoice dates are prior to the purchase order dates:

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
2200951	77109	New Knoxville Supply Company	\$3,186.10	Fix Middle School Water Line	9/29/21	10/1/21
2201035	77118	SDI Innovations	\$5,281.62	Student Assignment Books for the High School	7/1/21	10/1/21

Accept donations from the following:

\$150 from Zoetis Pharmaceutical Company for the FFA

\$280 from the Jay Koenig Memorial to the athletic department

Approval of Overnight Field Trip:

Approve a field trip for high school students to attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, on October 27-28, 2021, with no cost to the district.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

67-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignations:

BARB STAHLER - effective 6/30/21

BILLIE JO BOUGHAN - effective 10/29/21

Approve the following employee leaves:

JEANERA BOROFF - indefinite period of time beginning 8/24/21

VERONICA CRAMER - 9/28/21 through 10/4/21

ARETHA GREEN - 10/11/21 through approximately 10/15/21

OLIVIA GUISENGER - 8 weeks beginning approximately 3/30/22

KRISTINA HOLLINGSWORTH - 6 weeks beginning approximately 12/1/21

KELLEY SAAM - approximately 6 weeks beginning 10/11/21

LLOYD SARASIN - 12/13/21 through 12/17/21

NICK TRUESDALE - 1 week beginning approximately 11/1/21

ANNE TURNER - 9/21/21 through 10/1/21

Employment of New Cafeteria Workers:

Employ the following cafeteria workers on a limited contract for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year:

JULIE GARWOOD - Step 1 - \$12.68 per hour - 2.75 hours per day - beginning 10/18/21

DEBRA LOWTHER - Step 1 - \$12.68 per hour - 2.75 hours per day - beginning 10/4/21

Employment of New Guidance Counselor:

Employ COURTNEY FIELDS as a Guidance Counselor at the High School - Masters Degree - Step 1 - \$47,307 - beginning January 18, 2022, pending verification of documentation.

Employment of Tutors:

Approve the employment of the following Tutors for the 2021-22 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$20 per hour:

SUSAN PALLONE

JOSEPHINE RODRIGUEZ

MICHELLE VORESS

Employment of Substitutes:

Employ the following substitutes for the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

DAN BENNETT – Teacher

E. REGINALD GOOD – Teacher

KATELYN POWNELL – Teacher

ASHLIE CASEY – Teacher
ASHLIE CASEY – Paraeducator
CANDICE AUGSBURGER – Paraeducator
KIMBERLY KANORR – Paraeducator
JOSEPHINE RODRIGUEZ – Paraeducator
EMMA TERRILL – Paraeducator
JULIE KLIMA – Cafeteria
LINDA STEINKE – Cafeteria
MICHELE STINEBAUGH - Cafeteria - Step 5 - \$11.60 per hour
MICHELE STINEBAUGH - Bus Driver

Substitute Custodian:

Employ the following substitute custodian for the 2021 calendar year:
STACY DANIELS - Step 2 - \$12.46 per hour

Rescinding of Supplemental Contract:

Rescind the employment of the following from his supplemental contract for the 2021-22 school year: TODD ERB - Middle School Boys Basketball

Employ the following on supplemental contracts:

CHRISTINE BAILEY - Drama Advisor - Step 1 - \$3,689.46
JASON WARE - Middle School Boys Basketball - Step 1 - \$2,787.59
JACE COPELAND - Boys Basketball Assistant- Step 1 - \$3,689.46
TRAVIS MOYER - Winter Weight Room Coordinator - Step 4 - \$2,500.63
MIKE BOGAN - Winter Weight Room Ratio- Step 4 - \$1,885.72
NICK TRUESDALE - Winter Weight Room Ratio- Step 4 - \$1,885.72
MARSHALL GERLACH - Winter Weight Room Ratio - Step 1 - \$983.86
MEGAN BROWN - Winter Weight Room Ratio - Step 1 - \$983.86
MATTHEW DAWSON - Winter Drumline Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,803.74

Approve the following volunteers:

CHRIS MELLOTT - Middle School Wrestling Volunteer
BRIAN VAN METER - Bowling Volunteer

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

68-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following item:

Director of Special Education's Contract MOU

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding terms of the current employment contract for Kasandra Hill dated August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

69-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. for the following purpose: appointment or employment of public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; with no action to be taken.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

ADJOURNMENT

70-21 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

President

Secretary